August 2023 Oakwood Connection

Fellow Members-

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer so far. As the calendar turns to August, we are entering the unofficial last month of the summer season, but we still have plenty of golf and pool time remaining before we enter the fall season. As many of our summer college and high school staff end their seasonal employment with the club, pool staffing in particular becomes a challenge. As Paul mentions in his article, pool and bag room operations will change during August. We will do our best to communicate service and hours changes as we move into the last 6 weeks or so of pool opening.

I would like to give a shout out to Bob and Mary Jo Maloney for all the landscaping and planting work they have down around the course and the clubhouse area. Their work has certainly added a nice touch of class to the club. Thanks, Bob, and MJ.

I want to take the opportunity to remind our membership that the Club wants to operate as cashless as possible. Accepting cash adds an additional layer of risk and workload for our staff. This goes for guests of the club as well. If you do have guests who wish to pay cash for food, drinks, or golf related charges, we encourage you to have your guest give you the cash and put the charges on your club account. As an alternative, we welcome guests using a credit card to pay for purchases. Likewise, there are a few of you who sometimes pay your club account by cash. We politely request that you either sign up for the convenience of ACH or at a minimum, pay your bill by check.

Thank you again for your support of the Club. I hope you will have the opportunity to come out and enjoy the club and partake in the events we have planned. As always, we welcome your feedback, so if you have something on your mind, do not hesitate to reach out to a Board Member or Paul, we are always willing to listen to suggestions for making the Club better.

Hope to see you out at the Club soon.

Regards,

Steve McCann, Board President



Dear Members,

This year has been very busy and great for the club regarding pool parties. Thank you to all the members that let us host your pool party. If you are interested in hosting a pool party this month, do not wait because August is the last month for pool rentals, and they are selling out fast. We currently have a few weekends still available.

As is the case every year, August is synonymous with the end of the summer and for those who must head back to high school or college. This means our summer staff is leaving us, while we are still going strong. With that said, you will see some changes, mainly to the pool and some to the bag room staff. We will have more "swim at your own risk" times and the snack shack hours might be modified as well starting around the second week of the month. We will post and email revised hours of operation soon. However, this will not have an impact on the pool hours. As is the case every year, weather depending, we plan to stay open until Sunday, September 17th.

A special thank you all that assisted in the beautification of the restrooms on the golf course. If you have not had an opportunity to see the new landscaping and all the new features, especially the new flooring and lighting, please make sure you check them out.

While membership growth has slowed recently, we continue to have a fair number of inquiries about membership and have in fact added some new members recently. To continue membership growth, I am working on and developing plans to present to the membership committee on fall/winter incentives along with 2024 marketing ideas. Whatever is decided will be communicated to the membership so we can work together and continue to grow Oakwood.

There are several events going on at the Club for the remainder of the summer and into the fall, both at the pool and on the course. Please refer to the Club calendar elsewhere in the newsletter or contact the office if you have questions.

Paul Block, PGA General Manager

LADIES LINKS FOR AUGUST

The dog days of summer are here, even though it seems they have been nipping at our heels since June! The pool and golf course have heated up with lots of activity. But there is more to come.

GOLF activities for August include the club championship for women, Aug 5 and 6; couples Fri golf 70's night, Aug 18; and the premier event in the Quad Cities (okay, Oakwood only) Solheim Cup, Aug 25 and 27 with a pairing party Aug 22. Put these on your calendars and get signed up in the pro shop.

POOL activities for August include the ladies' pool bash on Wed Aug 30 as well as a pool drink special Aug 16. But we know every day is a party at the pool! For those women with young kids going back to school, now is the time to take a golf lesson, go to the range and hit a few, or start to play after work in the 9-hole golf league on Tuesdays at 5:30. Get details in the pro shop.

And never forget that the **BRIDGE** players are always looking for players on Thursdays at 11.

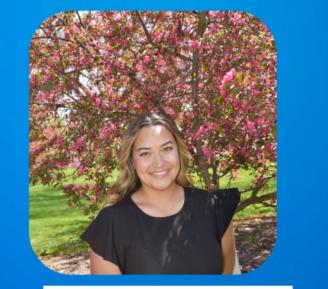
This year Oakwood is hosting the Illinois Women's Golf Association tournament. This is an exciting time for Oakwood. We encourage our members, **MEN AND WOMEN**, to please volunteer to help with this wonderful event. There are many different jobs, from scoring to spotting to clubhouse help, etc. This event will be held September 19 through 21. We have at least one of our own who will be playing. Please seriously consider any help you can provide, and tell your husbands, brothers, boyfriends to sign up.

"Golf is like a love affair. If you don't take it seriously, it's no fun. If you do take it seriously, it breaks your heart."

Deb, The Ladies Association

WELCOME TO OAKWOOD COUNTRY CLUB

-ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT-



ALYSSA SIERRA

ALYSSA IS A QUAD CITY NATIVE. SHE ATTENDED ALLEMAN HIGH SCHOOL AND CONTINUED HER EDUCATION AT WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY. SHE GRADUATED IN 22' WITH HER BACHELORS AND WILL GRADUATE IN JULY OF 23' WITH HER MASTERS IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION. FUN FACT ABOUT ALYSSA, SHE BEGAN WORKING AT OAKWOOD TWO SUMMERS AGO AS OUR POOL MANAGER AND RETURNED THIS SEASON UPON GRADUATION. IN HER FREE TIME, SHE ENJOYS TRAVELING, SPENDING TIME WITH HER FAMILY, AND HANGING OUT AT THE POOL. SHE IS VERY EXCITED TO TAKE ON HER NEW ROLE HERE AT OCC AND TO WORK WITH ALL OF

OUR MEMBERS.

IF YOU EVER NEED HELP WITH ANYTHING, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO ASK HER!

Oakwood Pool & Dining Hours of Operation

After August 8th

	<u>Pool</u>	Food Service	Bar Service
Monday	12-5	Closed	Closed
Tuesday	11-6	Closed	12-6
Wednesday	11-6	Closed	12-6
Thursday	11-6	Closed	12-6
Friday	11-6	Closed	12-6
Saturday	11-6	12-6	12-6
Sunday	11-6	12-6	12-6

Tue-Fri will be swim at your own risk *Sat & Sun could be swim at your own risk, call the office for daily details*

Adult Lap Swimming 8am-10am Tues-Sun Adults 18 & Over Only No Lifeguard on Duty ** Please advise the pool may be closed from time to time for water treatments during lap times**

HOST YOUR OWN



The Oakwood Pool is available for Private Parties in August! Please contact the Oakwood Business Office to

schedule yours today!

RENTAL FEES: \$150 FOR UNDER 50 PEOPLE \$175 FOR 50-100 PEOPLE

RENTAL FEES INCLUDE TWO LIFEGUARDS ADDITIONAL LIFEGUARDS ARE \$50 EACH RENTAL TIME IS FROM 6:00PM - 9:00 PM RENTAL IS ONLY AVAILABLE FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY IN AUGUST



<u>Golf Shop Talk</u>

August 2023

This month at Oakwood... 3rd - Interclub @ Dubuque Golf 5th & 6th - Club Championship 6th - Jr. Club Championship 10th - 12th - Men's Member-Guest 17th - Interclub vs. Sunnyside 18th - Couples Golf 70's Night 19th & 20th - QC AM Tour 25th & 27th - Solhiem Cup 31st - Solon Golf Trip



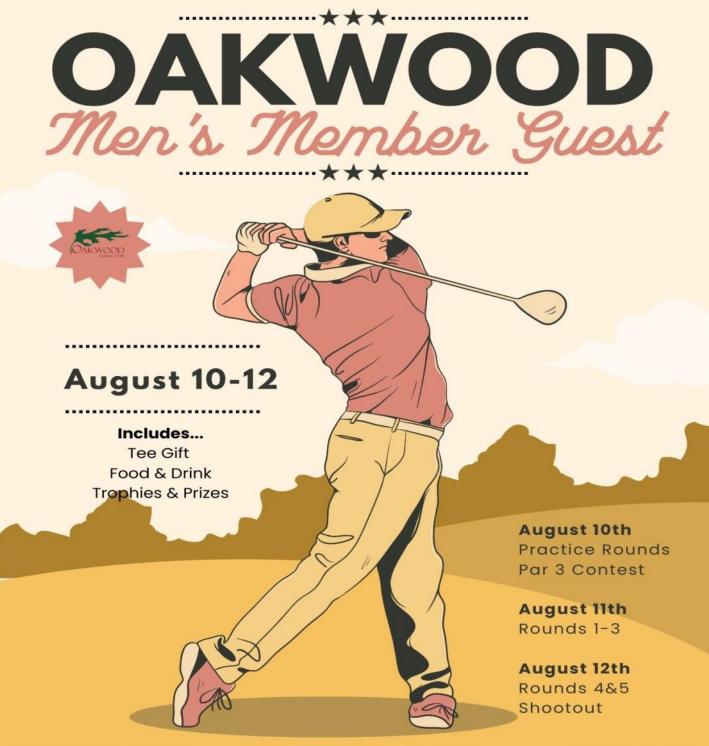
2nd place Waterman Cup Team



July was a great month at Oakwood. The weather has been perfect for a Midwest Summer. Congratulations to the Velie Cup team for once again brining home the cup, and to our ladies Waterman Cup team for their 2nd place finish! August is another busy month at the club with Club Championship & Member-Guest events. We are also hosting the QC Am Tour Finale the third weekend of August and encourage you to sign up if you enjoy competition. I want to shout out Troy Shattuck our Superintendent, and his staff on the great work they have done this year on the golf course - it is in the best shape I have ever seen the course, even with the lack of rain we have gotten.



1st place Velie Cup Team



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Register with the golf shop

(309) 799-5558





Hella September



BUY 1 GET 1 FREE

Pool Drink Specials

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16TH - BAHAMA MAMA



Oakwood **Country Club**

Mulligan's Valley Pub Tour Championship

PROMO CODE: OAK

ROUND 1: SATURDAY AUGUST 19TH ENTRY: **ROUND 2: SUNDAY AUGUST 20TH**

Oakwood Members QC AM Tour Member QC AM Tour Jr. Member \$80.00

\$25.00 \$100.00

Pairing: Tee times will start at 12:30PM each day

TEES

Men's Open Division Blue Men's Senior Division White Junior Division Blue Women's Division White

RULES

USGA Rules will govern all play along with Oakwood Local Rules.

PAYOUT

All prizes will be awarded in golf shop credit- payout based on participation If there is a tie for 1st place a sudden death playoff will take place starting on hole #1

1067 US HWY 6 Coal Valley, IL 309.799.5153

Food & drink will be available for purchase by credit card or reciprocal member charge. No cash will be accepted



Call the Pro Shop to sign up

BASH SUMMER POOL PARTY

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 30TH

4:00PM - 8:00PM BAR WILL BE OPEN SO LIBATIONS ARE AVAILABLE AUGUST FAMILY NIGHTS AUGUST 3RD FAJITAS

AUGUST 10TH BAKED CHICKEN AUGUST 13TH

AUGUST 24TH ITALIAN

AUGUST 30TH SEAFOOD



Wedge Distance Control

Did you know that approximately 65% of your shots come from within 100 yards of the hole?

The number one thing that can help your golf game is working on your short game.

One thing you need to do is figure out how far you hit your wedges. For me I have 5 wedges in my bag - which is pry 1 or 2 more than most golfers - but I choose to sacrifice one of the longer clubs from my bag (4 iron) so that I am better equipped to hit those shots inside of 150 yards.

I have 3 swings with those 5 wedges which gives me a total of 15 different yardages. The 3 swings are my 60%, 75%, and 90%. The 60% swing is a waist high swing with the wrist set. My 75% swing is a swing to chest high, and my 90% swing is basically my full swing up to the shoulder. I never try to swing my irons at 100% because I'm more worried about my contact and controlling my distances. See below for pictures of the 3 swings.

	90 %	75%	60%
PW	145	130	120
AW	135	120	110
50 degree	125	110	100
54 degree	115	100	85
58 degree	100	75	60

My Wedge Distances







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GROUNDS 309-234-5141 BUSINESS OFFICE HOURS MONDAY - CLOSED TUESDAY - FRIDAY - 9AM - 4PM

FOOD SERVICE MONDAY - CLOSED TUESDAY - GRAB & GO WED - 11AM - 7PM (LUNCH MENU & PIZZA) THURS - SATURDAY - 11AM - 8PM SUNDAY - 11AM - 6PM (LUNCH MENU & PIZZA)

> BEVERAGE SERVICE MONDAY CLOSED TUESDAY - FRIDAY OPEN AT 10AM SATURDAY - SUNDAY OPEN AT 9AM

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

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