



OAKMERE

# Oakmere Golf Club

## Club Newsletter

June 2019

### *Daryl St John-Jones Director of Golf*

As previously reported the rain has made a massive improvement to all the non irrigated areas, especially the fairways. Although not back to their former glory, before the drought, they are considerably better than most of our competitors. Well done Richard and his team and also thanks to the members who are showing their appreciation and passing on their thanks to them personally. They really do appreciate it.

14th Hole & new course layout is now open. The green should putt quite smoothly albeit a little slower than the rest of the course. We are hoping the new grass will be able to sustain the traffic on the course however we intend to increase the size of the putting surface at the front, as it is greens-grade grass, and therefore take the pressure off the back section in the winter if we have to.

If our customers find the walk too onerous from the 16<sup>th</sup> green (old 15<sup>th</sup>) to the 17<sup>th</sup> we may consider building a new green backing into the bottom of the hill like we did with the 7th. The only negative to this would be leaving the pond a little stranded 70 yds short of the green. To be reviewed and discussed at the end of the season.

The postponed Notts PGA Pro Am has been re-scheduled to August 13th

### *Michael Douglas Admirals Club Captain*

The season is now in full swing. Wow what a scorcher, in so many ways, for Captain's Day. The weather was absolutely fabulous and the day matched the weather. At the time of writing the auction raised the great amount of £2190.00. Can I thank everyone who contributed to my named charity- Dementia U.K. I am delighted by the lovely feedback from members and their families. I said when I became Captain that I wanted people to enjoy both their golf and all the activities at Oakmere and I feel that Captain's Day delivered both. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who helped me during the day but I would like to especially thank our Pro's Andy Willey and Jamie Jarvis who gave of their time willingly on the day and they contributed to the successful atmosphere of the day- despite Jamie suffering from heat stroke!

The course is looking and playing fantastic. I would like to thank and congratulate Richard and his green staff for all their continued hard work.

The Admirals club has been successful on the golf course. We won the Gedling Borough Challenge in May, we are currently in first place in the Summer League and the Scratch Team and Foursome teams are performing well.

The St. George's and Waterloo Opens were well attended and very good events. The Oakmere team also finished second in the Notts. Alliance and individually Will Mackie finished in second place in the individual order of merit.

The next upcoming event is the Captain's Away Day at Woodsome Hall on the 12<sup>th</sup> of July. I'm currently completing final arrangements for what I hope will be another good event. A reminder that the Captain's Away weekend is on July 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> at Forest Pines. There is currently a spare place if anyone would like to attend.

If there is anything I can do to help in your enjoyment please feel free to have a word with me or better still discuss it over a pint of beer!

Happy Golfing.

### *Pat Sear Club Lady Captain*

The golfing season is now well underway. We have held several mixed competitions most of them well supported. The Charlton Trophy was won by Colin & Julie Walden and Lesley & Lloyd Young. Banner Kirkham trophy was won by Alan Hall and Lynne Marlow. The Blue Ribbon was won by Colin and Julie Walkden and the Stan Wright by Crawford Hunter and Julie Walkden. Very well done to all of them.

My away day on 11th June at Rufford had to be cancelled due to the inclement weather the course being waterlogged. We will try to reschedule

### *Gary Oscroft Admirals Secretary*

All the course works are now completed and the new course layout came into play on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

The course was re-classified in early June 2019. The new SSS ratings for the new course layout are Black 73; White 72; Yellow 70 and Red 73. The course has also been slope assessed ready for the new World Handicap System which will commence in November 2020.

Regarding GPS updates for the alterations to the Admirals Course, I have been in contact with Sky Caddie; Garmin; Bushnell and Tom-Tom re the new course layout with a view to having the entire new layout on their GPS systems ASAP.

The recent St Georges Day and Waterloo Open proved to be a great success with members and visitors alike. The next events of note are as follows: -

1. Club Championship Final (36 hole event in one day) – 6<sup>th</sup> July 2019
2. Captain's Away Day (Woodsome Hall) – 12<sup>th</sup> July 2019
3. Captain's Away Week-end (Forest Pines) – 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> July 2019
4. Invitation Day – 18<sup>th</sup> August 2019
5. Junior Open – 30<sup>th</sup> August 2019.
6. Seniors Open – 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019 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.

I hope you are all enjoying your golf.

### *Alan Hall Admirals Seniors Organizer*

Finally we have some rain, and the remaining areas that need it will catch up with the growth of grass. Greens are getting better, patches have joined up, bumps have disappeared and they are running truer, hopefully soon faster.

The new 14th par 4, and 15th par 3 are expected to be in play after 25th June, something I am sure we are all waiting for.

Our Seniors Section has continued to flourish with a slightly above average attendance of our regular Monday competitions, I hope this continues. For new members over 55, we meet 7.30am every Monday morning(except bank holidays) in the Spike Bar. We register and have a draw around 7.50 for the days competition,(all our comps are drawn )which are medals, Stablefords and various team competitions, like 3 from 4, Waltz, Texas scramble and traffic lights to name but a few. First tee is usually around 08.02am. We play regular friendly's against various clubs, all the information can be found on the Seniors Noticeboard in the corridor to changing room.

The Seniors friendlys' are well under way, with wins against Southwell, Trent Lock, Ormonde Field, Carholm but a loss to Springwater. Our winter eclectic was won by Nigel Richardson (nett 59.5), our John Hall memorial trophy was won by Geoff Benson and coming up on July 1st is our medal final. The summer eclectic is into round 5 where the leader is Geoff Benson.

Our seniors compete in the Taskers interclub trophy, where this year our "A" team beat Kedleston 4-3 in round 1, but lost to Branston "A" 4-3 in rnd 2, our "B" team beat Chapel-en-le-Frith in round 1, Chevin away in round 2, but sadly lost to Branston B in round 3, well done to both teams Captained by Alan Hall(A) and Mick Douglas club captain(B).

On 8th and 9th of May 24 of the admirals seniors went to Belton Woods for 2 days of competition, kindly organised by Terry Craggs.

Wed 8th was a best 2 from 4 and on a terrible wet day for golf the winners were Andy Riley, Neil Goodwin, Terry Craggs and Richard Dale. The evening prize giving was highlighted by a raffle draw for a brand new tm m4 driver provided by Yourgolftavel. The winner was Mel Bower, and the raffle proceeds of £115 was presented to vice captain Bob McEwen to be passed onto captain Mike Douglas for his charity of Dementia UK. Day 2 had much better weather, and was a singles Stableford competition, and won by Gary Oscroft, thanks to all Seniors who played

and enjoyed a great away break at an excellent hotel. Hopefully we can run another break next year.

Our seniors open is this year on Monday September 2nd, so for all seniors fill in your entry forms and get practicing.

## Colin Ross Commanders Club Captain

Finally a spell of good weather as the longest day arrives and with the recent mixture of sunshine and showers the course now looks in great condition. Thank you for the hard work and effort from the Green Keeping staff.

On the 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> May 2019 - 36 Oakmere members travelled to Telford Golf Resort for our annual Captains Away Weekend. There was some fantastic Golf played which led to outstanding scoring. Individual Daily winners were Friday – Mark Shaw (42pts), Saturday – Ian Hirst (40pts) and Sunday - William (LoL) Bennett (44pts). Congratulations to our Overall Winner Ian Hirst (116pts), Runner-up William (LoL) Bennett (113pts on Countback) and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Mark Shaw (113pts). An immense well done to everyone who participated in the weekend and producing a fantastic atmosphere, a really enjoyable occasion. We look forward to what Raph has in store for us next year.

Special thanks to Roy Griffin for an unforgettably brilliant and entertaining fines session, and Raph Richards who did a superb job supporting and with the Charity Raffle. Plus Jim and Gordon Taylor for supporting and assisting all weekend. And a massive thanks to everyone for digging deep. We had a fantastic result in raising **£2040** for our Charity, **Prostate Cancer Research Centre**, well done all©.

On the golf course winners were Raph Richards (Winter Eclectic), Owen Tucker and Ray Hodkin (Winter Cup) and Jim Kirkham (Nottingham Pro-am alliance - Senior Order of Merit). Other Club Trophy winners include Ian Keasley (Grimes Trophy), Colin Smart (Illinois Trophy), Chris Davies (Balfour Beatty Rose Bowl), Richard Davis (Charity Cup), David Voller (Leslie Trophy) and Gordon Taylor (Jim Taylor Cup). Congratulations to all other competition winners please check Master Scoreboard for further information.

Our Taskers Trophy Team had an excellent win over Brierley Forest at home before bowing out in difficult conditions at Chatsworth. Our summer competitions including knock-outs and best of series event are progressing nicely with Owen Tucker (Hardy Trophy) and David Voller (Staythorpe Ashes) leading at the moment. Up and coming event is our Annual Charity Texas Scramble, Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019. I hope we can rely on your continued support and make this another great day.

Please enjoy the course and conditions. Play well everyone!

## Susan Scott Commanders Lady Club Captain

Our Wednesdays have been beaten mainly by the weather. My Captain's day was cancelled earlier this month because of heavy rain and the threat of thunder and lightning and hopefully will take place on 24<sup>th</sup> July. This was a real unavoidable disappointment. Our away day on the Ramsdale par 3 course was also cancelled due to the adverse weather and rearranged for mid July. We managed a lovely away day to Springwater GC in May and with the sun shining and a good fun game, was deemed a success. We have played 2 Bronze League matches, the first was abandoned due to torrential rain and water logged greens (points shared with Chilwell Manor G C) and the return match at Chilwell we unfortunately lost. The support from the Commanders Ladies has been amazing and even when the golf has been cancelled we have met up in numbers in the Cubhouse celebrating birthdays, including Lois Lightfoot's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

My vision now is for some settled weather so we are able to play catch up with our competitions and move forward with our golf.

## Junior Golf

It's been a great start to the year for all the junior golfers at the club with quite a few playing well & reducing their handicaps.



Junior Captain Nathan Fox has set a great example, representing Notts U18s in two county matches, coming 2nd in the Jack Prescott Trophy u18 gross competition at Chilwell Manor GC, winning the Wardman Trophy at Radcliffe-on-Trent GC, being the gross score winner at the Beeston Fields Junior Open and 3rd gross in the Cyril Sellick Memorial Trophy at Rufford Park GC, where Jamie Whitmore came 2nd Nett with a very creditable seven under score Somehow Nathan also finds time to represent the Admirals GC in both the mens' Scratch and Summer League teams.

Jorja Newbold continues to improve and impress winning both the Notts Schools Championship at Sherwood GC and the Stanedge GC Junior Masters, where Oakmere juniors Fraser Youens & Finn Aspinall came 2nd (Gross) & 3rd (Nett). Jorja had a good winter winning the overall Order of Merit in the Oakmere Winter Series of Open competitions. This series of six, monthly competitions proved most successful with visiting juniors coming from as far as Hull, Bridgenorth, Woodhall Spa and more locally Coxmoor and Hollinwell. Playing in the Notts Schools Championships Jorja had the best nett score of 66 which meant she qualified to represent Notts in the Midlands Counties Schools Competition. At Oakmere she came 2nd in a strong field at the St George's Day Open. In the recent NCLGA Girls & Intermediate Girls Championship, held at Oakmere, Jorja came 2nd (Nett), losing only on countback.



Our younger juniors are also winning. Jack Bradley came 1st & Heath Dixon 2nd at the recent 10 hole event at the Beeston Fields Open, and Owen Cooper & Heath Dixon picked up 2nd & 3rd prizes on the Nippers Tour when it was held at Oakmere.

Oakmere is one of only four clubs in the county to participate in the new Nottinghamshire GolfSixes League, in which three pairs of players play Texas Scramble format, over 6 holes, in eight matches. This is aimed at those players who are still quite new to the game and handicaps of 36+.

Three matches have been played so far and it is proving very popular with both players & parents. Unlike most of the golf the juniors play there is an emphasis on team work, so many life & social skills are developed at the same time.

The juniors' success is in no small measure down to the quality of coaching delivered by Jamie Jarvis. Recently he teamed up with Fraser Youens, Jamie Whitmore & Henry Keaton to play in the Norwood Pro-Am where they came 2nd. Jamie also guided the Oakmere Junior team of Jorja, Sam Jacklin, Fraser, Jamie and Finn Aspinall to a 3-2 win over Sherwood Juniors in the Notts Junior League. (next game Coxmoor at home, 13th July)



As can be read here Oakmere Admirals Junior Golfers are travelling far and wide representing their club and county, and with the wider support of the rest of the club and its members the juniors will continue to go from strength to strength. Well done to all concerned and may the wins keep coming and those handicaps keep tumbling.

## Womens Golf

SheCanGolf Beginners & Returners group 'fore!' Women, Girls & family golf groups at Oakmere

Range & practice ..Every Thursday 6 - 7pm £5pp & Saturday On Course lesson 3 - 4.30pm £8pp Coaching with Jamie Jarvis on all aspects of the golf game with a focus on getting everyone out on the Course as quickly as possible for a quicker 9 holes or to 'stay & play' more holes.

Many in the SheCanGolf group are in their 2nd year now & are really getting hooked on golf and enjoying a full calendar of golf&social events together at Oakmere & other courses... which is great! We plan regular 'golf taster' fun sessions & flexible coaching times for women with an aim to raise the awareness of golf for women and meet today's busy working & family lifestyles.

The GirlsGolfRocks group is a girls only group for girls aged 5 - 18years & runs every Sunday at 11am - 12. GirlsGolfRocks is an England Golf and Golf Foundation initiative & is growing year by year nationally, which is great! Oakmere recently held a GirlsGolfRocks 'free' golf taster with Jamie Jarvis coaching with the option of 6 follow on lessons for £35pp with a free 9 iron club given to all girls who sign up & show commitment to completing the six sessions. England Golf also offered a GirlsGolfRocks Ambassador training at Oakmere in May to support new girls and four of our regular Oakmere Junior Girls attended & were awarded with a certificate, goody bag and a GirlsGolfRocks golf polo shirt on completion. The new Ambassadors are enjoying this new role and are doing really well.

Thanks to all members at Oakmere for your continued support and spreading the word to grow the game of golf we all enjoy so much! Follow SheCanGolf & GirlsGolfRocks posts on Facebook and the Oakmere website.



## Richard Bond Head GreenKeeper

The aim at the start this season was simple, to improve the quality of all aspects of both courses. With this in mind a comprehensive integrated programme of aeration, fertilisation, herbiciding and overseeding was implemented.

The aeration programme was completed by mid April, next came the fertilisation. All areas except the rough have had applications of fertiliser ranging from liquid feeds on the fairways 13-0-7 and 7-0-7+Te. Whilst on the Greens, tees, approaches and surrounds applications of granular slow release 22-3-12 and Cold Start post emergent 11-3-24 3%Fe+Mg were applied. These areas were then supplemented with further applications of the liquid feeds. This programme has illustrated that the surrounds and approaches require almost the same frequency and application rates as the greens, to maintain/establish a denser sward of grass. These applications of fertiliser took a while to come to fruition with low soil temperatures through until the end of May.

The next stage in the process was overseeding. The timing, depth and application rates (15-25gm per msq) are of paramount importance for optimum germination and establishment. The overseeding was carried out on all areas of the courses. Consultation with the specialists from Rigby Taylor advised the use of a multi-cultivar mix, this was oversown on the tees, surrounds approaches and fairways. This comprised of perennial rye grasses, creeping perennial rye grasses, slender creeping red fescue and hard fescues. These will all establish at different rates and have specific characteristics; drought tolerance, cold tolerance, disease resistant, shade tolerant, rapid establishment, wear tolerant and winter colour. This mixture will ensure year round performance from all these specific locations on the golf course.

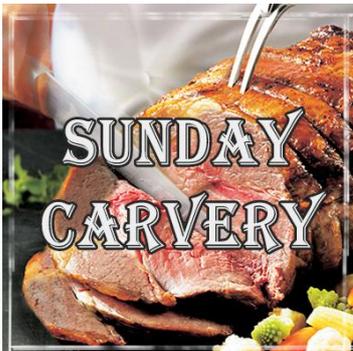
The greens were oversown with a combination of Bent seed and an ultra fine rye grass. All of the seed was applied using the new overseeder at the specific rates required. The results have been very impressive with a far greater depth of sward being established throughout all areas of the courses.

I would just like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of the current green keeping team. They have all shown a tremendous amount of enthusiasm, commitment & skill which has improved the quality across all areas of the courses.

## Oakmere Bar & Catering



Parties and Functions – Free room hire for Members  
Come and enjoy your event at Oakmere



Carvery every Sunday 12 – 3pm – Please speak to a member of the Bar Staff to book your table.

## Jamie Jarvis – Range & ProShop

Jamie would like to say a huge thank you to the members that have supported the ProShop over the last few months.

His Shop is constantly introducing new brands and new initiatives to keep things fresh and interesting for all the members.

The shop now has a huge selection of brands including Titleist, TaylorMade, Ping, Callaway, Wilson and Cobra and has the demo clubs and GC2 launch monitor to give a top class club fitting service – so think Oakmere before elsewhere!

We can also order anything that we dont have in stock so please ask if there is anything you have seen – this will all help!

Look out for his **flash sales** over this summer – currently trousers are on sale at £35 for any pair, along with junior clothing which has 20% off anything in stock and 10% off any orders.

Over the next few months Nike clothing will be included in this sale and much more – pop in store and dont miss out!

He currently has a 2019 Open Titleist Pro V ball draw to win a dozen for only £2.00 entry.

And soon to start a huge draw for a beautiful LIMITED EDITION TAYLORMADE OPEN 2019 TOUR BAG worth £400



## Jamie Jarvis - Range

The range is doing very well so thank you again to all the members support. Recently we ran a successful nearest the pin competition won by Matt Fox during Captains Day.

Dont miss HAPPY HOUR from 3-5:30 everyday at only £3.00 for 100 balls.

Regular users may benefit by purchasing a range card which reduces basket prices by up to £1.00 per basket – available from the ProShop.

The grass area of the range is improving and now being cut to 12mm to make the surface even better and true to life, keep your eye out for more improvements down there during the summer – drinks from the bar can be taken down there and use of the tables and chairs is encouraged.

