



OAKMERE

Oakmere Park Golf Club

Club Newsletter

June 2018

Daryl St John-Jones Director of Golf

Spring sunshine has eventually arrived. Pleased to report that the course is looking in great shape and the greens are back to rolling smoothly after the aggressive Spring maintenance program due to the really wet winter.

The new holes have been well received on the Admirals Course, although the new top section of the 8th green was quite firm initially so we have now increased the water to that section.

Congratulations to Ken Parker who is the official 1st person to get a hole in one on the new 8th hole.

We have decided to have a local rule to have placing 'Through the green' on the 7th to give the new fairway a chance to thicken up.

Congratulations to the Oakmere Team winning the NAPGA County trophy again. Fantastic achievement. I am very proud to report that in the last 20 years, that I have worked here and played in, Oakmere have won the Order of Merit 10 times, also won 9 Gedling Trophies and 6 Summer League trophies in the last 15 years. I have clearly been very fortunate to pick some very good players to play alongside.

Hope you all have a great season and the condition of the courses should go from strength to strength from now on.

Derrick Farthing Admirals Club Captain

There are lots of reasons why this is the best time of year at Oakmere. Not just the weather and longer daylight hours, but in particular because this is when all the exciting events happen. The Captains Day this year, Saturday 16th June, is joint between the Admirals Men, Commanders Men and Admirals and Commanders Ladies sections. We've aimed to be as inclusive as possible and having a shotgun start on Admirals Front 9 and Commanders Back 9 (to keep the stroke indices right) is a new feature of the day. It's a day for golfers and their families and I hope as many of you as possible decide to attend.

The various men's teams have already been successful against other clubs. Our Alliance team won the Order of Merit again this year, our scratch league team are "on fire", we have won two out of three Summer League matches so far and we were a very close second to Ramsdale in the Gedling Borough Challenge 13th May. Whether you are playing in competitions or just socially, I hope you enjoy your golf with friends and colleagues at Oakmere this year.

Sylvia Thomson Club Lady Captain

Our Pre-Season get together on March 1st was sadly affected by the weather and had to be postponed to the following Tuesday with just coffee and lunch. Unfortunately due to a communications problem not everyone was notified of the new date. Thus we were a small gathering for coffee and lunch but those who were present enjoyed the day.

The first mixed competition of the year- the Spring Cup - was held on the 8th March. Eight pairs played on the day and the winners were Kim and Gary Oscrift. The game was followed by a very pleasant lunch.

Unfortunately the bad weather raised its head again for Easter Monday and the Charlton Trophy had to be cancelled.

The friendly match at Ramsdale on 22nd March was enjoyed by all who played and all agreed the format of the front nine on the main course and nine holes on the Par 3 course was a great combination.

The Banner Kirkham Trophy was played on Monday 7 May and the winners were Julie and Terry Craggs. The weather was very good and extremely warm but everyone enjoyed the day.

Ade Kelly and Tracy Aslam have now played 2 rounds of the Daily Mail Foursomes. The first round was at home against the Commanders Ladies with a comfortable win

for Ade and Tracy. The second round was at Springwater where after 15 holes the match was all square. At the 16th, a par 3, it was Ade's turn to tee off - and what a shot - Ade had a hole in one and the match was over! Well done to both of them - we now await round 3.

The first round of the summer eclectic was played on 29 March with the 1st Summer Merit being played on the 5th April.

22 May was our Past Captains Trophy with 8 past captains taking part amongst a field of 21 players. The winner was Nancy Sheffield with the runner up was Angela Robinson. Of the other players taking part Sau Wan Yau had 42 points and Julie Craggs 38 points - well done to both of you. The game was followed with afternoon tea and cream scones. Everyone agrees it had been a great day and my thanks to everyone who participated

Womens Golf

Exciting times ahead for the SheCanGolf 'beginners & returners' group at Oakmere as the Spring/Summer season gets underway..... giving the chance for Oakmere Members to support & introduce a female friend or family member to 'give golf a try!' The aim this year has been to take skills learnt out onto the course & enjoy a good mix of golf & social times together with an ongoing emphasis & focus of meeting the needs of the busy lifestyles of today's women.

The 3 hole 'Out on the Course lesson' has been a very popular experience with some 'great coaching tips' from Jamie Jarvis during this 3 hole session ... helping to build confidence & improve levels of play.

Our next event will be the SheCanGolf group's 1st Birthday on World Women's Golf Day, a fun 'Putt fore! Prosecco' competition is planned & meal together to celebrate the Global participation & growth of Girls & Women's Golf.

A first for many! ... SheCanGolf 'Away Day' was enjoyed in May & everyone is now busy making plans for more of this kind of golf & social experience.



The SheCanGolf Junior programme has tee'd off this year with 'after school golf lessons' at Lowdham Primary School with sessions being delivered over 5 weeks. Approximately 20 girls & boys are turning up regularly each week to give golf a try & learn through a fun & golf skill development programme



It's also exciting that Oakmere GC has been chosen to run the England Golf 'GirlsGolfRocks' initiative this year. The free 'Get into Golf' taster day in April was very well attended with 35 girls from 5 - 18yrs giving golf a try and 20 girls signing up for continuing coaching, which is great!

For 'Get into Golf!' sessions - please check out the SheCanGolf group on the 'new' Oakmere website and click on the Academy link for SCG webpage & more information on flexible & weekly coaching times, SheCanGolf Newsletter, Contact details and the SheCanGolf Facebook page.

For any more information or if you or someone you know would like to get involved to help to grow the game of golf for girls & women then please -

Call or send text message to
- Julie Craggs - 07906 994331

Gary Oscrift Admirals Secretary

All the course work now completed' the exception being the new 14th green which will not be ready until later on in the year? Over the winter months whilst the new 14th green is maturing we will use the 13th hole as normal but then walk down to the new 15th tee which will become the 14th tee over the winter months. The legacy of

this is that the course is now longer classified as a Par 73 and as a result there will be no Qualifying Rounds run over the winter months. The course will be re-classified in April 2019 when all the course work is finally completed and the new 14th Green will be in play.

New Data Protection Regulations come into being on May 25th 2018 and as a result the Club and the Admirals Committee have completed a new privacy policy. I will be writing to all Admiral Club Members asking them to agree to the club using their personal data for the processing of competitions, sending out newsletters and determining handicaps.

As from the 1st July competition entry fees will be increased by 50p for the mens competitions only and the reasons behind this rise in fees are as listed below: -

- The prize money for competitions, although improved due to changes in the number of entrants per division before retaining that division (and not collapsing it into another division), is still relative low.
- Raising the entry fee by 50p would provide an additional £1,555 for prizes per year therefore making it more attractive and hopefully will encourage more members to play in competitions.
- The current entry fee of £3 has been in place for 8 years without any increases. Other clubs locally pay in the region of £5 for a competition entry fee.

Hopefully all members will see the merit of this decision to increase the prize value and providing a more meaningful return for your endeavours when playing in competitions.

I hope you are all enjoying your golf with this glorious weather we have been experiencing recently.

Alan Hall Admirals Seniors Organizer

well at long last the rain has disappeared (hopefully for some time), the grass is growing well and the greens are starting to get back to normal after the maintenance, they should be starting to putt a lot smoother and by early June they should be in excellent condition. We are now playing on the new 7th and 8th holes, and all new bunkers and surrounds are in play. Below is new 7th from fairway.



Our friendly matches are underway, we began at home against Southwell with a resounding win, lost the fixture at Trent Lock to the weather, and have been beaten away at Maywood, our next match is home against Carholm.

We have entered two teams into the Taskers over 50s knockout trophy this year, our "A" team played the first round against Matlock "A" at home but lost 5-2, this match was closer than the score suggests with 3 games being lost on the last hole, by 1 shot. Our "B" team played at home against Alfreton "B" and won 4.5 to 2.5. The "A" team then played the 2nd round of the plate, being drawn at home to Glen Gorse "A", where we came out winners 4 -3 and now play away at Mapperley "A" in round 3, the "B" team continued in the trophy where in the 2nd round played at home to Hillsborough "A" and won 6 -1, in round 3 the "B" team will be at home to Burton-on-Trent "A".

Our Monday seniors competitions are now back on track after all the wet weather. We have increased our attendance on Mondays by 19% since end of March and it was nice to see several new members turn up for the first time and join in, may I welcome these members and hope you all enjoy yourselves. Our latest qualifiers for the medal final in July are Rob Lakin, George Clark, Rick Richardson, John Kenton, Neil Goodwin and Ken Parker. Our first trophy of the spring, the John Hall trophy has been played and won by Colin Ralphs (36) on countback from Ian Kirkham (36), congratulations to Colin. We have also been playing our social fun games of traffic lights, waltz and scrambles. All our competitions are posted on the seniors noticeboard in the corridor.

This year I have changed the format of several Monday fun comps to include the ladies seniors in our new mixed social competitions, highlighted in green on seniors comp list in the corridor where, should any senior ladies over 55 wish to join the men in a mixed format fun competition, they may do so. For new seniors men or ladies these comps are on Mondays where we meet at 7.30am in spike bar for the competition draw at 7.50am, first tee is around 8.06am (there is a competition fee), this is an excellent opportunity to play in regular competitions with a changing mix of people of similar age with a varying levels of ability.

This summers seniors away day event will take place on Thursday 16th August at the Nottinghamshire, on the signature course, this event comprises of bacon cob, coffee on arrival, 18 holes of golf with a team and singles competition, followed by a 2 course meal, (this competition is a drawn competition). details are on seniors notice board in the corridor, but hurry places are filling fast.

Can I remind all seniors that this years seniors open will be on Monday 3rd September, so there will be no seniors competition on that day, therefore get your partners, book a tee slot and practice, practice, practice. (details for entry can be found on Oakmere's web page, under seniors pairs).

Graham Atkinson Commanders Club Captain

First of all apologies for no content in the last news letter. What can I say an email goes missing and the rest as they say is history. So almost half way through my Captain's year here is a brief summary of what has been happening.

The year got off to a great start with Cathy and my Drive-in, supported well from all sectors of the club and raising £629 for my charity the Alzheimer's Society. One of the features of the day was the informal dinner afterwards attended by about 50 members, wives, girlfriends and significant others. These dinners seem to have now become a fixture for big events and underline the friendliness of the club.

Talking of social events as you will know Roy Griffin broke his ankle in February and is out for the rest of the season. Not one to be deterred Roy has thrown his weight behind his new official role of Social Secretary. He has attended, not only his own 50th birthday away weekend to Blackpool, but also the Captains Away weekend at Hellidon Lakes both as a non player. In a new event organised by Roy a group of just under 40 went for a Cantonese meal in Calverton enjoyed by all. Up and coming events include the Oakmere Joint Captains Party (Saturday 16th June) for which the competition will be played over 9 holes of each the Admirals and Commanders Courses, The Charity Texas Scramble on September 2nd and the Christmas Party Friday December 7th - get the dates in your diaries.

A group of 32 went to Hellidon Lakes for my Captains Away Weekend. Individual rounds were won on Friday by Dave Foster (39 pts), Saturday, Dean Summers (36 pts) and Sunday, Scott Warren (36 pts), Scott also won the overall Weekend Trophy with an aggregate score of 98pts on countback from Dean. Whilst away we celebrated Jim Taylors 80th birthday and through a combination of raffles, fines, donations and a one off auction donated by past Captain George Farrell we raised more than £1600 towards my charity.



Well done lads, and thanks to all who helped or contributed to making it a fantastic weekend aided by absolutely brilliant weather.

On the Playing side our course has stood up well to the extreme winter weather no more so than when hosting the Nottingham Pro - Am Alliance just 2 days after the course was covered in snow. Talking to members from other clubs, most of them have lost a month or more of golf over the first 3 months of this year! So the few competitions we have had to postpone stands up well. The course is looking good now that the spring growth has at last started, and the 8th and 9th are now bedding in well, and at last that stupid hump on the approach to 9 has been removed - hurrry!!

The Winter Cup series was won by Dave Davis and the Winter Eclectic by Jim Kirkham. In the Taskers Trophy the club has won away at Bulwell Forest and at home to New Forest, good luck in the next round. In the Nottinghamshire Pro - Am Alliance the team has qualified for the season ending Harry Brown play offs for the second year running largely due to the performances of Jim Kirkham and Raph Richards who took first and second places respectively in the seniors order of merit. Congratulations to both. Also congratulations to all who have won other competitions too numerous to mention here.



Cathy Elliott Commanders Lady Club Captain

At the end of March the Bilsthorpe trophy was won by Eleanor Chipperfield with Irene Mitchell as runner up. The same ladies were first and second in the Winter Eclectic which finished at the end of March. The Spring Cup was played on 4 April and won by Angie Harrison. Margaret Sears was the runner up this time. The next 9 hole competition, the Ladies Tray, had to be postponed due to bad weather and was finally played two weeks late on 16 May and won on this occasion by Sarah Hardy with 22 points with Angela Burton the runner up with 19. Well done to all our winners!

Other events have been an enjoyable Friendly with ladies from Norwood Park and 2 matches in the Bronze League with one win and one loss.

Last weekend 12 of us enjoyed an overnight stay at Morley Hayes in brilliant weather. 18 holes were played on the Sunday and some played another full round on the Monday and some just 9 holes. Thank you to Joan Clubley for organising this successful event for us.

Future events will of course include the Joint Captain's Day on Saturday 16 June, a new venture which we hope everyone will support. Our Captain's Day will be on 27 June followed by our Charity Fun Day on 11 July which will have a floral theme to reflect our Flower Pod charity. We intend to have a Putting Competition which will be open to anyone on the day for a small fee.

Peter Hill Commanders Seniors Captain

Firstly I must say how good the fairways have been over the first part of the season when you take into account the poor weather we had . I found it difficult to find a suitable time to cut the lawn at home let alone acres of wet grass on a golf course, and even in May the heavy dew has made it difficult to cut until later in the day. One hazard that has caused delays was the long grass in the spinney to the left of the 8/17th fairway ,the rule was that you could pick your ball out of there and drop it a club's length outside the line of the blue stakes . Unfortunately you could find a few other balls but not your own and in a medal match this caused problems. I came across Richard Bond whilst playing golf and he explained he was planning to cut the grass within the spinney but it wasn't an easy job as it had to be done with a strimmer due to old tree stumps within the spinney. He said it would be done within a week and true to his word it was, thank you Richard.

Our numbers have been down in both Tuesday and Friday comps down to bad weather , bad forecasts ,and no buggies at times over the start of this season. Also there is a lot going on within the club and it's not possible to play in every event that's going.

We have had to rearrange the senior fixtures with Bulwell forest away and Springwater away due to a misunderstanding with the dates ,Bulwell Forest away is now July 18th and Springwater away to be played Thursday 7th July. The good news is we won the games against Millfield at home and the Tri-match against Pottergate and Carholme. Our team playing in the Tasker Trophy organised by Raph Richards won their games against Bulwell Forest and New Mills .

Richard Bond Head GreenKeeper

Another season has begun with the arrival of some glorious weather. With this the growth of grass has accelerated to its maximum.

There have been a number of changes to the cutting regimes this year. After experimentation with the height of cut of the fairways, it would appear that raising the height of cut by 2mm has made a significant difference for a lot of the golfers at Oakmere. The increase in height has given a thicker sward of grass to play off therefore a less tight a lie. The only down side for us is this height requires more frequent cutting to keep it a smooth even playing surface, due to the different grass types all growing at different rates.

The greens have been extended in size considerably to enhance and accentuate the new green surrounds. All greens suffer from " Green Creep" over a period of years, reducing the putting surface area. These areas will take some time to re-establish. They were previously cut at 10-12mm, they are now being cut at 3mm. This will cause the grass plant significant stress until it extends its rooting and reacclimatises itself. To assist the process rolling has been carried out, along with verti-cutting, top dressing and over seeding with a greens grade seed mixture. Applications of fertiliser and wetting agent will also be applied to aid the process further.

All of the new holes have now been opened. All I can hope is that they play as well as they look. It would be deeply appreciated during this establishment phase if trolleys and buggies could be kept off all the newly turfed areas this year. As the root depth has not been established for these areas of turf. Thank you for your continued support.

Oakmere Park - Bar & Catering

New Specials:

Pot of Tea for Two with Teacake, or Cake at £6.

Packed Lunch £5

Sunday Carvery - Please book with the Bar/Catering staff.

Summer Catering: We will be running the full menu and specials board till 9pm on Wednesday/Thursday & Friday evenings as from 9th April, so you can get a home cooked meal after your evening round of golf.

Function room Hire: Remember that if you have a special occasion to celebrate, as a member of Oakmere, you can hire the clubhouse free of charge (usually £250). So come a celebrate with us

Oakmere Park – Range

Club Repairs.

Re-Spikes - get your soft spikes fitted as the summer months approach. Spikes to fit all models of shoes.

Re-Gripping - Lots of the latest GolfPride grips in stock with all different colours. Prices from £8-£14 fitted, see in the ProShop for stock.
Special offer on Champ C2 grips while stocks last - black or white £6 each fitted, with bulk buy discounts!

No.1 Loose Impediment in a Bunker



Question 1:

A player wants to play their ball *over the bunker* to the putting green. May they remove the detached

branch from the bunker before making their stroke without incurring a penalty?

Answer 1:

Yes. Rule 23-1 (see below).

Question 2:

A player wants to play their ball *from the bunker* to the putting green. May they remove the detached branch from the bunker before making their stroke without incurring a penalty?

Answer 2:

No.

Rule 23-1 states;

"Except when both the loose impediment and the ball lie in or touch the same hazard, any loose impediment may be removed without penalty."



Note: The penalty for removing a loose impediment that lies in the same hazard as the player's ball is two strokes in stroke play and loss of hole in match play.

Other than on the putting green, if a player causes their ball to move, they incur a penalty of one stroke under Rule 18-2a.

Whilst the Rules of Golf do not permit players to remove loose impediments from bunkers many Committees introduce a Local Rule permitting the removal of stones from bunkers, as a safety precaution.