

JAN/FEB/MARCH 2024

# The Oakhurst Gazette

YOUR EXCLUSIVE PASSPORT TO WHAT IS HAPPENING AT  
OAKHURST COUNTRY CLUB THIS QUARTER!

# HOURS OF OPERATION



## Golf

Proshop: 6AM-5PM

Carts To Be  
Returned 1 Hour  
Prior To Sundown

## Gym/Swim

Gym: 5AM-11PM

Swimming Pool:  
Sun Up to Sun  
Down

## Tennis

Courts Open 7AM-10PM

# HOURS OF OPERATION



## Bar

Monday  
Closed

Tuesday  
11AM-4PM

Wednesday  
11AM-5PM

Thursday-Saturday  
11AM-9PM

Sunday: 11AM-5PM

## Bunkers

Tuesday -Sunday  
10AM-4PM

## Bistro 19

Monday-Wednesday  
Closed

Thursday-Saturday  
Lunch: 11AM-3PM  
Dinner: 5PM-9PM

Sunday  
Brunch: 11AM-2PM  
Lunch: 11AM-5PM

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# Manager's Message



Greetings and a Happy New Year to all! Thank you for the warm welcome as the new General Manager. Meeting and connecting with many of you has been an absolute pleasure. Many Members have inquired about my "action plan," prompting me to share my focus over the next few months. I've learned that to execute, you need a plan. Therefore, my 30-90 days will revolve in fostering member and associate engagement, discovery, and implementation. The followed by engagement, retention strategies, and accountability. As Simon Sinek wisely said, "start with the why".

The transitional phase with Troon continues, and their strides in the last 30/60 days are noteworthy. Troon has conducted Transition Assessments across all departments and will soon introduce checklists and SOPs (Standard Operating Procedures) to elevate our Member Experience. Additionally, a Member Survey, facilitated by Troon, will be sent via email in the next few weeks. This will allow us to gather valuable insights directly from our members! We want to hear from you.

For those whom I haven't had the pleasure of meeting yet, I extend an invitation to the Oakhurst Townhall meeting on Thursday, January 18 at 6pm. This is an excellent opportunity to learn more about what Troon and I bring to the table! It's also a chance to engage with fellow staff members, learn about upcoming events and projects, so please mark your calendars. Hope to see you!

Again, thank you to all for the welcome! I look forward to this New Year and new beginning.

*Noreen Rognlien*  
General Manager

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# Fore The Members

## Member Spotlight!

Join Us In Welcoming Our Newest Members From Last Quarter!

### Full Golf Members

David & Deborah Hornsby

John Fouts

Cedric & Allison Snow

### Executive Golf Members

Whitney & Justen Peek

Alex & Stacey Quince

Ryan Lew & Thao Truong

Christina & Faustino Perez

Tamara & Christopher Cotter

### Sport Members

Anil Awasti & Manisha Chulani

Cliston Brown & Stephanie Cabrera

Rod & Monica Nubla

Jay & Khristine Kurzman

Shannon & Justin Cox

Ernest & Zuleyka Davis

Kyaw and Anco Lin

### Tennis Members

Matt & Madeira Fountain



*Robbie Fiedler*

Membership Sales Director



# Oakhurst Soiree

We are excited to announce our line up for the first quarter of 2024. Please note that although we do not plan to, all events are subject to change.

### JANUARY 2024

- January 5th - First Friday 5PM (Dustin Heer)
- January 18th- Town Hall Meeting (Meet our new GM and other Heads of Departments)

### FEBRUARY 2024

- February 2nd - First Friday (Artist TBD)
- February 9th - Hearts On The Green (Valentine's Golf & Dinner Affair) \*RSVP REQUIRED
- February 14th - Harmony & Romance (Valentine's Menu & Entertainment) \*RSVP REQUIRED


### MARCH 2024

- March 1st - First Friday (Artist TBD)
- March 17th - Lucky Trails (Shamrock Search for Kids) St. Patricks Day Specials/Green Beer
- March 31st - Easter Brunch and Eggstravaganza \*RSVP REQUIRED



*Ashley Bee*  
Event Sales & Communications Manager

# TOWN HALL MEETING

 Thursday - January 18, 2024 at 6:00pm

 1001 Peacock Creek Dr, Clayton

- **Come meet our new general manager.**
- **Hear from our department heads**
- **Enjoy light Hor D'oeuvres and refreshments**
- **Learn about our brand new member referral program**



# Pro Shop Corner

## Tip Of The Quarter

As many of you may know, the rough around Oakhurst is getting healthier, making your approach shots more difficult. Instead of trying a “miracle shot,” you should take your medicine and play for the safe part of the fairway or green. The key to advancing the ball from thick, rough is playing a high percentage shot. If the ball is deep in the rough with grass behind the ball, do not attempt to hit a fairway wood, medium or long iron. Instead, use a short iron (7 or less) to put the ball back in play... Here are a few tips to keep in mind when hitting your next shot from the rough!

- Grip the club firmer with the left hand to prevent it from twisting at impact.
- Aim further to the right -- the clubhead will tend to shut closed as it moves through the grass.
- Ball position - play the ball slightly back of center.
- Hover the clubhead on top of the grass so it does not get stuck when you start your backswing.

These few tips will help you escape from the rough, but you still must make a smart decision. Don't try to attempt a shot that even the world's best players have difficulty pulling off.



*Dustin Garrehy*  
Head PGA Pro





## WOMEN'S CLUB

As we come to the end of our 2023 season, here are some highlights that I would like to share with you.

2023 Club Champion - Deb Robertson (2 years in a row pictured below)

2023 Low Net - Ann Brady

Most Improved - Denise Leveroni

Most Birdies - Deb Robertson (total of 12)

Most Chip-In's Tie - G Coddington and Karen Bucey (total of 3)

Hole in One - Linda Higgins

Captain's Pick - Sue Martin

Deb Robertson qualified to play in the California Amateur Cup in La Quinta.. This is a reward event through NCGA for performing well throughout the season. To qualify for the championship you have to be in the top 4 of the points standing to be asked to play. GREAT JOB DEB!

Ann Brady and Sue Howell competed in a 2 day event at Silverado and took 1st place in low net. They made the cover of NCGA magazine. Woo-hoo! Local celebrities

EBTP - we did not take home the trophy this year but we did place low gross in our A flight. Our plaque is proudly displayed in our case located in the hallway. Let's bring our trophy home in 2024!

We are to happy to announce we have 2 new members joining late in our season; Deanna Hsieh and Anette Fuller.

Our season begins in March and ends in October. Our play days are Thursdays at 8:45AM (sometimes Wednesdays). If you are interested in joining our club or know of someone who wants to join, please contact me, Linda Tsai at [LTSAI67@gmail.com](mailto:LTSAI67@gmail.com).

*Linda Tsai*  
President of The Women's Club



## FAIRWAY FOCUS

The greens are doing well hanging in there enjoying the wintertime aerification plus a little bit of mother natures irrigation system. Happy to say the roll has been fixed!! A little bit of duct tape and bailing wire goes a long way.

Overall, just trying to make the golf course look and play more like a golf course. The Creek on number 14 has been lowered, allowing the water to pass the area without disturbing the green complex. We will be completing the beautification of the area over the next few weeks as the weather allows.

*“As always fix ya ball marks and fill your divots”*

You may notice some of the correction on the tees putting the sand in the Gopher runs, making them a little bit more ankle friendly. Also been trying to make the fairways more visible from the teeing areas cleaning out trees/creeks, 18 12 and other areas.

*Lian Sturge*

Golf Course Superintendent



Being a member of a Troon club has its benefits. Qualified Members of participating Troon-managed clubs are invited to take advantage of preferred rates at resort and daily fee facilities worldwide. Each Full Golf Member and up to three guests can enjoy great courses and destinations at incredible rates around the world

## Full Members

- **Resort & Daily Fee Golf**

Members receive preferred golf rates at 180+ Troon Golf resort and daily fee courses worldwide.

- **Cliff Drysdale Tennis**

Members enjoy preferred access, rates, and benefits at Cliff Drysdale Tennis clubs and resorts throughout the United States and Bermuda.

## All Members

- **Rental Cars**

Receive up to 25% off car rentals and other seasonal benefits when you travel

- **Ship Your Clubs**

Send your clubs to and from your next golf destination with ease and save 10% off every time you used this white golve, door-to-door shipping service.

- **Entertainment**

Explore exclusive offers for shows, sports, events, concerts, theme parks, movies, and more

- **Marinas**

Embark on superior experience with special savings of 25% off rentals at an extensive network of saltwater and freshwater Suntex Marinas

- **Curated Gateways**

Bucket list lifestyle trips and excursions with the ease of private air and black car transportation

Tee time requestsw must only be made through the TroonAdvantage.com site to receive Troon Advantage rates. All tee time requests can be made up to sixty days in advance and are subject to availability.

Visit TroonAdvantage.com for details



# What's The Racket?

Embrace the new year with a renewed energy, lace up those tennis shoes and let the joy of the game propel you towards a healthier and more active version of yourself!

New Year, New Fitness Resolutions. As a reminder with the new year and increased gym activity to please put back all equipment and wipe down machines after use.

Kids Camp Tennis Hours Monday - Thursday:

Tiny Mites (Ages 4-6) 4-4:30pm

Future Stars (Ages 7-12) 4:30-5:30pm

Junior Aces (Ages 13+) 5:30-6:30pm

Contact Chris Gasparro for racket restringing, \$20 per racket (strings not included).

Interested in playing USTA tennis, please contact either Jacob Ortega or Chris Gasparro for more information.



Daytime USTA Captain: Wendy Schofield

Congratulations to our Fall A2 team captained by Wendy Schofield for 1st place.

Pictured Below 3.5/4.0 Tennis players end of year brunch.



*Jacob Ortega & Chris Gasparro*  
Head Tennis Pro & Assistant Tennis Pro



## MEN'S CLUB

The 2024 Oakhurst Men's Club is looking for additional members. We hold fun and challenging tournaments every month and all ages and levels of players are welcome. We also have two interclub match play teams (Thursday and Saturday) where we play other clubs in the area. Our crown jewel event is our Annual Member-Guest, held in June on 20th – 22nd, This event along with all of our events are a great way to meet fellow members and have fun. We also have four NCGA qualifying events that the winners move on the represent Oakhurst Men's Club in regional competitions.

Our newly redesigned website is full of information, please visit it.

[www.oakhurstmensclub.com](http://www.oakhurstmensclub.com) If you have any questions please feel free to contact me, Drew Hagen at [info@oakhurstmensclub.com](mailto:info@oakhurstmensclub.com) . Your membership includes your official GHIN handicap and NCGA perks with discounts at NCGA courses and invitations to play NCGA only tournaments held all over the place. Our first tournament of the year is one of the NCGA qualifying tournaments, a two man better ball Net qualifier, Jan. 27th.

*Drew Hagen*

President of The Men's Club

# Pro Shop Corner

What's New?

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## SENIOR GOLF CLUB

Our 2024 season is just around the corner! Our program features over 20 home and away events at golf clubs around the Bay Area, beginning in Spring and throughout the summer months. Our events match home and visiting players in foursomes playing a two-best ball net format. Because teams are mixed, it's a great opportunity to meet people and socialize. A typical day includes breakfast, golf, lunch, and some post-match prizes.

A member can participate in some or all of the events, so don't feel as though you must play each event. Attendance for away events is limited and we do require that members participate in home events to be eligible for away events. You DO NOT have to be a Men's Club member to participate, but you must be a member at Oakhurst, be 50+ years old, and have an established USGA index.

Our kick-off event is currently scheduled for March 27th. Beginning in April through mid-September, we usually have 1 event each week (weekdays only). As happened in 2023, we will be visiting great courses including Diablo, Sequoyah, Napa Valley, Round Hill, Blackhawk, Contra Costa and Castlewood. We also schedule outings to Poppy Hills/Bayonet and Poppy Ridge. All our events use the Foretees app for registration. Popular away events use a draft lottery to choose participants.

Throughout the season, participants are awarded points for participation, team results, low gross and net scores, and par 3 and putting contest winners. These points accumulate, and the top sixteen point earners after the final event of the year will have the opportunity to play for the Senior Golfer of the Year (SGOTY) in October.

We will be finalizing our schedule in late January and will send out a formal invitation at that time. We would love for you to join us!

*The Oakhurst Senior Board*

# Sip Sip Hooray

## COCKTAIL RECIPE OF THE QUARTER

### WARM APPLE CIDER COCKTAIL

Bring in the new year with a cocktail recipe from our food and beverage staff! Enjoy with or without alcohol!

#### INGREDIENTS

- 4 cups apple cider
- ¼ cup brown sugar
- 1 cinnamon stick
- 1 star anise  
(optional)
- ½ teaspoon whole  
cloves
- ¼ teaspoon allspice
- 6 oz vodka



#### INSTRUCTIONS

- In a medium saucepan, combine the apple cider, sugar, cinnamon, star anise, cloves, and allspice.
- Bring the mixture up to a boil over high heat. Once the mixture comes to a boil, turn the heat down to low and allow it to simmer for 10 minutes.
- Use a mesh strainer to remove the spices from the cider.
- Pour the vodka into the cider and serve warm.

*Megan Waldrop*

Food and Beverage Manager





## SENIOR SKINS GOLF CLUB

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**NEW**

# Oakhurst Country Club Member Referral Program

As a current member, you are the club's most valued representative!

With this program, when you refer a new member, **BOTH** you and your referral receive **\$250.00** club credits!

You will also be entered into Round 1 of our 6 month long points race towards a

**CASH PRIZE!**

**\$1,000.00**

The first round winner will be announced on  
Sunday, June 30th, 2024

To refer a member please contact Membership Director, Robbie Fiedler at [membership@oakhurstcc.com](mailto:membership@oakhurstcc.com), or directly at (630) 278-9917.

**\*\*Check ForeTees For The Latest Information On The Referral Program!\*\***



## PERKS!

- RECEIVE \$250.00 CLUB CREDITS FOR EACH NEW REFERRAL
- HELP YOUR CLUB THRIVE
- ENJOY THE CASH PRIZE FOR YOUR HELP

## **POINT SYSTEM**

Points towards the Cash Prize

1 point

Referral completes a Membership Tour

3 Points

Referral signs as a Tennis, Sports, Executive, or Associate Member

5 Points

Referral signs as a Full Member

*\*Prospective members must be referred prior to their initial contact with the membership director to qualify for points and prizes*

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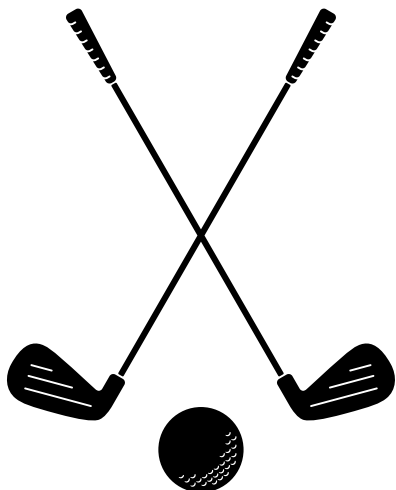
# A Note From Our Advisory Board



Dear Oakhurst Country Club Members,

Happy New Year to all Oakhurst Country Club members! I hope the New Year finds you well and enjoying the many amenities and experiences that Oakhurst Country Club has to offer. It is my privilege to address you as the newly appointed President of the Advisory Board. I am excited about the opportunities that lie ahead at Oakhurst and the positive improvements that are planned for our club.

With Oakhurst Country Club's recent change in management to Troon, a globally recognized leader in golf and club management, ownership and Club management are looking to the future with an aim of elevating our club experience and providing members with enhanced services and facilities.



*Kevin Schmidbauer*  
Advisory Board President

As we start this New Year, your feedback and involvement are important. The purpose of the Oakhurst Advisory Board is to “fairly represent the interests of all classes of members in an advisory capacity to the Club Management, bring forth and address member issues, and to promote and suggest improvements in facilities, services, and Club activities”. I encourage you to share your thoughts, suggestions, and expectations with me and the other board members. The board meets on the third Tuesday of each month – so please send any communication at least 5 days ahead so we can work to address them in the monthly meeting.

Best Wishes for the New Year!

# Savor The Moment

Did you know that Oakhurst Country Club is an ideal venue for hosting external events such as weddings, birthdays, anniversaries, baby showers, and more? With some of the most captivating views in the Bay Area and the convenience of our accessible clubhouse, your event is destined for success. As a special privilege, members enjoy a waived facility fee.

Additionally, we are proud to host external golf tournaments, offering exciting opportunities for corporate outings. If you are considering Oakhurst for your next event, please contact Ashley Bee at [abee@oakhurstcc.com](mailto:abee@oakhurstcc.com) or call 925.672.9737 ext. 217. We look forward to welcoming you and your guests for an unforgettable banquet experience!



*Ashley Bee*

Event Sales & Communications Manager



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