

## President's Notes

The unexpected resignation of Mr. Tim Herzog as Club President earlier this month turned out to be a mere bump in the road, as our Club's methods and procedures have allowed us to rapidly adjust



Ed Shannon

and to transition leadership. By January month's end, we have elected a new Vice President and the final Director to fill out our Board of Directors. The beat goes on! As the "new guy" on the block, I'm still trying to get up to speed on my various duties. I must say I'm very impressed by the kind words of encouragement from members with whom I've had contact and all the offers of help. I've already taken advantage of some of those offers! And I intend to do more.

As pointed out in numerous trade publications, the golf industry in general and private country clubs in particular are having significant difficulties in coping with the recession. I'm pleased to report that Oakbrook Golf & Country Club has steadfastly refused to participate! By forward looking and innovative thinking, the Club management and leadership have put in place programs which are geared toward increased cash flow and increasing Club membership. Your leadership team is committed to sustaining the Club through aggressive actions such as the "Membership Enhancement Program!" While other private clubs are dealing with the recession with antiquated thinking and actions such as dues increases and cumbersome assessments, have you checked your dues lately?

You can rest assured that your leadership team will continue to pursue cutting edge positive thinking to keep us on the right track.

On the right hand side of this page we've included a memo from one of our

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## Sweetheart's Champagne Brunch

Sunday, February 14, 2010 • 10:00am- 1:00pm

*Reservations Required*



### MAIN BUFFET:

Carved Glazed Pit Ham • Bacon & Sausage  
Home Fried Potatoes • Cheese Blintz  
French Toast with Maple Syrup  
Seafood Paella • Poached Prawns with Cocktail Sauce  
Lox and Cream Cheese • Fresh Fruit Display  
Assorted Cheese and Cracker Display  
Danishes and Butter Croissants • Omelet Bar  
and much more...

### Dessert:

Chocolate Dipped Strawberries  
Chef's Choice of Assorted Desserts  
Champagne & Assorted Juices



Adult: \$20.99 ++

Child (4-12yrs): \$12.99 ++ Child (3 & under): No Charge

*Limited Breakfast Menu: 7:00am-9:30am Lounge or MCR*

## M E M O

Date: January 7, 2010

To: Mr. Jay Griswold

From: Tom Habersetzer

Re: Condition of greens

Jay, this memo will confirm and expand upon our brief conversation of yesterday re the condition of our greens at Oakbrook Golf & Country Club.

This fall and early winter has seen some very cold temperatures and heavy rains. Still our greens remain in superb condition and present our course in the best possible light particularly for potential members playing here for the first time. This is such an important element in maintaining our current membership and attracting new members. I can also speak for many of my golfing buddies who have voiced the same sentiments.

Thank you Jay, for the exceptional work you do to maintain our course in such first-class condition, and also please extend my appreciation to your grounds crew.

# ACORN

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## MAIN OFFICE HOURS

Mon. .... Closed  
Tues. .... 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM  
Wed. .... 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM  
Thur. .... 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM  
Fri. .... 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM  
Sat. .... 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

SEE CALENDAR FOR FOOD SERVICE HOURS

## Notes from Kara, Your Club Manager

We had two wonderful events in January; thank you so much to the over 200 hundred participants that made coming to the Club so fun! For those of you who couldn't make Prime Rib Night and Pasta Night, you really missed out. Prime Rib featured the golden pipes of Mr. Fred Willis; a big thank you to Fred who sang for all our members and guests. Hopefully we can all persuade him to come back and do it again.

The Club is getting ready for a HUGE membership drive, which includes a really exciting special for new Regular Members:

- Initiation Fee reduced from \$2,500 to just \$500!
- Discounted dues for the first 6 months!
- Regular Single just \$299 per month
- Regular w/ Spouse \$349 per month

Cort Ockfen and I will collaborate to get all the exciting new membership information on the website. Please tell anyone you know who may be interested; these great discounts won't last forever.

You may have noticed over the years, the continual leak Oakbrook has had in the phone room adjacent to the lounge. The leak is gone! Thank you to the Eaton's and Dan and Ed with Eaton Properties, they found the four (yes, four) leaks, repaired them, put up new dry wall, sanded and textured the ceiling, and finished the work with a fresh coat of paint. It looks wonderful and remains dry two weeks later. They are true professionals!

Congrats to Ed Shannon, our new Club President. Ed is very enthusiastic about our programs and I look forward to working with him over the next ten months.

See you at the Club!

Kara



Kara Brevet

## Dee's Corner

January was unbelievably busier than expected with daily member traffic as well as outside functions at the Club. Even with the dining room closed for the winter season both the lounge and the men's card room filled up many days of the week. I am hoping business will continue on like this for the rest of the winter season. It's such a great sight to see the clubhouse busy at this time of the year!

Wonderful events this month that can't be missed!

Our ever so popular **Prime Rib Night** is scheduled for Friday, February 5th from 6pm-8pm. Please reserve your spot in advance, as many of you know, reservations fill up quickly.

Join us for our **Super Bowl Party** on February 7th from 3:00pm-6:30pm in the Lounge. Chef Lance will be dishing out an assortment of tasty pizzas and hot wings buffet. Add a pitcher or two of your favorite draft beer to accompany at a rather low price.

In celebration on Valentine's Day, the club's first **Sweetheart's Champagne Brunch** will be held Sunday, February 14th from 10:00am-1:00pm. Further details on the front page of the *Acorn*.

In addition to these festivities, the **Oakbrook Ladies' Kick Off Brunch** is scheduled for Tuesday the 23rd. Social hour at 10:30am and 11:30am brunch.

Also, the **Deli Bar** will be available on Tuesday the 2nd and Tuesday the 16th from 11am-3pm in the lounge. The regular menu will not be available at this time.

Lastly, if you are looking to have some comfort food at the club, join us every Thursday night throughout the month. You will surely enjoy many comforting dishes from homemade meatloaf and pot roast to southern fried chicken just to name a few! To inquire about our **homestyle specials** call the front desk every Thursday morning.

See you all at the club!

## Home Style Dinner Specials

Every Thursday Night  
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Reservations, Please!

## Next Acorn Deadline:

**FEBRUARY 19, 2010**

If you are an "Acorn" contributor,  
e-mail your articles to:

membership@oakbrookgcc.com

Questions? Call 584-8888.

## HAPPY HOUR!

Every Friday  
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
in the Lounge


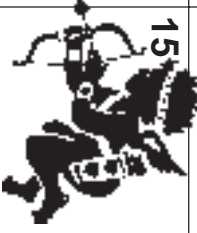

# FOOD SERVICE HOURS for January and February

Monday: Clubhouse Closed  
 BREAKFAST—Saturday: Lounge Only from 6:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.  
 Sunday: Lounge & Dining Room from 6:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
 LUNCH—Tuesday-Sunday: Lounge Only from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
 DINNER—Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: Lounge Only (unless otherwise noted)  
 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.



# February 2010

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Deli Bar Service 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Lounge & MCR	<b>3</b> Duplicate Bridge 10:00 a.m. Sunroom	<b>4</b> Green Committee 5:00 p.m. Home Style Dinner Specials 6:00-8:00 p.m. <i>Reservations, Please!</i>	<b>5</b> Prime Rib Night 6:00-8:00 p.m. <i>Reservations, Please!</i> Happy Hour 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Lounge Only	<b>6</b>
 <b>7</b> SUPER BOWL PARTY 3:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. <i>Reservations Required</i>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Golf Committee 5:30 p.m.	<b>10</b> House Committee 4:00 p.m.	<b>11</b> Home Style Dinner Specials 6:00-8:00 p.m. <i>Reservations, Please!</i>	<b>12</b> Ladies Luncheon! 12:00 p.m. Sunroom Happy Hour 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Lounge Only	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> SWEETHEART'S Champagne Brunch 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. <i>Reservations Required</i> Limited Breakfast Menu 7-9:30 a.m. Deli Bar 1-5 p.m.	 <b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Deli Bar Service 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Lounge & MCR	<b>17</b> Finance Committee 5:30 p.m.	<b>18</b> Home Style Dinner Specials 6:00-8:00 p.m. <i>Reservations, Please!</i>	<b>19</b> Happy Hour 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Lounge Only <i>Acorn Deadline</i>	<b>20</b> Widow's Bridge 10:00 a.m. Sunroom
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 9 & 18 Hole Ladies Kick Off Brunch 10:30 a.m. Social 11:30 a.m. Brunch	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Board of Directors 5:30 p.m. Home Style Dinner Specials 6:00-8:00 p.m. <i>Reservations, Please!</i>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
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## President's Note, *continued*

members to our Golf Course Superintendent. As you know, this kind of feedback enhances the attitudes and morale of those who receive such praise. My point here is that we have many hard working and dedicated employees here at Oakbrook. While I don't expect everyone to go out and write similar memos, I submit that it's an easy and simple, but very important gesture, to approach a deserving employee and simply say something like "thanks for the great job you're doing." It goes a long way, and it fosters a thought that I've long embraced: "Treat people with respect and dignity!"

That's all!

## Canyon Cleanup

On Monday, January 18th, a huge dumpster provided by LeMay, was parked across the street from the pro shop. As a service project by Cub Scout Troop #148 from University Place, six Scout Leaders and several Den Mothers and many Cub Scouts worked from 10:00am-3:00pm. They removed debris (refrigerator, dryer, mattresses, broken lawn chairs, many tires, and drink containers) from the deep canyon. Winches, attached to a car, and with the help of six Scout leaders, pulled the heavy stuff up the canyon. The dumpster was full at 3:00pm.

Let us all help to keep the area clean by not throwing cans and junk over the edge. There is a walking trail below ...please help keep it clean! And thank you, Scout Troop #148, for cleaning the area.

*Alice Anderson*

## Washington State Senior Golf Assn.

The Washington State Seniors' Golf Association (WSSGA) was founded in 1930, by a group of seniors from several private clubs in the Greater Puget Sound area to: "encourage friendly competition and camaraderie". From that beginning, it expanded state wide, although most members still are from "west of the mountains". Inglewood was one of the original founding clubs and has been a significant participant since then. The second president (1932-3), S.W. Barker, was a member of Inglewood, while Bob Due (1995-6) was the most recent Inglewood member to serve as president. Bob also was the WSSGA Grand Champion in 1990. The Grand Champion is determined each July over three days of

medal play. In addition to the Grand Champion, there is an over-all net winner, and gross and net competition for each of six age groups. This event has traditionally been held at Bellingham G&CC, and always is a lot of fun with ancillary competitions.

In addition to the Annual Championship, one-day meets are held in each of the other months, April through October. These meets offer members opportunities to play the other affiliate clubs while enjoying the "friendly competition and camaraderie" originally intended.

Since 1987, the WSSGA has contributed over \$180,000 in support to various college golf programs. Several of the supported institutions would not have a golf

team, except for these efforts. The scholarship funds are generated mostly by donations from its members, who have been very generous to keep this program ongoing.

Male members of Private Clubs in the State, 50 years or older, are eligible for membership in the WSSGA. With a limit on total active membership of 300, in order to ensure a balance, the number of members from any single affiliate club may be limited.

Your Oakbrook representative is Jack Burns. If you are interested in more information or in joining, contact Jack Burns at 253 584-8266 (e-mail:jackburns@earthlink.net) for an application form.

## *Kick-off Luncheon*

*Women's 18 Hole & 9 Hole Divisions*

*The Chairmen of the 18 Hole and 9 Hole divisions  
of Oakbrook Women's Golf*

*invites you to join us for brunch  
and a fun-filled year of golf and friendship  
at Oakbrook Golf and Country Club*

*Tuesday, February 23, 2010*

*No-Host Social Hour - 10:30*

*Brunch - 11:30*

*Oakbrook Golf and Country Club Dining Room*

*RSVP: 584-8888*

## SUPER BOWL PARTY

Sunday, February 7, 2010

3:00pm-6:30pm

*Reservations Required*

Lounge or Men's Card Room

**BUFFET:**

Assorted Pizzas

Hot Wings with Chef's Choice of Sauces

Price per person: \$8.99

Draft Beer Specials (Pitcher):

Domestic \$8.99 Micro \$11.99



## From the Tee

The Golf Calendar for the year is complete and we have two wonderful events scheduled for February to get your competitive juices flowing. The WSGA has scheduled a **Winter Series** event here at



**Mike Fosnick**

Oakbrook on Friday, February 19th. The two-person scramble will tee off with a 10:00 a.m. shotgun and is open to all amateurs with a 36.4 index for men and a 40.4 index for women. Each division will be based upon gender and flights based upon handicap index. Payouts will be awarded for gross and net in each division. Entries are available online at [www.thewsga.org](http://www.thewsga.org). Let's see this year's winners come from Oakbrook! Deadline for entry is February 10th.

The **Ice Box Open** is the traditional start to our golf club's competitive season. Mark your calendar for Saturday, February 27th. We will have a 9:00 a.m. shotgun start and the event is open to all levels of players. Sign-up board will be up beginning the first of February.

The PNWPGA Pro-Am Series schedule for 2010 is out and we have quite a few great courses available to travel to. Four-person teams will consist of one professional and three amateurs. The events usually fall on a Monday or a Thursday. If you are interested in participating in one or more of these events, please contact the pro shop to add your name to our player's list. Handicap index must be 20.0 or lower. Pro-Am sign-ups will be available the middle of March.

If you read the various golf magazines on a regular basis, you will find that better putting is always considered the number one way to lower your score. Our first winter lesson series topic will cover putting. The class will be held on Saturday, February 20th from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. We will cover in depth putting stroke mechanics, distance control drills and green reading techniques. Cost for the three hour class will be \$35 per person. Class size will be 4 to 6 students. Interested parties please contact Mike Fosnick at 253-584-8770.

See you on the next tee...

*Mike Fosnick  
Golf Professional*

## From the Green

Some people might call this a mild and warm winter but the cold of December still is evident. We had nighttime temperatures dipping to 10 degrees for three consecutive nights. Some areas of turf could not handle this cold which dehydrated the grass. Evidence of this can be seen throughout the course. Greens came through the cold snap pretty well although their appearance was not good. I'm starting to see some green-up, but full recovery will take some time. Hopefully we won't get another spell of frigid weather before the recovery is complete.

We did complete some drainage work next to #9 green recently. This is a continuation of work completed about 6 years ago. This has eliminated the wet soft area for good. We also did some



**Jay Griswold**

**Remember to check in  
at the Pro Shop  
before going to the  
1st tee!**

pruning of oak branches overhanging the practice putting green. Debris from these limbs has been a maintenance problem for years. We were able to complete this work thanks to a boom truck loaned to us by Ron Eaton. Thank you Mr. Eaton for the use of the truck and your continued support of the course.

Some of you may have noticed the improvement to the front entry landscaping. Dan Scamporlina donated his expertise and designed the planting area which includes some very showy, colorful plants. This is a big improvement, which when mature, will be a great first impression for members and their guests.

Please remember to fix ball marks and sand your divots.

## FEBRUARY 2010 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>

Deli Bar Service

11am-3pm Lounge & MCR

### Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>

Duplicate Bridge 10:00am SR

### Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>

Home Style Dinner Specials!

*Please call front desk for details*

### Friday 5<sup>th</sup>

Prime Rib Night

6:00-8:00pm, Dining Room or Lounge

*Reservations Please!*

Happy Hour! 5pm-7pm

Lounge Only

### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>

Super Bowl Party!

Enjoy assorted pizzas and hot wings \$8.99

LOUNGE 3:00pm-6:30pm

*Reservations Required*

### Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>

Home Style Dinner Specials!

*Please call front desk for details*

### Friday 12<sup>th</sup>

Oakbrook Ladies' BUNCO!

12pm SR

Happy Hour! 5pm-7pm

Lounge Only!

### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>

Sweetheart's Champagne Brunch

10:00am-1pm, *Reservations Required*

Limited Breakfast Menu 7:00-9:30am

Deli Bar 1:00pm-5pm

### Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>

Deli Bar Service

11:00am-3:00pm Lounge & MCR

### Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>

Home Style Dinner Specials!

*Please call front desk for details*

### Friday 19<sup>th</sup>

Happy Hour! 5pm-7pm Lounge Only!

### Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>

Widow's Bridge, 10:00am Sunroom

### Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>

9 & 18 Hole Ladies Kick Off Brunch

10:30am Social, 11:30am Brunch

### Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>

Home Style Dinner Specials!

*Please call front desk for details*

**Reservations please at  
(253) 584-8888.**

*Thank you!*



*Reservations are always appreciated. This allows proper planning and preparation in order to better serve you!*

**Reservations please at  
(253) 584-8888.**

*Thank you!*



# 2010 Oakbrook Committees

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Katey Desberg  
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Committee Members:  
Terry Leigh  
Tom Boyle  
Dick Eimer  
Board Liaison: Rich Burnite

## **Green Committee**

Chair: Rich Weidman  
Committee Members:  
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Grahame Fenton  
Ron Robydek  
Craig Larson  
Board Liaison: Ron Adams

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Alice Higgins  
Barb Musser  
Rose Lewis  
Ray Beckwith  
Tim McCoy  
Charles Alexander  
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Dennis Meyer  
Molly Meyer  
Helen Ghillany  
Sally Fosnick  
Grahame Fenton  
Lee Mountford  
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