



# OakmERE Park Golf Club

**Newsletter Commanders Club**

**January 2012**

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

## Golf Days out 2012

Following the success of the reciprocal golf days we organised last year I have been in negotiation with a number of courses for this year and I am pleased to be able to confirm 5 more for this year.

Kettering G.C Friday 18th May.  
Ashby Decoy G.C Friday 1st June  
Grimsby G.C Friday 13th July  
Glen Gorse G.C Friday 17th August.  
Birstall G.C Friday 14th September.

There are at least 30 places available for each event.

The format for each day out will be ;  
Breakfast on arrival  
18 Holes golf.  
2 course meal.  
£150 towards prize fund.

The cost for each day out will be £20 excluding Ashby Decoy & Birstall which will be 27 holes but will also incl. lunch and that will be £25.

If you would like to enter any or all of these days please put your name on the sheets in the corridor and pay on your card in the shop. Alternatively if you have funds on your card you can e mail back and I'll do it for you. If you do not have funds on your card you can phone the Proshop with a credit card and they will sort it out for you. We expect to be fully subscribed and places will be drawn and your card will be re-credited if unsuccessful.

### Free Golf at Buxton & Gorsty Hill.

I have re-negotiated with Buxton & High Peak Golf Club and Gorsty Hill and any of our members will receive free golf when playing either of these courses. Contact them for a tee time and ask us to send a confirmation of your membership.

### Birstall G.C.

I have also agreed with the Chairman of Birstall that any of our members can play Birstall G.C for only £5 per round max. 3 visits per year. Contact them for a tee time and ask us to send a confirmation of your membership and take proof of your valid membership card and i.d.

## Golf Insurance

There was a recent case in Scotland where a golfer was hit and blinded in his eye and he won a landmark case and was awarded £397,000 damages.

We ask our members, as a condition of membership, that they take out golf insurance to protect themselves against third party claims.

If you do not already have insurance in place I have negotiated with our insurance company and we can offer our members cover for up to £5,000,000 for only £9.50 per annum and that also covers you for any golf course in the UK not just at OakmERE Park.

If you would like to take out this cover you can pay in the Pro shop using your members card and the rate charged will be pro-rata for your membership year i.e £7.15 to 1/11/2012. This service will be offered in future upon membership renewal each year.

**Gordon Taylor Commanders Club Captain**

Well here I am again writing a report for the Newsletter but this time as Captain. When the Captaincy was passed to me by Geoff Steel at the Turkey Trot on 18<sup>th</sup> December, I was extremely appreciative of the good wishes that went along with it, both from Geoff, and from all members present. I said – and meant – that I will do everything I can to ensure that the success of the club continues.

Well the success continued during my Christmas break with a win for the club over the seniors by a very narrow margin of 13 points. Thanks to Jim, Geoff and others for organising that good start.

Then along came the Captain's drive off on 2<sup>nd</sup> January. Thirty members turned up to play after they had guessed (with their charity money backing them ) how far I would drive the ball. The event raised £60 on the day with another £10 being cajoled from members who guessed later. A great start for my charity, which this year is, The Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire Air Ambulance Service. Thank you all.

I wasn't going to mention that I only hit the ball 90 yards left and that Geoff Steel won the bottle of whisky. If I hadn't though I am sure there would have been some comment made.

I must also thank all those members who continue to bring me balls, which they do not want for themselves, which also go to charities. During 2011 I was able to let them have over 200 dozen ( yes almost 2500 ) balls which they are most grateful for.

Overall folks a good start to 2012. We have a good sociable club that anyone would be proud to be a member. I will do my best to keep it that way and I hope you will support me in my efforts.

**Geoff Steel Commanders Seniors Captain**

First and foremost Happy New Year to everyone from myself and Steve Cornish my Vice Captain and hope you all have a good golfing year most of all enjoy yourselves win, lose or draw.

A big thankyou to Jack Bust who had an excellent year as Captain last year and hope he gets his health problems sorted as soon as possible also to wish all incoming Captains and Vice Captains successful years in office.

The last few weeks have been very busy over the festive season with somewhat very windy playing conditions as well

Friday 16th Dec saw the Annual Turkey Trot take place once again a fantastic turnout of nearly 60 players with The team of Ken Corkish, Terry Smart and Jim Taylor taking the spoils in the Texas Scramble. Once again a 3ball wins this team event.

20th Dec Stableford Div 1 Bill Weir 37pts Div 2 Vic Lewin 35pts

23rd Dec Stableford Div1 O Tucker 33pts Div 2 K Morris 28pt

27th Dec some 18members turned out for the Stableford with C Davies Div 1 Winner 36pts and C.Smart Div 2 with agreat 42pts

30th Club/Seniors Close match with the club winning by 13pts although a number of seniors played for the club a very enjoyable day and an exceptional score of 44pts fro A Medley who was duly chopped R Clarke winning Div 2 39pts

6th January Stableford Div 1 K Harbord 37pts Div 2 M Thorpe 35pts

10th January Stableford Div 1 P. Riley 36pts Div 2 J. Ellis 38pts

There will of course be the usual number of matches home and away during the season so please, please put your names down on the sheets for these matches. You play different courses with a meal after the match at a very reasonable cost and you will thoroughly enjoy the day at the same time supporting your captain and vice captain and the Commanders Seniors. Look forward to seeing you on match days.

There will be a couple of fund raising events on the calender and I intend to pass

the proceeds on to Gordon Taylor your Club Captain whose charity this year is the Notts/Lincolnshire Air Ambulance.

Look forward to seeing you all throughout the year

### *Carol Buchan Commanders Lady Club Captain*

#### **CAPTAIN'S DRIVE OFF**

On a cold January morning we all met at 8.15 am -it was just getting light- whose idea was this !!! At least it didn't rain.

Gordon drove first, followed by myself .We were very consistent-almost identical drives.Say no more!!!! -that's it until Captain's Day in June.

Thanks to everyone who came to support us -it was very much appreciated.

Thanks to Joan and Margaret and the Committee for running the club in January while I am away .

Here's to an OLYMPIC YEAR

### *Richard Bond Course Manager*

I would first of all like to thank all the members for there care on the golf course throughout and exceptionally busy Christmas period. The wet weather and the amount of traffic could have had a potentially devastating effect on the golf course. Of course there are specific areas that have become worn, but without all of your co-operation the damage would have been far worse.

Work on course improvements has continued with the installation of a sleeper face on the large fairway bunker on 6<sup>th</sup>. Fescue grasses have been planted in the surroundings and in between the sleepers, extra heather will also been introduced. The bunker should be back in play once these have established. In addition the small pot bunkers on the left of the 6<sup>th</sup> fairway have been in filled with resident fescue grasses to match the grasses already in place on the mounds. These will also remain GUR until they have established.

A wash down bay for cleaning off all the machinery has also been completed in-house this has been located by the pump house.

The final sections of the dead gorse have been removed from the Admirals course with further tree planting in some of these locations. There are only a few isolated patches on the Commanders left to complete.

Pathway repairs are imminent we are waiting for a spell of dry weather to allow us to carry out the repairs and resurfacing required.

The compressor for the shoe cleaning hoses has a broken belt, a replacement has been ordered before Christmas we are simply awaiting its arrival. (an alternative source/make of belt was sourced but kept slipping)

Fairway aeration and brushing will continue throughout January due the limited growth during this period.

### *Martyn Brown Pro-Shop Manager*

The winter months of January and February are always very exciting for us Golf Professionals. Many of the leading equipment manufactures are releasing new equipment this month and we are first to get our hands on it. We are looking forward to Taylor Made releasing their new R11 S range. As members of Oakmere Park you are automatically entitled to try these amazing new woods and have a custom fit session. Also with summer round the corner golfers are starting to think about sharpening up their golf games by taking a few lessons and having their equipment checked. If you would like to find out what we can do for your game and the services we offer at Oakmere Park please pop in to the shop and ask.

#### Free Golf Coaching for adults and juniors

Oakmere Park Golf have been given sponsorship by the English Golf Union because of their Golf Mark award to give free golf lessons to juniors under the age of 18 and also separate lessons for adults to learn.

There will be five free two hour group classes offered but spaces are strictly limited. The classes are open to people of all ages, male or female and are for beginners.

#### The date and time of the sessions are:

##### Juniors in half term week

Monday 13th Feb 10am-12pm

Tuesday 14th Feb 10am-12pm

Wednesday 15th Feb 10am-12pm

Thursday 16th Feb 10am-12pm

Friday 17th 10am-12pm

##### Adults

Saturday 28th Jan 10am -12pm

Saturday 4th Feb 10am -12pm

Saturday 11th Feb 10am -12pm

Saturday 18th Feb 10am -12pm

Saturday 25th Feb 10am -12pm

All equipment and golf balls will be provided free of charge

To book please contact Oakmere Park on

0115 965 3545 or email [proshop@oakmerepark.co.uk](mailto:proshop@oakmerepark.co.uk)

### *Alan & Jackie Bar & Catering*

Not very often we can say what a good winter we have had so far weather wise, but up to yet the weather has been kind to us.

We hope you had a good Christmas and Happy New year to you all.

There was a good turn out for the Turkey Trot, the course was a little tricky for most players.

The Rotary Club evening was very successful and Jeff Brinklow has booked again for next year, thankyou.

It was nice to be serving lots of Christmas meals after so many cancellation last year due to the snow. The club house looked extremely festive.

Thank you to the Admirals and Commanders Mens and Ladies for their support during 2011 and thanks to Chaddy for his charity day in aid of Chernobyl.

The weather was good for the Captains Drive in on new Years day, good luck to Mick Snell and Julie Walkden in their Captaincy for 2012.

Thank you to my staff for all their help during 2011.