



OAKMERE

# Oakmere Golf Club

## Club Newsletter

## March 2019

### Daryl St John-Jones Director of Golf

So far we have had a fairly mild winter compared to last year. Despite a couple of unexpected isolated snow dumps, which closed us twice so far. Lets keep our fingers crossed we have no more.

The course has weathered the winter quite well compared to our competitors. However we are aware that the fairways still have drought damage from last summer and the greens are quite thin and badly scarred and I think slightly bumpier than they were at the same stage last year. However this winter is the first one for many years that the ground staff haven't been building greens, tees & bunkers as part of the Mackenzie & Ebert project. So they have concentrating their efforts on preparing the course for the season. Our 2 main objectives are for a vast improvement of the putting surface and not only recover the damage to the fairways but to make them thicker so the ball sits up on them better. See the Greenkeepers report below for the detail.

The new 14<sup>th</sup> green on the Admirals course will open at the very earliest mid-May but may be as late as July. It won't be opened until everything is ready. We have already begun creating a new path route to the summer 17<sup>th</sup> tee in preparation for this.

Please also note that the Clubhouse is to be given a fresh coat of paint to smarten it up for Spring, so there may be some inconvenience during this work

I am also pleased to announce that Jamie has now finally taken over the shop. During the last 6 months Jamie has turned the shop around, got rid of dated stock and brought in new lines and a far better presentation and service. Jamie has been with me at the Club for the last 17 years since he was a junior and I'm really proud that he has progressed so well for his family and himself. I hope all the members give him the support he deserves.

Let's hope that all the work that has been put into the Club this winter pays dividends.

### Michael Douglas Admirals Club Captain

Sitting here writing my first report listening to the March winds howl and hoping we all have another good summer to enjoy our golf and each other's company, I feel compelled to thank all of you who made my Drive In a day for me to remember. I fully realise that it was in January but time goes so quickly and I really would like to take time to thank you all for turning up and making it a fun day as well as to those members of the committee who worked behind the scenes. I truly hope I can make a positive contribution towards your 2019 season.

We have the St Georges Day Open Competition coming up on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April- good food, prizes and even an opportunity to dress up. This was a very successful event last year and I hope you will be able to support it again this year.

Captain's Day will be on Saturday June 29<sup>th</sup> starting with an 8am Shotgun start on the Admirals course. I have made a start at organising the day and I would like to treat every member to a club clean after they have finished their round (undertaken professionally and not myself; I hasten to say!). There will also be food, live singer and Disco, an auction, stalls, a raffle, soft play items and plenty of things for all the family to enjoy. All proceeds will go to my selected charity- Dementia UK; specifically aimed at the work of Admiral Nurses. These are trained nurses who work together with families to provide the one-to-one support, expert guidance and practical solutions they need to live more positively with dementia each and every day. In addition my selected charity hole for the year is the 2<sup>nd</sup>. the watery grave. If you happen to visit the pond I would be very grateful for a 50p donation to be placed in the collection jar in the Spike Bar.

The Admirals Alliance Team are currently, prior to the Wollaton Fixture on 26<sup>th</sup> March, lying 3<sup>rd</sup>; only 12 points off from the top. It is hoped that we might repeat last year's feat and win the league. I am grateful for people giving up their time to support and play for the team. The annual Gedling Borough Challenge will take place on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May and this year it will be held at Mapperley Golf Club.

Regarding teams- I am currently working on gathering and selecting people to play in a Taskers team (over 50) and Summer League teams (all ages). If anyone would like

to play for the teams please would you see me. I already have a sound basis but more volunteers would be very welcome.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Green Staff for all their hard work over the winter. I hope their efforts will be seen this summer and people will appreciate what a good course we have.

I hope you are able to take full advantage of the golf course this year and also think about enjoying the Captain's away day at Woodsome Hall on Friday July 12<sup>th</sup> and the away weekend at Forest Pines on Sunday and Monday 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> of July.

As always I look forward to seeing you all in the forthcoming months- maybe even in the Bar!

Happy Golfing.

### Pat Sear Club Lady Captain

Welcome to a new year I am looking forward to the challenge ahead.

The Turkey Trot was a great success we raised a record amount on the raffle.

A huge thank you must go to the ladies for the donations to the hampers. Special thanks must go to the ladies for spending their time for doing the hampers they always look amazing such a wonderful job, doing it Year after year we are so grateful to them.

Could the winners of the hampers please return the baskets to Oakmere for this years Turkey Trot competition. Many thanks

So far we have had the Bill Lowe trophy which was very well supported. The winners were Jan Goodman and Jim Newton.. It was very cold that day with many people suggesting nine holes would have been enough, perhaps this might be looked at in future.

The Captains Drive in was very successful very pleased not to have duffed my drive. As usual the buffet was excellent so many contributing. Thank you very much to all.

As you know my colours for this year are lilac, silver and black.

The captains charity is Dementia UK. I do hope we can raise a good amount for this very worthwhile charity.

The clock donated by the Admirals Ladies should be in place on the first tee very soon.

### Womens Golf



Swing into golf this Spring! .... is the message from the SheCanGolf beginners & returners group @Oakmere

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## LADIES & GIRLS GOLF TASTER SESSION

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PLUS A RAFFLE WITH PROCEEDS GOING TO OUR  
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**THURSDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2019 @ 6PM ON  
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OAKMERE GOLF CLUB OXTON LANE  
NOTTINGHAM NG25 0RH

RSVP JULIE CRAGGS (07906 994 331) OR ALISA BAGULEY (07825  
875 677) BY 28<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2019

### *Gary Oscroft Admirals Secretary*

All the course work now completed' the exception being the new 14<sup>th</sup> green which will not be ready until the latter part of 2019.

The course will need to be re-classified in 2019 when all the outstanding course work is finally completed and the new 14<sup>th</sup> Green will be in play. This will also be the time when the slope ratings for the course will be calculated ready for the introduction of the New World Wide Handicap System scheduled for April 2020.

Regarding GPS updates for the alterations to the Admirals Course I have been in contact with both 'Sky Caddie' and 'Garmin' with a view to updating their GPS course layout so that the new 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Greens will be shown with correct yardages on the GPS displays. Garmin have updated their GPS system but Sky Caddie has not yet done so.

The new Rules of Golf came into play on the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019 and hopefully all members have now acquired the 'Player's Edition' of the new rules. If you still do not have one please contact the Pro Shop to obtain a copy. Can you also make yourself acquainted with the new set of Local Rules – a copy of which is on the Notice Board in the main corridor to the changing rooms. The new Local Rules will also be in the Diary for 2019 and copies of which will be available in March for collection.

Can I please ask all members to do the following things whilst on the course playing golf: -

- Replace divots
- Repair pitch marks on greens
- Rake bunkers after use.

Please be aware that the Admiral's Committee will be introducing some new competitions based on an order of merit style of play and details will be circulated shortly by the Club Newsletter.

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

### *Alan Hall Admirals Seniors Organizer*

Since the last newsletter our seniors have enjoyed our Christmas competition and lunch with 48 members taking part, all enjoyed a great competition of a 3 from 4 sbt, won by the team of Alan Thompson, Dennis Billson, Terry Clark and Mike Smedley with a score of 111, this was then followed by an excellent 3 course Christmas lunch from Nick and Richie which was swiftly dispatched, a big thanks to all at catering at Oakmere for making our Christmas lunch a great day.

As you read this, hopefully, the cold weather has gone, it has started to warm up and the grass will start to grow and the greens will be back to normal, smoother and quicker. The new 14<sup>th</sup> is coming on strong hopefully it should be in use in June. This winter I altered the Monday Seniors comp start time to a slightly later time of 8.34am first tee time, to see if it encouraged more seniors to turn up, this increased our attendances from an average of 23 on Mondays in the last two winters to over 30

average in the trial this winter, hopefully we can run the later times in winter 2019/20.

Our seniors friendly's begin at the end of March with a home match against Southwell, quickly followed by Trent lock(a) and Springwater (a) in early April. admirals seniors have entered 2 teams in the Tasker trophy for 2019, "a" team captained by Alan Hall and "b" team captained by our Admirals 2019 club captain Mike Douglas. the 1<sup>st</sup> round draw was announced on 20<sup>th</sup> of Feb, Oakmere "a" team are away at Kedelston "b" whilst Oakmere "b" have a home tie against chapel-en-le-frith "a". good luck to both teams.

Seniors Monday comps have continued well with only one Monday lost through bad weather. Qualifiers so far, for our medal final in July, are Terry Craggs, Hugh Thomas, Joe Clark, Tony Deller, Alan Kemp, Graham Hawkes, Mike Douglas, Steve Lee, Pete Turner, Joe Clark, Rick Richardson, Rob Armstrong and Jim Newton, our winter eclectic is entering the last 2 rounds with Alan Thompson leading, Steve Lee in 2<sup>nd</sup> and Michael Johnson 3<sup>rd</sup> all separated by 1 shot.

The 2019 seniors away day will be on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August at Greatham Valley lakes course. Sheet is up for members in corridor on seniors notice board. This comp will be a drawn competition as with all seniors comps.

Our seniors Monday competitions start times change back to the early starts from 28<sup>TH</sup> February. For the benefit of any members new to the club and any members who have reached the qualifying age, the Seniors Section is open to Admirals Members who have reached the age of 55. In SPRING/SUMMER we meet in the spike bar every Monday morning(except bank holidays) between 07.30 and 07.45, the playing order and draw is then made, first tee around 8.02am, this is an excellent opportunity to play in regular competitions, with a changing mix of people and handicaps of the same age group. The competitions are published in the Club Diary and also posted on the Seniors Noticeboard in the corridor; this is where the competition results are also posted and upcoming seniors events.

**THIS YEARS SENIORS OPEN IS ON MONDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER. SO EVERYONE GET YOUR ENTRY FORMS IN NOW.**

### *Colin Ross Commanders Club Captain*

We've had a mixed bag of weather since the last newsletter although our field sizes and competition scoring on the Commanders has remained consistently good overall, and the course has held up extremely well as usual. Hopefully we are out of the depths of winter now and looking forward to better golfing conditions during the spring.

Our first major social event of 2019 the Annual Joint Captains' Drive-In (Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> January) proved to be a great success once again, the weather was kind too. 11 Ladies and Gents Mixed Teams took part with David Foster, Richard Hardy, Sarah Hardy and Mark Neale victors on 105 Points, well played to everyone. And not forgetting a terrific hole-in-one by Tony Medley on the 4<sup>th</sup> Hole which was celebrated in the usual manner. Cheers Tony.

As is customary the barracking was difficult to withstand on the Drive off which proved too much for the Captain (yours truly) who failed miserably although Commanders Ladies Captain, Sue Scott fared much better, nice one Sue©. However we had Great Result for the Charity which raised **£719** on the day for the **Prostate Cancer Research Centre**. A big thank you to everyone who participated contributed and bought raffle tickets etc. Special thanks to Gordon Taylor, Sandie and Abbey for organising the raffle plus Raph Richards and Jim Taylor for their invaluable contributions too.

On the Course Trophy winners were Dave Foster (Staythorpe Ashes), Scott Warren (Presidents Cup), Dave Voller (Hard Trophy and Club Singles), Andy Wheeler and Neil Dallman (Club Pairs) and Dave Davis (Winter Salver). Congratulations to all other Competition winners during this period. The Winter Cup and Eclectic competitions will no doubt provide nail-biting conclusions as it's very close at the top of both Leader boards. The Nottingham Pro-am alliance has a few remaining fixtures with the Team looking to advance to the play-offs and Jim Kirkham leading the Senior Order of Merit.

The implementation of the new rules for 2019 have been well received although the introduction of Maximum Score Strokeplay events to date has had mixed reviews. One thing you can always be sure of with the Commanders Club is banter, and long may that continue.

Up and coming events are the Captains Away Weekend (17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> May) at Telford. With the advent of better weather I'm sure we'll see improved scoring and consequently we'll all enjoy our golf more. Play well Guys!

### *Susan Scott Commanders Lady Club Captain*

The season hasn't really got underway competition wise with the weather being the certain winner so far.

A few ladies came back from a golfing holiday in Turkey which provided respite for them and some amazing golf. Next month we have an away weekend planned at Morley Hayes and later in the year at Kenwick. Notts Alliance took over the course earlier this month and our ladies were offered complimentary tee times at Ramsdale and Rufford. Again the weather wasn't good but a good day was had by all nevertheless.

Angie Harrison and Jean McKee represented the Commanders Ladies in the Daily Mail Foursomes at Sherwood but were unsuccessful on a wet and windy morning. Our thanks to them for agreeing to take part..

Later this month we have a friendly match away at Norwood which has been well supported followed by a friendly match at home with Ramsdale next month. We had a successful Open Meeting in February with many points raised and solved. My charity this year is the Lullaby Trust which does research into cot deaths and helps bereaved families. This charity means a lot to me and with our first raffle next week hope we get the fundraising off to a flying start. Hopefully over the next couple of weeks we can play our qualifiers and competitions on a regular basis and really get to grips with some great golf

### Richard Bond Head GreenKeeper

The start of a new season is almost upon us, and as usual it has been a very busy Autumn and Winter period for the Greenstaff. Significant work has been carried out, with a wide range of tasks being completed. During early Autumn the new 14<sup>th</sup> Green complex was completed. A huge undertaking for the green keeping team, but with guidance from Tom Mackenzie(architect) and Marcus Terry (First Construction) the highly detailed design plan for the green and surrounds took shape. This Culminated in the project being passed off after extensive site level checks. The green has since been over seeded with green cores and a Bent grass seed mix. Top dressed and is currently being rolled in preparation for further top dressing, seeding and hand mowing. Completing the construction early has enabled the team to prepare for the coming season far earlier. In addition the purchase of the over seeder will enable us to repair and improve a wide variety of the playing surfaces throughout the courses. The dry spell throughout February gave us the opportunity to Verti Drain all the greens on both courses. This has improved the drainage of the greens dramatically. At present all the tees, on both courses have been topdressed, oversown and fertilised with a slow release granular fertiliser. I addition, all the fairways, tees and approaches have been aerated in preparation for the extensive over seeding programme that will be carried out on all areas of the course. After wear patterns were established on the new holes permanent pathways have been constructed along the routes. A new path for the route to the new 17<sup>th</sup> tee is under construction at present time. Pathway ends have all been layed ready to be seeded as well the reinstatement of the pedestrian path from the 1<sup>st</sup> tee. This will also be seeded to improve the appearance of the area. The removal of the gorse in front of the 1<sup>st</sup> tee was carried out to improve the view from the tee as well as to utilise a larger percentage of the tee surface. Selective tree removal has been carried out throughout the courses with the same aims. So in conclusion, lots of work has been carried out and plenty more needs to be done to improve the courses and maximise their true potential.

### Oakmere Bar & Catering

Mothering Sunday 31st March  
2019

1 Course -	£10.95
2 Course -	£14.95
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### Jamie Jarvis - Range

Every Wednesday night from 5:30-8pm is Balls & Pint night - £5 for 100 balls and a pint, glass of wine or soft drink

Improvement of the grassed area – over the next few months the grass area at the bottom of the range will be undergoing a big improvement plan. This should bring a much cleaner, crisper grassed surface perfect to practice from. This along with the comfortable furniture and hopefully sunshine will help improve your practice sessions

### Oakmere Pro-Shop



March 7th saw the arrival of the NEW Ping G410 equipment.

We are a full Ping fitting centre and can custom fit any Ping iron or wood.  
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UNDER ARMOUR and CALLAWAY clothing will be arriving during this coming week and will be displayed on the new wall in the ProShop. A nice selection along with youths clothing will be in stock