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Opening Day

Ladies' - Thursday, April 13, 2006

Doing things a little bit differently this year, the WGA of Oakmont Country Club teed off on Thursday, April 13th at 3:00 PM for a 9-hole scramble. Ten threesomes participated, playing the front nine holes. Interestingly enough, the scores for the 10 groups ranged from 40 to 44. So a match of cards was necessary to determine the prize winners.

1st place winners: Bonnie Heinecke, Barbara Russell and Shelly Smith – 40*

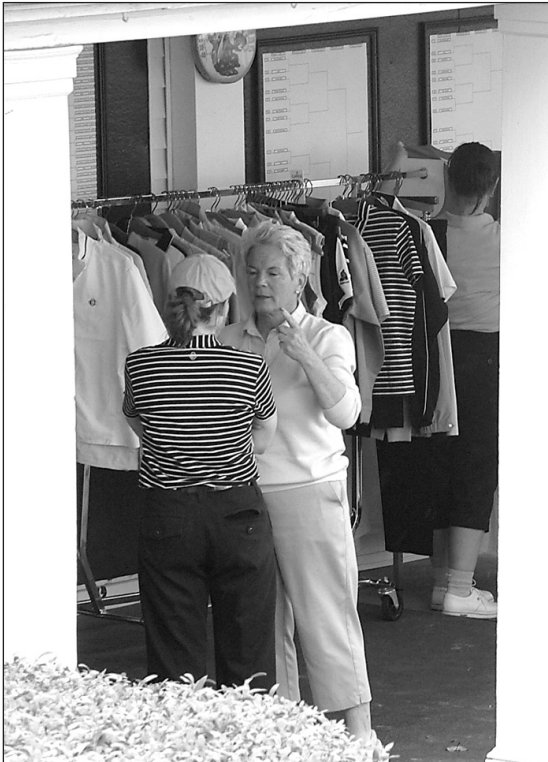
2nd place winners: Beth Bergman, Patty Gilbert and Donna Schano – 40*

3rd place winners: Marita Brunner, Joan Dudreck and Carolyn Molingowski – 41*

*= *Match of cards*

Fortunately the rain held off until most of the ladies had finished their nine holes of play.

After golf, the ladies gathered in the NEW Fownes Room for cocktails, dinner and a fashion show. The Golf Shop's Ann Vanzant had arranged a sale of ladies fashions prior to the event and arranged for the fashion show during dinner. WGA President Donna Schano, Golf Chairperson Laurin Moore and Oakmont Professional Bob Ford also addressed the group.



The Golf Shop's Ann Vanzant offered special sale items to the ladies on Opening Day.



Arlene Kaufman, Patty Gilbert and Nancy McGough sample the hors d'oeuvres after a chilly 9-hole scramble.



WGA President Donna Schano opens the 2006 meeting with a warm welcome to all participating golfers.

From The Red Tees Down South...

Recently, Mitzi Hofmann and 3 of her guests played in the member-guest tournament at Ocean Hammock Golf Club, just south of St. Augustine, Florida.

The team of Mitzi Hofmann and Beth Bergman won their flight in the tournament. The team of Mitzi Hofmann and Nicki Nigro won the OVERALL Event Championship.

Congratulations to these Oakmont girls and their links achievements! Just one question, Mitzi: who was the member of the foursome that didn't win?

Opening Day

Men's - Saturday, April 15, 2006

It all started with a sumptuous buffet breakfast in the "serving annex" of the exquisitely re-done Main Ballroom that began at 7:30 a.m.

Then the men of Oakmont participated in a Town Hall Meeting that was conducted by President Bill Griffin and included presentations by General Manager Tom Wallace, Grounds Superintendent John Zimmers, General Chairman of the 2007 U.S. Open Championship, Mickey Pohl and Club Treasurer Jack Shilling.

Following that, competition formed for the 2006 playing of the Dr. George Gregg Memorial tournament, an Oakmont Opening Day ritual. 112 golfers participated in 5-somes and 6-somes. Results were as follows:



Don Birrell, Regis McKenzie, Lukas Georgiadis, Mark Bope, Bruce McGough and Rob Hofmann enjoy the breakfast tune-up for the golf day ahead.

1st place – 128

Nevin Moore
Jim Petraitis
Glenn Ride
Bob Stewart
Dick Thompson
Bill Versaw

2nd Place - 130

Ed Gregg
Jeff Joki
Frank Kroboth
Tom Miller
Arne Thomas

3rd place – 131

Harry Alverson
Chris Benec
John Dagenhard
Bob Ford
Barry Hackett
Rich Space

4th Place – 132

Ken Brondyke
Chris George
Dave Hartman
Scott Lamond
Regis McKenzie
Norm Stephen

5th Place – 134

Rich Berglund
Dan Biondi
Danny Biondi
Mickey Pohl
Ed Stack



John Fitzgerald (foreground) and quite a number of other members listen intently to the "Town Hall" presentations on Men's Opening Day.

Photo right: Club President Bill Griffin outlines the Opening Day agenda for members attending the Town Hall meeting prior to their 10:00 a.m. shotgun start.



SKILL PRIZES

Closest To Hole, 0-18 Handicap

Dave Houck 1'4"
Terry Griffin 8'9"
Rick Dell 8'
Bob Heltzel 8'5"

HOLE

#6
#8
#13
#16

Closest To Hole, 19-36 Handicap

Barry Hackett 5'7"
Ken Brondyke 7'
Barry Hackett 17'1"

Longest Drive, 0-18 Handicap

Jim Sullivan, Jr.

#18

Longest Drive, 19-36 Handicap

Don Stoner

Clubhouse Grand Re-Opening Gala!

Friday, April 21, 2006

GET IT READY!



This time, it was FUN to pay the piper! (George Balderose)



We'll take excellent care of every car! (l to r) Jeff Laslow, John Ladik, Sonny Maggio, Anthony Razzano, Phil Calabrese



The wine tasting station is manned and ready by Tony Orgal.



A touch of decadence for dessert!



Someone once said; "Presentation is everything!"



Chef Tom says: "Here's a little something I whipped up just for you!"

Clubhouse Grand Re-Opening Gala!

Friday, April 21, 2006

O.K. LET'S LET THEM IN!



Administrative Assistant Judy Folk furnishes Nancy Goudy and Julia Alexander with the Clubhouse Grand Re-Opening memento which was available for everyone attending the event.



Arrivals Bob Golier and several of his guests.



Finishing their repasts are Nancy and Bill Succop and their guests.



Lois Alverson offers a comment. At her table are: Chick Johnston, Betty Johnston talking to Barry and Jane Hackett, and Jim and Lois Simmermon.



Bill Van Duzer makes his comments to the table of Jeannine Space, Wayne and Diane Blackwell, Sharon Jaynes, Dr. Jim Hagan and Jacki Stoner.



Enjoying the evening are Robert and Patricia Walsh and guest.

Bunker to Bunker

By BOB FORD

Color, Color, and MORE COLOR!!!!

1. New Adidas Shoes for Men and Women

Don't miss the new **Tour 360** shoe for men in the limited edition colors of "Steeler" Black and Gold, Masters Green, and Carolina Blue: \$175.00.

The "**Driver**" shoe has arrived for women, has a new slimmer and sleeker silhouette and is available in yellow, silver, and bone: \$89.00

2. Adidas Clima Cool Knit Shirts

The #1 selling shirt of 2005 is back for both men and women in 2006. Designed to keep you cool and dry, easy to care for, and available with both OCC logo and 2007 U.S. Open logo. \$60.00-\$68.00

3. Zanella Trousers for Men

New for 2006, elegant tissue weight wool slacks in various solids and patterns: \$285.00

4. TaylorMade R7 425 and R7 460 Driver

Large 425cc and 460cc club head offers exceptional forgiveness for consistently long and straight results. New TaylorMade RE*AX shaft promotes greater stability and shot consistency: \$399.00

5. Reversible Wind Shirt

Zero Restriction is offering a water-proof reversible wind shirt with the OCC logo on one side, and the U.S. Open logo on the other side: \$150.00

6. U.S. Open Coaster Set

Looking for a special gift to celebrate Oakmont's 17th major championship?? Don't miss the Art and Stone 2007 U.S. Open commemorative set of coasters that are beautifully packaged in a souvenir wood box: \$68.00

7. Callaway Golf Fusion FT3 Driver

Experience the new technology from Callaway that helped Phil Mickelson win the 2006 Masters. A carbon composite body coupled with an ultra hot titanium face makes this a must have this season: \$400.00

8. Lily Pulitzer

A classic favorite has just arrived for women. Perfect for golf or resort wear. Lily's offers knit polos and skirts in their traditional colors of pink and lime green: \$54.00 - \$88.00

9. Tehama "Hangem" Dry Knit Shirts

Wonderfully comfortable and easy care, this fabric is available in ladies' short sleeve and sleeveless knit shirts and men's short sleeve mock turtlenecks all with the U.S. Open logo: \$59.00

10. U.S. Open Sharpie

Don't tee it up without marking your ball with one of the new U.S. Open "sharpies": \$3.00

Demo Days

This season we will have a full schedule of demo days to allow you to come out and try all models from the top manufacturers. The demo day schedule is as follows:

Callaway: Saturday, May 20th
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Ping: Sunday, May 28th
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Cleveland: Saturday, June 10th
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Remember Mother's Day Sunday May 14th

*Great Gift Ideas for Mom
from the Golf Shop*

New Pair of Ecco Golf Shoes

Ping G5 Driver

Maxfli Noodle Ice Ball

Lily Pulitzer Outfit

Jack Rogers Sandals

Sun Mountain Super Light Golf Bag

Adidas Clima Cool Knit Shirt

Lesson Package

from one of our Golf Professionals



We welcome back **John Stafford** as one of our Assistant Professionals this year.

John was an intern with us last year under Jon Migely and is returning for his second season at Oakmont. Born in Charlotte, North Carolina and raised in Overland Park, Kansas, he is a recent graduate of Mississippi State University, with a degree in Marketing with an emphasis in Professional Golf Management, and a Class A Member of the PGA.

Fairway Feats

- Congratulations to **Rob Leppert** who had a hole-in-one on #16 on April 9th. He hit a Rescue 2 from 210 yards.
- Congratulations to **Steve Clites** who had a hole-in-one on #13 on Saturday, April 22nd. Achieved with a 7-iron.

WELCOME New Member!

Steve Dean (Social Member)
Resides in Mt. Lebanon
(Sponsored by Matt Kluck)

CADDIE CORNER

By JOHN MIGELY



One of the most unique features of Oakmont Country Club is our outstanding caddie program. This program has endured almost as long as the Club itself. (Early records of Oakmont's first caddies dates back to Mr. Fownes playing the course in 1904. (See photo.)

Our program has had numerous outstanding caddies throughout its history. Some more notable, like J.P., receive the publicity and notoriety that they deserve. But, many others, who deserve more recognition, just do their jobs, day-after-day and continue to receive a quiet appreciation from Club members and guests alike.

From time-to-time, in this column, we'd like to tell you more about some of our outstanding caddies and some of the unique stories that surround them.

Here is one of those:

In the summer of 2005, former Pirate Pitcher Kent Tekulve was playing golf at Oakmont as a guest of member Jim Knorr. During the round, to his extreme dismay, Tekulve lost his 1979 Pirate World Series ring. He tried to retrace his steps in order to find the ring but all to no avail.

Some days later, Caddie John Golembiewski, a graduate of Penn State, who has been in our program for about five years, was carrying a guest's bag at Oakmont and, in the rough off #1 fairway, he found Tekulve's ring. Obviously, John knew the significance of the ring because he had heard who had lost it. John immediately asked the Golf Shop to contact Kent Tekulve, who was just in the process of ordering a new ring from a supplier. To say that Tekulve was relieved to have his ring returned would be an understatement.

Kent Tekulve rewarded John for his find and also signed some memorabilia for John that reflected his appreciation for his having found the ring.

John Golembiewski, an Evans Scholarship recipient, is just another good example of the integrity and honesty shown by caddies enrolled in the Oakmont Caddie Program.



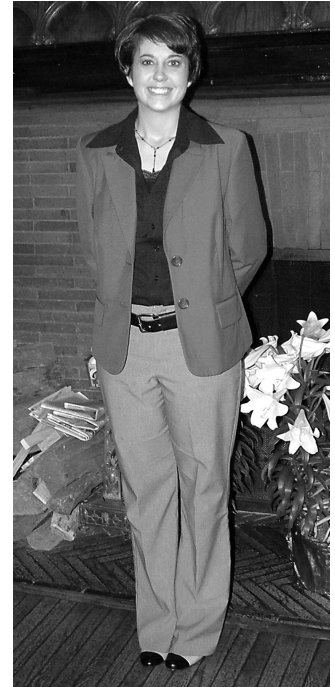
One of a Series:

Our Staff, Up Close and Personal!

She is perky, her smile and demeanor are sparkling and she's Irish! On both sides!

Her name is Katie Keenan and she is Manager- In-Training at our Club. But, don't let the "in training" fool you. Katie is a driven and determined devotee of the hospitality field and she desires to achieve managerial status at some club in the future.

Born in Jeannette, Pa. to a family that includes one sister and two brothers, Katie also presently resides in Jeannette and makes the almost 50-mile round trip to our Club every day.



Katie received her Bachelors of Science degree from IUP in 2004. Even before that, she learned about serving the public with school jobs of bus girl at TGIF and a waitress at a small restaurant/bar in Jeannette. She was inspired by her uncle's job as an executive with Loew's, and, since she enjoys traveling, golf and seeing new places and faces, she applied for and got her first real job at Oakmont Country Club.

"I was really a very shy person when I came to Oakmont," Katie says. "But, I was so quickly made welcome by both the staff and the members, that I believe I've overcome my shyness somewhat. Actually, Brad (Ladik) says now you can't shut me up!"

Katie's duties involve her work with Peggy Schaal in banquets, Mary Agnes in dining, Carl Gurtner and Chris Hampton in hospitality, as well as working directly for General Manager Tom Wallace on upgrading the Club's website.

"I love working on the website," Katie adds. "I'm more of a doer than a watcher and I like to create some new things on the website to better inform the members of what's happening at the club."

"Carl and Chris are also helping me work for my Certified Wine Specialist certificate and I'm hoping to achieve that soon," she says.

Sorry fellas, she has a steady beau. They are engaged, although they haven't set a definite date as yet for the wedding. Katie Keenan, one of our up and coming new staff members at Oakmont. Good luck for the future, Katie.

(Next Issue: Mary Agnes Reiger)

It is with Sincere Regret . . .

We announce the passing of two Oakmont members. We shall never forget them.

Our sympathy to their family and friends:

G. Vance Goble
an Oakmont member since 1968
James W. Murphy, Sr.
an Oakmont member since 1967.

THERE IS A MISTAKE IN THIS ISSUE OF OAKMONT LINKS.....

Most publications similar to our OAKMONT LINKS Newsletter would never intentionally publish a mistake.

Except that we did publish one in this issue. Intentionally.

Our “log” at the bottom right hand side of this page lists the folks responsible for this Newsletter. One of the names listed is that of James W. Murphy, Sr., *Editor Emeritus*. Jim died very shortly before this issue went to press. But, it just didn’t seem right to take his name off the issue.

Jim Murphy, Sr. was the consummate Oakmont member. Member of the Board of Governors, Membership Committee Chairman and, when he was needed to help re-energize this publication, the Editor of the Oakmont Newsletter.

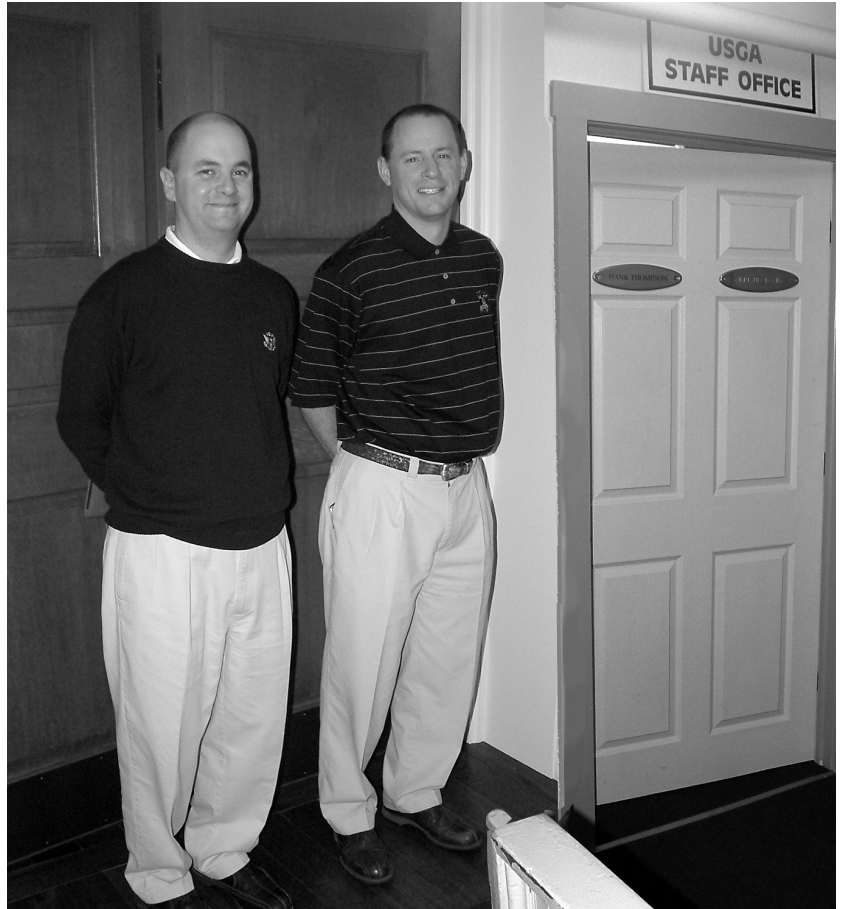
When I joined Oakmont Country Club in the early 1980s I was taken somewhat aback by the appearance of a couple that frequented our Club for lunch, dinner and special events. Jim and his lovely wife, Carol, seemed to me to be sent to the Club by Central Casting. They were the epitome of what country club people should look like. Both well-dressed and never with a hair out of place. And, as I came to know Jim much better over the years, the quiet, confident demeanor accompanying that appearance made him seem to me to be The Gentleman of Oakmont Country Club.

I once read an article about Abraham Lincoln. In it, Lincoln was described as “just like everyone else, grown a little taller.”

Jim Murphy, Sr, Editor Emeritus, was “just like everyone else, grown a little nicer!”

Goodbye, Jim.

Al Dudreck, Executive Editor



U.S.G.A. Office at Oakmont

“Come up and see us!”

Robbie Zalzneck (left) and Hank Thompson stand in front of the USGA Open Office on the third floor of the Oakmont Clubhouse.

The forerunners of what could become a USGA cadre of some 12-15 personnel, Robbie and Hank work on the thousands of details associated with a U.S. Open tournament. Both of them work very closely with Oakmont’s Mickey Pohl, General Chairman of the 2007 U.S. Open.

The Club is still looking for many more members to volunteer for the variety of volunteer jobs needed to conduct this prestigious tournament. If you like, you can stop in at the USGA Office and give them your name!

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MAY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	Member Monday 1	 2	Family Night 3	 4	 5	 6
 7	Member Monday 8	 9	Family Night 10	WGA Team Matches 8:30-10:30 a.m. 11	WGA Event 12	 13
MOTHER'S DAY BUFFET 14	Member Monday 15	 16	Family Night 17	 18	8 a.m. Shotgun Member +3 Guests <hr/> 1:30 p.m. Shotgun Member Only SWAT 19	 20
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