Oakwood Connection

Fellow Members-

The course opened on March 22, which is in line with prior year openings, but old man winter threw us quite a curve last Saturday with over 6 inches of snow. Hopefully that is the end of that and we can get on with the process of greening up the course and warmer temperatures.

Paul Block has hit the ground running. While he has a lot to absorb, Paul has been working hard to learn about our staff and operations. He attended (and survived) his first Board meeting on the 21st, two weeks into the job. As he also mentions in his letter, we hired a new chef last week, and look forward to seeing what Chef Michael can do for the member dining experience. If you have not had a chance to meet Paul yet, please take the time to introduce yourself when you are out at the Club next. Paul has a lot of good ideas which I believe will benefit us for years to come.

We are very close to having final year-end numbers for the February 23 fiscal year. We will end the year with a surplus, that while not as favorable as the 22 fiscal year, was very positive considering the inflation pressures we faced during much of calendar 2022. We are in the midst of finalizing the 2023/2024 budget. Wage and other cost increases will make budgeting for the current year a bit more of a challenge than in the past. We will provide information related to our prior year results and the 2023/2024 budget during the annual meeting in April. As announced earlier, we did increase dues by approximately 5% for 2023/2024. In addition, we are raising cart rental fees, green fees and some other golf related items, all of which are highlighted in the Pro Shop report elsewhere in this newsletter.

As a reminder, the Annual Meeting of Stockholders will take place on April 25, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at the Club. Very soon, stockholders will receive notice of the annual meeting along with candidates who are seeking a seat on the Board. Please take the time to read the notice when you receive it, as it will contain instructions as to your proxy or voting by absentee ballot. I hope to see many of you at the meeting.

New member activity, as outlined in Paul's message, has been very solid so far this fiscal year, and we'd like that to continue. I've said this before, but if you have someone with an interest, have them contact the office so we can provide all the necessary information and answer any questions they might have in terms of our various membership offerings. We are a great value in this area.

Oakwood has a lot of momentum going into the 2023/2024 year, and I am optimistic we can continue. Here's to some warmer temperatures and lower golf scores very soon!

Regards,

Steve McCann, Board President

Dear Members,

First off, Thank you.... As I begin this new chapter in my life as your new General Manager, I couldn't be more thankful and happy to become a part of the Oakwood family. We have an amazing staff and membership. All the members that I have had the privilege to meet thus far have been warm and welcoming. It's an absolute honor to have this opportunity at such a prestigious and welcoming club.

I am thrilled to announce that we have added 21 new members in 2023 and continue to create new marketing strategies to attract interested individuals and families in the surrounding areas. Now it's our time to shine as members of the club by engaging with our new members to make them feel welcome. It's always exciting to see our Club continue to grow and it looks like 2023 will be another amazing year for Oakwood.

Please welcome our new Executive Chef, Michael Guerrero. Chef Michael is originally from Silvis and brings with him over 40 years of professional culinary experience. He has worked for some amazing golf and resort properties over the years like Omni Resorts, Hampton Golf Management and other golf and hotel properties throughout the country. We are looking forward to experiencing his creativity so let's all welcome Chef Michael to our family. As a friendly reminder, if you are planning on joining us for lunch or dinner, please call ahead and make reservations.

Spring is here... The golf course opened on Wednesday, March 22nd with 26 members enjoying the opening rounds of the year here at Oakwood. Mike Knock and Gary Hagener kicked off our season as the first members to tee it up in 2023. I look forward to seeing everyone on the golf course this season.

This spring we are working on a few projects to better the overall experience for our membership. We will be replacing the pool's pump and chemical systems in order to work more efficiently. This will provide uninterrupted pool hours along with cleaning up the pool facilities. In addition, we are upgrading some of our HVAC systems in preparation for the 2023-2024 winter season.

If you are a stockholder, remember to mark your calendar for the Tuesday, April 25th annual meeting at 6:30pm. We hope to see you there.

See you at the Club,

Paul Block

General Manager

Oakwood Ladies

April has arrived and will "shower" in the beginning of another exciting golf season! While the weather in April is notoriously unpredictable, the good news is the Ladies Bridge and Euchre continues Thursdays at 11:00am in the Clubhouse. Lunch and drinks are part of the fun!

18 Hole Tee Times are reserved for ladies draw groups at 11:00am on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays. A 9 Hole Tee Time around 5:00pm on Thursday is beginning to take shape as well.

LADIES GUEST DAY - Friday, April 28th
Bring a guest (perhaps a potential member) for a complimentary round of golf (cart fee not included). Call the Pro Shop at 309-799-5558 to sign up for a tee time.

Last chance to fill out the Lady Member Survey! Please return to the office by April 10th. If you need a copy see Kelli in the office.

EXCITING NEWS!!
Oakwood Country Club will be hosting the IWGA State Senior Amateur Tournament September 19, 20, 21. Many volunteers will be needed to make this a successful event. We will keep you posted throughout the season on how you can help.

Please read your newsletter carefully for all of the special events, dinners etc. designed with you and your family in mind.

Also, when you have time, be sure to introduce yourself to our NEW General Manager, Paul Block. He wants to meet you too!

welcome

NEW MEMBERS

MITCH & LIZ HEISLER

BRAD & KATHERINE BROWN

SHANE & ALLISON SHARP

BRYAN VERDON

NATHAN & DANIELLE LAURITZEN

ANDREW & JAMIE BELLAGAMBA

SPENCER & RENEE ELLIS

TODD & SARAH DORATHY

ANTHONY LEIS

AARON & MELANIE VOSBERG

ROBB & STEPHANIE LAGAISSE

ERIC SPURGETIS

JUSTIN & MARIAH DANIELSEN

BEN SWANSON

TRAVIS & KEERA CONE

ANDREW TAYLOR & AMY KIRCHGESNER

JARED CROW

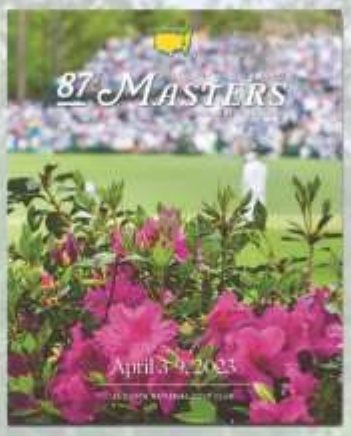
DR CHARLES & MARY LOGIUDICE

DARBY FINNEGAN & TYLER PITLIK

MASTERS TOURNAMENT SPECIALS

Friday-April 7th

AVAILABLE WHILE SUPPLIES LAST



Tortilla Soup...cup $4 / bowl $6

Avocado, Crispy Blue Tortilla Strips, Sour Cream, Cilantro, Lime

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Cheeseburger Sliders...$11.95

Served Scottie-Style (Thousand Island, onion, iceberg lettuce)

Firecracker Shrimp...$11.95

Sweet Thai Chili & Sriracha Mayo

Texas Rubbed Ribeye Steak...$28.95

Blackened Barramundi...$21.95

Choice of 2: Family Style Mac & Cheese, Jalapeno Creamed Corn, Fried Brussel Sprouts, Seasoned Fries

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Warm Chocolate Chip Cookie...$7.00

Served with Ice Cream

2023 Majors &

John Deere Classic Pool

Entry Fee: $100 Per Person for the 4 Majors & John Deere Classic

Rules:

- The Major's Pool is limited to the first 70 members that sign up.
  If more than 70 members sign up we will split into 2 groups
- Following the cut of each Major, we will draw your name with one of the remaining players in the field.
- The members whose players finish in the top eight will receive golf shop credit.
- Ties will be broken by your players score in the last round. If there is another tie, the third-round score will be the tie breaker and so on.

100% Payout

1st	$500 golf shop credit
2nd	$300 golf shop credit
3rd	$200 golf shop credit
4th	$150 golf shop credit
5th	$100 golf shop credit
6th	$75 golf shop credit
7th	$50 golf shop credit
8th	$25 golf shop credit

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Payouts based on a full sign up & subject to change

Bunny Breakfast & Egg Hunt!

SATURDAY
April 8th
10:30am

Adults...$16.95
Kids 5-12 years...$9.95
Kids 4 & under...Complimentary

Cheesy Scrambled Eggs | Bacon & Sausage | Muffins
Fresh Fruit Salad | Donuts | Waffle Bar
Breakfast Casserole | Biscuits & Gravy | Cinnamon Buns
Chicken Tenders | Mac & Cheese | Bunny Cake

Egg Decorating Station

Photo Op with Easter Bunny

Cookie Decorating Station

Guests Welcome!

RSVP Required By April 5th | 309-799-3153

BRING YOUR OWN BASKET FOR THE 1,000 EGG HUNT!

Easter Sunday BRUNCH

SUNDAY, APRIL 9TH | 10AM-2PM

menu

CHEF PREPARED OMELETS & WAFFLES

Assorted Muffins | Pastries | Made to Order Omelets | Bagels & Lox
Waffles with Maple Syrup | Strawberries | Whipped Cream
Sausage Links | Apple Smoked Bacon | Breakfast Potatoes

SOUP & SALAD

Cream of Asparagus Soup
Easter Salad | Strawberry Fruit Salad | Caesar Salad

CHEF'S CARVING TABLE

Prime Rib with Rosemary Au Jus
Applewood Smoked Ham with Pineapple-Raisin Sauce

FEATURED DISHES

Biscuit & Gravy Casserole | Stuffed French Toast | Hash Brown Bake
Spring Vegetable Medley | Rosemary Roasted Chicken | Garlic Parmesan Potatoes
Cajun Chicken Pasta | Basmati Rice with Lentils and Caramelized Onions

DESSERTS

Panna Cotta with Berries | Limoncello Cake | Carrot Cake
Chocolate Cake | Easter Cookies | Assorted Easter Candy

$29.95 PER ADULT **$10.95 PER CHILD** *Ages 5-12* **FREE PER CHILD** *Ages 4 & under*

Reservations Required by April 5th Oakwood Country Club | 309-799-3153

STOCKHOLDER
Annual Meeting

Tuesday, April 25th
6:30pm

1067 US Hwy 6 | Coal Valley, IL

snowbird welcoming party

Saturday, April 29th | 6:00pm

For our members who retreat to warmer climates in the winter, upon your return we welcome you back to the Club and thank you for your support. Join us for complimentary appetizers and live music by Buddy Olson.

RSVP Requested | 309-799-3153

Oakwood Country Club | 1067 US Hwy 6 Coal Valley, IL

April 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						01 Seafood Buffet
02	03	04	05	06 FAMILY NIGHT POT ROAST	07 TAYLORMADE DEMO DAY	08
09 Easter Brunch	10	11	12	13 FAMILY NIGHT LASAGNA	14	15
16 TITLEIST DEMO DAY	17	18	19	20 FAMILY NIGHT TACO BAR	21	22 MISSOURI VALLEY CONFERENCE COURSE CLOSED 11-12:30PM
23 MISSOURI VALLEY CONFERENCE COURSE CLOSED UNTIL 2:00PM	24 MISSOURI VALLEY CONFERENCE COURSE CLOSED UNTIL 2:00PM	25 MISSOURI VALLEY CONFERENCE COURSE CLOSED UNTIL 2:00PM Annual Meeting	26 MEN'S GUEST DAY	27 FAMILY NIGHT BBQ	28 LADIES GUEST DAY	29 Snowbird Welcoming Party
30 CALLAWAY DEMO DAY						

MAY 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	01	02	03 PIZZA Ladies Clinic	04 CINCO DE MAYO Men's Clinic	05 Couples Golf Glow Ball CINCO DE MAYO	06 Kentucky Derby 149 Derby Party CINCO DE MAYO
07 TOUR EDGE DEMO DAY	08	09	10 PIZZA Ladies Clinic	11 FAMILY NIGHT PASTA BAR Men's Clinic	12	13 Opening Smoker
14 Mother's Day Buffet	15	16	17 PIZZA	18 FAMILY NIGHT FRIED CHICKEN	19	20 Stroke Play Championship
21 Stroke Play Championship	22	23	24 PIZZA Pool Opens Ladies Clinic	25 FAMILY NIGHT KABOBS Men's Clinic	26	27
28	29 MEMORIAL DAY Stroke Play & Buffet	30	31 PIZZA Pool drink specials			

Golf Shop Talk

April 2023

Golf Shop Hours

Monday
1st tee open @ 12p

Tuesday - Friday
1st tee open @ 8:30a

Saturday & Sunday
1st tee open @ 8:00a

2023 Rate Changes

18 Hole Cart Fee = $20

9 Hole Cart Fee = $11

Accompanied Guest Fee = $52

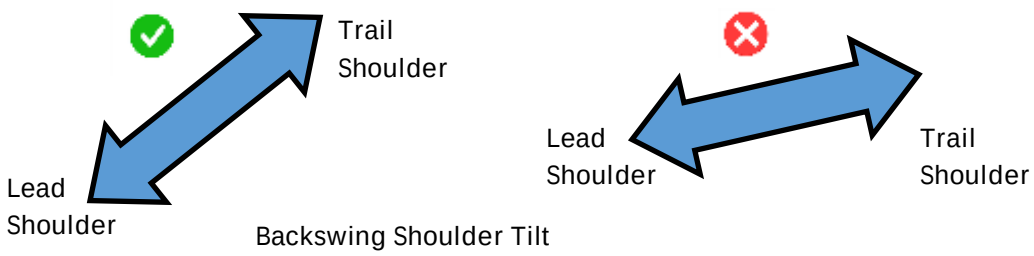
Family Guest Fee = $25

Unaccompanied Guest Fee = $75

Handicap Fee = $45

No More Over The Top

One of the most common mistakes I run into when teaching, is a golfer that struggles with coming over the top on the downswing. The main problem with this move is that is causes the body to stall and tilt out of position. The source of the problem is usually an inside takeaway that then re-routes over the top on the downswing. Something that I have found that helps reduce the inside takeaway on the downswing is to focus on creating more shoulder tilt on the backswing by dropping the lead **shoulder as you take the club back. Let's use the arrows below to represent the angle in which I** want to see your shoulders tilted on the backswing. Think about this quick little change, and you will stop taking it too far inside on the backswing and over the top on the downswing.



Backswing Shoulder Tilt

2023 To Do List

- Hole in One Club: All 2022 members will be carried over to 2023.

  If you would like to be added or taken off this list, please let us know in the golf shop.
- Sign up for the Majors Pool: $100 gets you in for a chance to win some great prizes!

  All four of the 2023 Majors & John Deere Classic. Limited to the first 120 entries
- Update Bag / Push Cart Storage: Let us store your clubs, making it easier to just show up and golf
- Want to save some money on cart rental? Sign up for a cart plan - Savings of $1-$3 per cart rental
- Update Handicap Services: Sign up for a handicap or deactivate your current service.
- Season Long Match Play: Fun competition all season long!

  Men's Team & Individual / Women's Team
- 2023 Member-Guest: **It's never to early to sign up!**

  Men's - August 10th - 12th / **Women's** - July 28th
- Junior Golf: Sign up for Summer Camp

  Summer Camp: Thursday Afternoons in June, July, and Early August
  PGA Jr. League: The little league version of golf...fun for all skill levels - 13 & under
- Golf Ball Promotions: Buy 3 dozen & get one free!

  Callaway loyalty program still available
- Looking for some new clubs: Attend a demo day

  Titleist (4/16), Callaway (4/30 & 6/18), Taylormade (4/7)
  Mizuno, Cobra, Tour Edge (5/7)
- Looking to Improve your Game? Sign up for a lesson or attend a clinic
  - **Men's Clinics** - Thursday @ 5:30pm - May 4th, 11th, 25th
  - Ladies Clinics - Wednesday @ 5:30pm - May 3rd, 10th, 24th
  - Lesson Packages Available - Buy 4 lessons get 1 free
- Stay up to date:
  - Follow us on our socials - Facebook, Twitter, Instagram
  - Sign up for our weekly e-mails - The best place to stay up to date with everything Oakwood

Follow us on twitter Instagram Like us on Facebook

2023 Tournament Schedule

Front 9

April

22-25 - Missouri Valley Conference

26 - Men's Guest Day

28 - Ladies Guest Day

May

5 - Couples Golf - Glow Ball

13 - Opening Smoker

20-21 - Stroke Play Championship

29 - Memorial Day Switch Tee Event

June

3 - Velie Cup @ Pinnacle

4 - Velie Cup @ Short Hills

6 - Waterman Cup @ Oakwood

9 - Heaven & Hell Best Ball

11 - Super Sunday

17 - Divorce Open

21 - Men's Guest Day

21 -Waterman Cup @ Pinnacle

23 - Couples Golf - Fishing Night

25 - Parent-Child Event

27 - Waterman Cup @ Crow Valley

30 - Ladies Guest Day

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Back 9

July

2 - Red, White, Blue Best Ball

14 - Trifecta Best Ball

16 - Super Sunday

21 - Couples Golf- Pool Party

23 - The Derby

28 - Ladies Member-Guest

29-30 - Club Championship 1st weekend

August

5-6 - Club Championship Finals

10-12 - Men's Member-Guest

17 - Solon Golf Trip

18 - Couples Golf - That 70's Night

19-20 - QC AM Tour

25/27 - Solheim Cup

September

3 - Labor Day Scramble

10 - Senior Playday

18 - 21 - IWGA Senior AM

23 - Closing Smoker

30 - 2 Ball Scramble

October

8 - Super Sunday Chili Open

Tuesday Night Golf League

Format: 9-Hole Individual Quota

Each player will play their own ball for 9 holes

Their score on each hole will determine how many points they get for that hole

Point System:	Double Eagle: 12 pts	Eagle: 8 pts
	Birdie: 4 pts	Par: 2 pts
	Bogey: 1 pt	Double bogey or worse: 0

Quota: Each player will have an established quota each week

The 1st week your quota will be (18) minus your 9-hole handicap

Quotas will be adjusted by 1/2 the difference of your score each week

EX: Your quota is 10 and you score 12 points in week one...your quota will be adjusted to 11 for week 2

Teams: New this year! Four man teams will be randomly assigned, and the team that plays the best in relation to their quota for the season will be deemed the winners.

When: Tuesdays with tee times starting at 5:30pm

June 13, 20, 27 / July 11, 18, 25 / August 15, 22, 29 (rain date) / September 8 (scramble)

Entry Fee: $100 per player for the season

Payout: Golf Shop Credit

Weekly - Top 3 paid / Season Long - Top 4 paid / Top Team

Rules: USGA Stroke play rules will govern play along with Oakwood Local Rules

Tees: White/ White-Gold / Gold - Use the tees in which your handicap is established

Note: Each player is allowed to miss (2) weeks. We will be removing the worst (2) overall scores in relation to their quota to determine the season long winners

DEADLINE TO SIGN UP - JUNE 1

Junior Golf

Summer Camp

OAKWOOD Country Club

Instructors

Head Golf Professional	Eric Drane, PGA	eric@oakwoodgolf.org
Assistant Golf Professional	Nic Wadsager	nic@oakwoodgolf.org

Age Groups	Nickname	Holes	Time
13 – 18	Big Oaks	6-9	1:30pm – 2:30pm
11-12	Jr. Oaks	3	2:30pm – 4:00pm
9 - 10	Little Oaks	2	4:00pm – 5:30pm
8 & Under	Pee Wee	1	5:30pm – 6:30pm

Students in each group will receive 60 minutes of instruction followed by playing their assigned number of holes out on the golf course on specific play days. Instruction days with no play days scheduled will be contest days.

Parents / Guardians are asked to help supervise their children while out on the golf course.
Please arrive to class 5 minutes before the starting time - Meet on the putting green.

Schedule

June: *1st, 8th, *15th, 22nd, *29th

July: 6th, *13th

Fun Day: July 20th

Junior Club Championship: August *3rd

* Play Day

Fee $100 per student - Includes Instruction & Puma Golf Shoes

Topics covered throughout the program

Safety & proper golf course etiquette

Sportsmanship & basic rules of golf

Full Swing, Short Game, Course Management

Please return this portion to the golf shop by May 25th

NAME:_____ AGE:_____

MEMBER:_____ MEMBER #_____

CONTACT #:_____ SHOE SIZE:_____

EMAIL:_____

Oakwood Country Club

We proudly announce our club's participation in

PGA Junior League Golf!

Program Structure

Fun team scramble format for players of every skill level

All participants get to play in every competition

Practices to help your junior golfer improve

PGA JLG Participants Receive

- Team Jerseys, golf balls, hat, t-shirt, back pack, and PGA JLG bag tags
- 4-5 regular season competitions plus coaching/practices
- Opportunity for advancement to post-season and All-Star teams
- Access to customized website home page for our PGA JLG team
- featuring schedules, standings and stats

Player Proficiency

- Advanced skills not required, must have access to a set of golf clubs
- If your child can drive, chip or putt... we have a role for them on our
- PGA Junior League Team!

Timeline

- April 30 is the Registration Deadline
- June - July: Regular Season (4-5 matches) & Practices (Sunday Afternoons)
- August: Postseason Qualifiers & Section Championships
- September: Regional Championship
- October: PGA JLG National Championship

How to Register

You can register your junior golfer to play at http://www.pgajlg.com/register. The registration fee is $200 and includes: Golf Instruction, Matches, 2 Uniforms, T Shirt, Back Pack, Bag Tags and Golf Balls.

Season Long Match Play Events

Men's Team Event

Member/Member Teams

Format: 1 of 2 Best Ball Match Play - Net

Entry Fee: $30 - trophy & prizes

Women's Team Event

Member/Member Teams

Format: 1 of 2 Best Ball Match Play - Net

Entry Fee: $20 - trophy & prizes

Men's Individual

Format: Individual Match Play Net

Entry Fee: $30 - trophy & prizes

Group 1 - HDCP 0 -10

Group 2 - HDCP 11+

SIGN UP DEADLINE: MAY 1

Reciprocal Golf Programs

Open Rounds gives access to members to clubs all across the United States that they would not normally have access to. To take advantage of Open Rounds, you must first set-up an account. Once your member status is verified, you will be able to log in an check out all of the courses that are available under this reciprocal program.

Thunder Hills Country Club

Peosta, IA

Rate: Cart Fee Only

Elmcrest Country Club

Cedar Rapids, IA

Rate: Cart Fee Only

Geneva Country Club

Muscatine, IA

Rate: Cart Fee Only

In addition to the programs & club agreements above. If you are ever interested in playing another club in the area of out of town, don't hesitate to contact the golf professional staff. We are always happy to make a phone call to see if we can accommodate your reciprocal request.

We recently sent out a survey in hopes of seeing if there is interest in member golf travel. All Access GTE offers golf vacations & events.

Click here to take part of the survey

2023 Guest Days

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A great opportunity to bring out friends or potential new members to experience everything that Oakwood has to offer!

Please make a tee time with the golf shop.
Bring up to three guest at no charge (cart fees apply).

Men's Guest Days

Wednesday, April 26th

Wednesday, June 21st

Ladies Guest Day

Friday, April 28th

Friday, June 10th

309-799-5558

www.oakwoodgolf.org

BUSINESS OFFICE HOURS
MONDAY - FRIDAY 8:30AM - 4PM

FOOD SERVICE
MONDAY & TUESDAY CLOSED
WED (PIZZA TO GO ONLY) 4PM - 7:30PM
THURS - SATURDAY 11AM - 7:30PM
SUNDAY 11AM - 4PM

BEVERAGE SERVICE
MONDAY CLOSED
TUESDAY - SUNDAY OPEN AT 11AM

APRIL GOLF SHOP HOURS
MONDAY - 11:30AM - 6:00PM
TUESDAY - FRIDAY 8:00AM - 6:00PM
SATURDAY & SUNDAY - 7:30AM - 6:00PM

The Golf Course & Practice Facility will open 30 minutes after the Golf Shop opens

Hours are subject to change.
Please call the Clubhouse in the event of inclement weather.

309-799-3153

2023/2024 OFFICERS

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