



Oaks Members:

On behalf of Oaks CC, I would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you to all that have contributed in any way throughout the year. Either with a happy smile while signing in at the pro shop or donating time or money. Without your efforts, all the events would not have run so smoothly.

We as a board just had a monthly meeting and I am pleased to announce, NO members cancelled their membership this month. We have gained valuable members with the membership drive but during the same time we lost valuable members. We are holding strong with 144 members – not where we need to be but I hope we are on the track for a comeback. Please talk to others and convince them to join. We have a nice pool and in my opinion, one of the best golf courses around, but we have the best 9-hole course in the south.

As a way to help financial strains and membership growth, I have made a tournament committee. I would like to start the year off with a glow ball tournament. Last month we successfully ran a night tournament with 28 players. Jess and Parker Owen blew away the competition with a score of 5 under!! in a 9-hole scramble. Everyone had a blast. Wives sat by a fire and chatted while the children had a putting competition and ran around the pro shop while watching the MSU/LSU football game and cartoons on a big screen! This was a night to have fun and relax. Please join us for the next night of fun even if you don't play golf. The next outing will be either March or April depending on how our spring is springing! The next tournament will be a member-member golf outing in April. The tournament will be a minimum fee, but donations are appreciated. The tournament will be named "Save the Well". All money collected for the tournament will go straight to the club for maintenance and repairs. If you have not heard, the well to water the course went out this summer. We have put a temporary fix to get us by, but the screens need to be cleaned and the process takes weeks. We also have other needed repairs all over the grounds. The money from this tournament will help your investment in the club. The format of the tournament will be 27 holes in one day. 9-hole scramble-lunch and Calcutta-alternate shot (to save our backs with half the shots)-four ball. Money from the Calcutta will go to the players.

In May there will be a member-guest tournament. No specific format yet. This tournament is to boost memberships and allow guest play with members. Let the members try selling a membership! To make the tournament more interesting for the guest, we will be allowing any guest to join within 30 days after the tournament and get their first month membership waived. Please help your club in growing to allow us to maintain the facilities the way the facilities need to be maintained.

July is known around New Albany as the Leroy Tournament! This tournament has been around for a long time and gets very competitive. It is a 2 day - 2 man scramble open to anyone! A meal is served along with a Calcutta. I would like to invite the McMillin family to the outing to see the impact Mr. McMillin still has with the community.

To end the season again, we will have another glow ball tournament scheduled around the full moon in October. This may be an overload for many, but as you see, we are trying to increase revenue and memberships to allow you to enjoy yourself more at Oaks CC. With more money will come more repairs and improvements that are greatly needed.

Please don't forget about your Christmas parties. Oaks CC dining hall is the perfect spot for your co-workers or friends to enjoy a nice night out.

Last but not least, Lisa Morrissett will not be returning next season. She will be greatly missed. She asked if I would allow her to write a few words. Please keep her in your prayers and thoughts as she travels back up north to be with family.

To my dear Oaks members and friends:

Because I am actively looking for full-time employment, I will not be returning next season. The club needs to have as much time as possible to find a great replacement.

I wanted to thank you for welcoming me with open arms and for a wonderful summer. I enjoyed getting to know each you, and in many cases, your families and children. It was my sincere pleasure to have been of service.

This club has a proud history, and under the leadership of your Board, I feel strongly that Oaks is on the road to recovery. The tournament committee has already met to begin the active planning of next year's calendar and the addition of several new events. You can do your part to spread the word and recruit friends and family members for participation and membership. The more the merrier! Please check out our web page facelift at OaksCC.com, and watch for upcoming news starting next spring.

I will always cherish this summer and the friends I've made at Oaks. Don't be a stranger: you can always find me on Facebook ;)

With much appreciation and gratitude ~ Lisa Morrissett