

Oswego Country Club News

Holiday Issue 2011

Seasons Greetings!

President's Message

by Jack Conners

Greetings:

First of all, I would like to thank the board for placing their trust and confidence in me and electing me to serve as President of the club for another year. As in years past, I believe that we have a very good board which will continue to make decisions that are in the best interest of the members and the club. I can assure you that the only agenda that this year's board will have, is to make the Oswego Country Club an entity that all of the members can be proud of.

The board is currently in the process of deciding who will be chairing each committee. So far, we know that Nick Della Penna will be chairing the golf committee and Todd Donahue will be chairing the greens committee. If anyone is interested in serving on either of these committees, please contact Nick or Todd. If anyone is interested in serving on any of the other committees, please contact me at your convenience. In the next newsletter, I will set forth who will be chairing the remaining committees. I would encourage everyone to consider serving on a committee. The more involvement and input we have from the membership, the better the board will be able to serve the members' needs.

As I stated at the annual meeting, the biggest issue facing the club right now is our membership. We currently have 237 family memberships. This is 32 family memberships short of what our budget is based on. A committee is being formed to address this issue, but in the meantime, I would ask each of you to actively recruit new members.

Please keep in mind that until March 30, 2012, Mary Saylor will only be in the office on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays between 7:00 AM and 12:00 PM. If you have an issue that needs to be addressed when Mary is not in the office, feel free to give me a call.

November has been a wonderful month for golf, but unfortunately, the winter weather will shortly be upon us. However, you should keep in mind that Carp has the bar open most evenings and weekends, and it is a wonderful place to enjoy a cool beverage and a football or basketball game. Also, feel free to make your reservations for the New Year's Eve party.

Regards,

Jack

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Green Committee Update:

by Todd Donahue

As we continue to wrap up the golf season, I can't help but notice what great shape the golf course is in, especially for December 6th. Kudos to Scott and his limited crew!

The Green committee will be resuming it's meetings in January, and will start planning our path forward for the 2012 golf season. Our monthly meetings will be scheduled for the second Wednesday of every month at 6:00 PM.

One of our primary focuses will be assessing the progress of the drainage project to date and developing our priorities for next year, with top priorities being holes 12, 13, and 16. The overall goals for the drainage project include: 1) increasing the amount of days the back nine is available for play, 2) improving the quality of the playing conditions for the back nine, and 3) increasing cart revenues for the club, by getting carts out earlier and more often. Scott and his crew and the Green committee have made great strides to date, yet there is much more work to be done. This will be the Green committee's main charge for the upcoming season.

We will be assessing the other projects that have carried over from this golf season, and revisiting our priorities for the upcoming year.

Should you be interested in serving on the Green committee, please contact me directly at: donahuet@twcny.rr.com. Any member is welcome to join us at our monthly Green committee meetings and share ideas and/or suggestions for improving the overall playability or aesthetics of the golf course.

Golf Committee Update:

by Nick DellaPenna

The 2011-2012 season will find Nick DellaPenna as chairman of the Golf Committee. The golf committee with the partnership of the PGA Golf Professional delves into all aspects of the golf operation at the Oswego Country Club including the golfing calendar, reciprocals, leagues, and local rules. If any member has an interest in taking part in this committee, please contact Nick DellaPenna at NDP117@twcny.rr.com or by phone at 342-0708. The Golf Committee is very busy during the off season and members will be expected to attend regularly scheduled meetings before and during the golf season.

Handicap News

by Larry Heintz

Once again, our active season here in the frozen north ended on October 31st. If you are vacationing or are located in Arizona, California, Florida, South Carolina, etc., and they are in an active golf season, you should continue to post scores on our handicap web site (go to oswegocountryclub.com and click on the "Handicap System" link) or go directly to the handicap web site at www.gshandicap.com/hswclient/login.aspx Your gsid is 01942-(your handicap #), and your password is your last name.

If you have a handicap number and did not post in 2011, your name will be dropped from the system. If you decide to obtain a handicap in the future, just contact the pro or the handicap chair and you will be readmitted to the system.

2011 Year-End Membership Report

Changes in Status in Membership:

Dick Fox - Full to HNP	Buddy Stemple - Full to HNP
Al Ferguson - Full to HNP	Pat O'Brien - Full to HNP
Fred McGlen - Sin. to HNP	Mike Anderson - Full - HNP
Bob Krolik - Full to HNP	Bruce Clark - Full to HNP
Chuck Handley - Full to HNP	Mark Ciappa - Sin. to HNP
Tim Donovan - Full to HNP	Dan Schrader - Sin. to HNP

Resignations:

Lynn Morris from Full
Nathan Deban from Single
Robert Burtch from LOA
Al Enright from HNP
William Fernandez from Full
Gretchen Flick from HNP
Jan Garcia from Single
Paul Murray From Full
Frank Plata from Life
Fred Wilbur from Single
Rick Dempsey from Full
Susan Segal from Single
Dan Phillips from Full
Bill Dawson from Single
Mark Donabella from Full
Ellery Terpening from Full
Sam Lalonde from Full
Phillip Mooney from Full
John Moore from HNP
Steve Gioia from HNP
Erik Koproski from HNP
Bill Cahill from Full
Anthony Ciappa from HNP
Joe Ponzi from HNP
Michael McManuus from Full
Robert Hurlbutt from Full

Secretary's Report

by Larry Heintz

The 2011 Annual Meeting was held on November 20th. We achieved a quorum with 69 members in attendance. President Jack Conners convened the meeting at 3:05 PM, which included reports from Treasurer Joe Doviak as well as standing committees. In addition, as usual, an election was held to fill vacancies on the Board of Directors, as well as a special Board meeting to elect officers for the up-coming year. The results are listed in this newsletter.

In new business, a motion was made and accepted to purchase a new rough mower for the amount of \$37,729.86, and to leave the decision of using Capital Reserve, or financing the equipment up to the incoming board.

As part of the new slate of officers, I was elected to serve as Recording Secretary for the up-coming year. I would really appreciate everyone's patience as I learn the ropes of preparing and publishing our newsletter. This is my first attempt at such a project. One thing the Board has been looking at is trying to distribute the newsletter to as many members as possible electronically via e-mail. This change would save the Club a considerable expense for printing and postage. In the up-coming months we will be asking members to provide us with e-mail addresses, and to register on the club website for this purpose as well as notification of events and other news. You can be assured that we will never allow your e-mail addresses to be sold or utilized by anyone outside of OCC without your permission. We are hoping to switch to online newsletter in June or July.

I would like to take this time to thank out-going Secretary Dennis McDermott for his many years of dedicated and professional service to OCC, not only as Recording Secretary, but in most of the Officer positions as well as being a Board Member

Officers & Board of Directors - 2011-12

President - Jack Conners
1st Vice President - Nick DellaPenna
2nd Vice President - Todd Donahue
Recording Secretary - Larry Heintz
Treasurer - Joe Doviak

Board of Directors

Craig Bundy
Dan Jordan
Gail Greenwood
Paul Kunzwiler
Tom Park
Jim Patka
Deana Massuicia
Don Molinari
Tom Van Schaack

From the Business Office ...

Billing due dates: Unless you are enrolled in the monthly payment plan, one half of your total billing for Club dues and fees is due on or before February 1, 2012. The balance is due no later than April 1, 2012.

Early payment incentives: If your total bill is paid on or before December 1, 2011 you will receive 5 free greens fees to be used during the 2012 golf season. If the total billing is paid on or before February 1, 2012 you will receive 3 free greens fees.

Oswego CC Gift-Certificates for greens fees and/or cart rentals and "Cart Discount Cards" are available for purchase in the Club Office during normal business hours. Call 343-4664 for more information.

Winter office hours: Mon -Wed 7:00 AM - 12:00 PM
In effect thru 3/31/12.

All payments can be mailed to the club, or dropped off to Mary during normal business hours, or left in the mailbox in the vestibule located just inside the front entrance of the club house on the left.



BUNCO

"Let the good times ROLL!"



Thursday January 5, 2012

\$5 for Bunco, and bring a dish to pass
Cocktails at 6:00 / Bunco begins at 6:30

Contact Phyllis Price at 343-2035 or
wprice2@twcny.rr.com by 01/02/12

Continuing 1st Thursday of the month thru April.

Century Tavern Winter Hours

Closed - Monday

Tuesday thru Friday 3:00 'til 6:00

Sat. & Sun. Noon 'til 6:00

Book your holiday parties now at

315-343-7457

Superintendent's Report

by Scott Peters

I'd like to thank some of the people who have made this year a success. Mary Saylor for her help and support, Jeep for his countless hours that nobody sees keeping the pool going, Joe Doviak for his help and ideas, Jack and the board for supporting our maintenance programs, Nick and past Greens chairs, and Coach, Bill Bandla, and George Gill who still listen when I need it. Thanks also, to the members who give the crew such positive feedback. Merry Christmas to all!!!

On a personal note, Many of you have asked about my Grandson Alex who was diagnosed with leukemia almost 4 years ago. He successfully finished his treatments a couple of months ago, turned 5 in November, and is busy doing the things that boys do. He loves baseball, the Yanks, and kicking his grandpa's butt on the Wii. Thank you for all your kind thoughts and prayers.

Website News...

by Tom Van Schaack

To all you golfers away for the winter, send us your accomplishments; holes in one, low scores, famous golfers met, etc. and we will put them on the web site. Send print and/or photos to tomvan007@yahoo.com.

How to register on "Members Only" section:

1. Click on the "Members Only" golfball.
2. Click on the Register link.
3. Complete the member registration form, then click register.
4. Your registration request will be sent to the web site administrator who must confirm you are a member of OCC in good standing.
5. Once you are confirmed, you must then verify your user name and password in order to have access to the "Members Only" section of the web site.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE CLUB

While decorating the club for the holiday season, Sandy has found that a good many of our decorations are in need of replacement. As you go through your own decorations at home, please think of bringing your unneeded items to the club.

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