

# OCC Newsletter

**March Newsletter 2025**

## President's Message...

Happy March! This year CNY has been transformed into a winter wonderland like we remember from years past. With the steady accumulation of snow, many have chosen to utilize the Country Club grounds for their winter hobbies of sledding, skiing, snow shoeing, etc. While we love seeing people utilizing our beautiful grounds for these activities, please remember to avoid our tee boxes and green complexes to avoid damaging these fragile areas of the course.

Recently, a group from the Board of Directors in conjunction with Tammy, our bar/restaurant vendor, have been reviewing new point of sale systems for the bar and restaurant. Our current system, purchased in the early 90's for approximately \$30,000 is no longer able to be serviced. Frequent system outages requiring staff to completely reboot the system just to get through the day with our antiquated system have become too much to bear. The 5.25 inch floppy discs originally used to install the software are of no help and serve as a gentle reminder that we have certainly gotten our money's worth from our current system. We hope to have the new system in place for the start of the coming golf season.

Please resist the urge to hunker down all winter and instead continue to support our social events throughout the winter months. Without your support, these events are simply not possible. Come show everyone how smart you are at our upcoming trivia event on March 15th where our returning emcee Chris Dain, is sure to blush and stir uncomfortably at Tammy's anecdotes (or are they jokes?).

Recently, the executive committee along with our insurance chair Kevin Dorsey have continued to seek out a better solution for our insurance needs. We have recently been offered multiple better options than what we currently have and are working to finalize the deal, saving the club 10's of thousands of dollars on our yearly insurance costs. Special thank you Mark Brunschweiger and Kevin for all the work that goes into getting these quotes.

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Finally, thank you to Pete Cullinan for stepping up and helping cover for Marilyn through her winter vacation. Your continued dedication to this club is a shining example of what it takes to make our club successful.

Please feel free to reach out to me or any of our Directors with any comments or concerns. The feedback helps us stay focused on what is most important to our strong and growing membership.

**Ben Frary**  
**President**

## St. Patrick's Day

Rueben Sandwich

Potato Salad

\$14

Call ahead or stop in!

374-6495



Bar Open

2-7 pm

Drink  
Specials!

**Comfort Food**  
**Tuesdays in March**  
Call ahead to order on  
**Monday by 4**  
**Pick up Tuesday between 5-8**

315-374-6495

**Fish Fry Fridays**  
**Haddock**  
**Fries and Slaw**  
**\$14**  
**5-8 or sold out**

## Century Tavern

*Closed Mondays*

**Tuesday-Friday**

**3- Close**

*(weather permitting open at noon)*

**Saturday-Sunday**

**11- close**

## Restaurant Hours

**Tuesday 4-8**

**Saturday & Sunday**

**12- 3**

## On the Pro Side...

See ya February! Welcome March. You have already started to see email communications from the golf shop about some of the great golf ball deals the companies are offering. I will be continually sending you updates and invites via the OCC communications email. The month of March will be spent cleaning, refreshing and preparing for our start April 1st. Let's hope the snow will be dwindling so the course is ready for us.

We are still looking for candidates for our open positions in the golf shop and outside staff. Please refer anyone you think could fit into any of these positions. The positions are made up of early morning, midday and evenings hours. This covers whatever time of day people could be looking to work. I can be reached at [occproshop@gmail.com](mailto:occproshop@gmail.com).

I will be periodically stopping into the shop over the next month. If you need to meet with me in person for any reason email me so I can get back to you to set up an appointment.

I hope everyone is as excited and anxious about the start of the new season as I am. This could be the year you achieve some new personal best. I am looking forward to hitting all time highs for attendance in our member events. It is great to have such a supportive membership that is so involved with their club. I am looking forward to seeing you all again soon. Let's hope we will be using rakes instead of shovels at the spring clean up.

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**Michael (Hoagie) Hogan**

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## Golf ....

The 2025 Golf Calendar for the Club has been approved by the Board and posted on our website. There have been a few changes of note but nothing truly major. Please be aware that the Member/Member will be held July 12th and 13th, and the Member/Guest has changed to a Thursday/Friday/Saturday format for the first time this year. Also, the Board approved moving the Formal Ladies Member/Guest to a weekend spot instead of a weekday event for the first time. That event will be held on Saturday 8/16.

Please take note of when our Club Championships are being held and make plans to play in one (or more) of those championships. There's a championship for just about every golfer category you fit into.

Past participation in these events has not been, shall I say....."very robust". Some folks are just intimidated by having to post an actual number on a scoreboard for people to see. It's okay. It's a dry erase board and the numbers wash away at the next rainfall and no one will remember what you shot. Btw - I played in the Men's Club Championship 2 years ago and I happily broke 90 from the back tees both days and I actually won 2 skins - they were net skins but they still put some jingle in my pocket. So please get out there and support our championships. They are a lot of fun - and no one ever remembers the guy who made an 8 on the 18th hole to lose the club championship by 2.

## PK

### Golf Committee Chair



## Membership...

Hi all. New memberships applications have started to pick up, we approved 4 golfing and 1 social membership in February. As of now, we currently have 325 golfing memberships, which is already more than we ended last year with. The plan is to cap golfing memberships 335 to accommodate our increased level of play. If you know anyone that would like to join before we reach our waiting list number, please reach out!

**Greg Lavery**  
**Membership Chair**  
**315-402-6538**



## Welcome New Members!

Mathew Kitts & Angela Fiore  
Deana & Richard Lafond  
Mark & Meghan Donabella  
Tyler Morris

Whitney Murabito  
Katie O'Reilly  
Brian Woodhouse





## Marketing..

.In addition to our OCC Website, Monthly Newsletters + Weekly Emails, follow our social media for off-season news and events!

Oswego Country Club's Social Media Platforms/Website

Facebook: Oswego Country Club

Instagram: oswegoocc

Twitter: @oswegocc\_ny

Website: [www.oswegocountryclub.com](http://www.oswegocountryclub.com)

Event Registration Links: [Linktr.ee/oswegocountryclub](http://Linktr.ee/oswegocountryclub)

**Chelsea Giovo  
Marketing Chair**

## Greens...

Does Anybody Really Know What Time It Is??? The last two years we had been out on the course playing golf on these days and many before this!! I drove through Chicago in the past week on my way to the Rocky West and a quick return trip later in the same week. All the time, I was looking at how little snow I was seeing and noting how much I had left behind in Oswego.

Upon return this week, we held a meeting of the Green Committee to discuss upcoming Spring and Summer needs knowing that we still have up to 3 feet of snow on our beautiful course. Matt reminds us that snow cover is naturally a good thing to protect our grass be it tees, greens or fairways. The state of the course presently is healthy and with continued slow thawing we will hopefully be adorned with lots of green once this white blanket recedes. As previously referenced and remarkably, the overwhelming bulk of tree work is done and we're just waiting for no snow to get back to stump grinding. Our annual CLEANUP DAY is planned for early April - the 5th to be exact - weather permitting! That day is such a jump start for Matt and his team - having many hands making light work of our grounds. So, plan to step up with your rake and gloves (hopefully no snow shovels) to clean up debris and remnants of a winter past. Further priorities for our course are in planning and continue to be refined. If you have interest in being part of the Green Committee, please contact me!!

The arrival of our Memorial Clock came with no chime, gong or alarm, but was quietly nestled into storage until we're ready to place it in its prominent retreat near the practice green and driving range — in full view from the clubhouse.

Our Clock will be placed in mid-April now due to weather and ground conditions - feel free to stop by on April 18th to see it lifted into place. Everyone is also invited and encouraged to support the clock with a contribution of \$100, or more. Business contributions are also welcome. Sincere thanks to all who have supported this project to date. A beautiful remembrance of members past will adorn our country club and golf course for years to come.

As always, I welcome any questions or comments...

<[wmcris@yahoo.com](mailto:wmcris@yahoo.com)> or (315) 591-4172.

Best regards,

**Bill Crist**

**VP - Green Committee Chair**





## THE PROGRESS OF TIME







**Please return this completed form with your check made payable to  
OCC**

I would like to support the Oswego Country Club Memorial Clock at the following level:

\_\_\_\_\_ Personal (\$100)

\_\_\_\_\_ Family (\$200)

\_\_\_\_\_ Patron (TBD)

\_\_\_\_\_ I also have a corporate/business interest to support the Oswego Country Club Memorial Clock

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## The Course...

Call it wishful thinking but it looks like after two days of sunshine and warmer weather we may finally be losing a little bit of our snow pack! It may not look like it now, but golf season is right around the corner and we've got some great weather coming up to help meet our opening date. While conditions may not permit play for us, they certainly haven't stopped progress in our shop. Neal has been as busy as ever working on equipment and has completed oil and filter changes on our rough mowers, as well as blade and belt replacements and fabricating mulching kits to try to reduce the excess clippings we leave on the course during vigorous growing times. The course seems to be weathering the heavy snowfalls well and we have no reports of any damage from excessive snow pack, downed trees, flooding, or flash freezing.

Moving forward into the month we are hoping that we will be able to begin some course cleanup as the snow starts to melt. We have a long list of projects to be completed before the start of the season and plan to begin work as soon as possible. Our tree removal work from earlier in the year has left us with many stumps still needing to be ground, the clock has been delivered and we are preparing for installation, and the flagpole will be reinstalled near the 8<sup>th</sup> tee. We are also planning to replace the power supply pole to the irrigation pump station, and install water meters and backflow prevention on all water lines leading to the golf course. If weather doesn't permit the completion of these tasks, we will try to accomplish any preliminary work that can be done to facilitate them. This is going to be a busy spring for us here and participation in the member clean-up event will be incredibly helpful to not only the maintenance department, but also to any members who are eager to begin their season with the best possible conditions.

Thank you OCC and lets all hope for a big melt!

**Matthew Bednarski**  
**Golf Course Superintendent**





## Facilities...

I never thought I would say this, but I think our Snowbirds might be on to something. It goes without saying that this winter has been very challenging. Most of my time has been spent knocking down icicles, dealing with ice jams and maintaining clear the number of required exits from the buildings. I had to bring in a contractor to shovel off the flat roof between the Tavern and Dining room since this section was very prone to collapsing due to the amount of snow that had accumulated. Hopefully the end is near.

Looking outside it's hard to believe that the beginning of the golf season is only a month away. And with that our annual membership volunteer cleanup day is just around the corner. I just hope we will need to bring our rakes and not our shovels.

I would like to thank the volunteers who have kept activities going throughout the winter months at the club: Brian Cummings for running the weekly Football ledger, Ben Frary for running the dart league, and Michele Lloyd for taking care of the Super Bowl and PGA Golf tournaments. Your hard work is very much appreciated.

I am happy to announce that the 2025 Hummingbird Spring migration has begun. It will be interesting to see if there is still snow on the ground when they arrive, I sure hope they take their time getting here.

Maintenance performed in February:

- Perform the quarterly furnace preventive maintenance routine.
- Perform building inspections with our insurance carrier.
- Fixed the kitchen ice machine
- Continued research for our Equipment Reliability Asset Management Plan.

Please let me know if you have any suggestions, comments or concerns.

**Mark G. Brunschweiger**  
**mbrunsc@yahoo.com**  
**Facilities Chair**



## Social.....

### On February 22nd, OCC's Chili Cook-Off brought the heat!

Congratulations to our 2025 Winners:

- Anna F. (Overall/Traditional Chili)
- Meg P. (Most Creative)
- KC M. & Mark B. (Tied for Spicy Chill)



**Thank you for your participation and donations to our local food pantry,  
Human Concerns Inc.**

Stay up to date with future activities sponsored by Social Committee by checking OCC weekly emails, newsletters, and our social media platforms.

If you have fun ideas and/or are interested in becoming a Social Committee member, contact Meghan Anderson (Social Chair) at [meggo723@icloud.com](mailto:meggo723@icloud.com)

**Feeling LUCKY? Get ready for St. Patrick's Day  
Trivia Night on March 15th**

Oswego Country Club

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY  
TRIVIA NIGHT**

**March 15, 2025 5:00PM - 9:00PM**

Teams of Eight People 🍀 Members & Invited Guests

**Limited St. Patrick's Day Themed Menu**

Charitable Donations to the St. Baldrick's Fundraiser

**Hosted by Chris Dain**



## From the business office...

- Remainder of split payment dues by April 1
- Please remember to **print your member number** on your check when making payments
- **Dropping off your payment?** There is a mailbox for the Club in our parking lot near the locker room entrance. A secure mailbox is located in the lobby just inside the front door of the clubhouse, and the office door upstairs has a mail slot as well.
- If you have **changed your email address** recently please send it to us at:

**office@oswegocountryclub.com**



### 2025 Board of Directors

#### Officers

President: Ben Frary  
1st VP: Bill Crist  
2nd VP: Paul Kunzwiler  
Treasurer: Marilyn Magner  
Recording Secretary: Jennifer Boalt

#### Directors

Meghan Anderson	Zachary Farden
Mark Brunschweiler	Chelsea Giovo
Fr. John Canorro	Rich Godden
Kevin Dorsey	Greg Lavery
Matt Smith	

**Michael Hogan PGA Professional**  
**Matt Bednarski Grounds Superintendent**  
**Tammy Murphy Restaurant and Bar Concessionaire**

# Oswego Country Club

## 2025 Golf Calendar

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
Apr-5	Sat	8:00-12:00	Volunteer Clean-up Day
Apr-6	Sun	8:00-12:00	Contingency Clean-up Day
Apr-26	Sat	11:00-2:00 1 <sup>st</sup> tee	SUNY NCAA Tournament
Apr-27	Sun	10:30-1:30 1 <sup>st</sup> tee	SUNY NCAA Tournament
May-5	Mon	Course closed until 4:00	Greens Aerification
May-6	Tue	Course closed if needed	Contingency Aerification Day
May-6	Tue	3:00-5:30 alternating sides	Men's Twilight League begins
May-7	Wed	9:00-11:30 alternating sides	Women's Early League begins (9)
May-7	Wed	3:00-5:30 alternating sides	Men's Twilight League begins
May-8	Thu	3:00-5:30 alternating sides	Women's Twilight League begins
May-13	Tue	8:30 modified shotgun	Women's 18-hole League begins
May-17	Sat	9:00 shotgun	Men's Draft Tournament
May-21	Wed	12:00-1:00 Tee Times	Bandits Golf Outing
Jun-2	Mon	10:00 shotgun	Oswego Health Tournament
Jun-4	Wed	9:00-11:30 alternating sides	Women's 9-hole League begins
Jun-30	Mon	1:00 shotgun	Schamble/Stag Day
Jul-8	Tue	8:30 modified shotgun	Women's Informal 18-Hole M-G
Jul-10	Thu	9:30-11:00	Junior League begins
Jul-12	Sat	12:00 shotgun	Member-Member
Jul-13	Sun	9:00 shotgun	Member-Member
Jul-14	Mon	8:00-2:00 1 <sup>st</sup> tee	United Way Event
Jul-19	Sat	9:00 shotgun	Shotgun start for general play
Jul-19	Sat	2:00 shotgun	Couples Member Guest
Jul-22	Tue	8:00 modified shotgun	SWDGA
Jul-31	Thu	9:00 shotgun	Men's Member-Guest
Aug-1	Fri	9:00 shotgun	Men's Member-Guest
Aug-2	Sat	9:00 shotgun	Men's Member-Guest
Aug-6	Wed	9:00-12:00 both sides	Women's 9-Hole M-G
Aug-9	Sat	10:00-11:30 1 <sup>st</sup> tee	Sr. Men's Club Championship
Aug-9	Sat	12:00 1 <sup>st</sup> tee	Junior Club Championship
Aug-10	Sun	10:00-11:30 1 <sup>st</sup> tee	Sr. Men's Club Championship
Aug-10	Sun	12:00 1 <sup>st</sup> tee	Junior Club Championship
Aug 11	Mon	10:30 shotgun	Will Barclay Event
Aug-16	Sat	8:30 modified shotgun	Women's Formal M-G
Aug-17	Sun	3:00 modified shotgun	Adult-Child Tournament
Aug-21	Thu	9:00 shotgun	Senior Men's Member Guest
Aug-23	Sat	8:00 1 <sup>st</sup> tee	Women's Club Championship
Aug-23	Sat	10:00-11:30 1 <sup>st</sup> tee	Men's Club Championship

Aug-24	Sun	8:00 1 <sup>st</sup> tee	Women's Club Championship
Aug-24	Sun	10:00-11:30 1 <sup>st</sup> tee	Men's Club Championship
Sep-2	Tue	Half of course closed (4:00)	Greens Aerification
Sep-3	Wed	Half of course closed (4:00)	Greens Aerification
Sep-4	Thu	Course closed if needed	Contingency aerification day
Sep-13	Sat	Tee times (TBD)	TC Cup (Mbr hosted event)
Sep-13	Sat	10:20-11:00 1 <sup>st</sup> tee	Ladies Invite (Mbr hosted event)
Sep-14	Sun	Tee times	TC Cup day 2
Sep-15	Mon	All day	Fairway Aerification
Sep-16	Tue	As required	Fairway Aerification
Sep-19	Fri	7:30 PM shotgun	Glow Ball
Sep-20	Sat	1:00 shotgun	Buc Boosters Event
Sep-22	Mon	10:00 shotgun	Oswego-Fulton Chamber Tourney
Sep-27	Sat	11:00-2:00 1 <sup>st</sup> tee	SUNY Fall Invitational
Sep-28	Sun	10:30-1:30 1 <sup>st</sup> tee	SUNY Fall Invitational
Oct-4	Sat	1:00 shotgun	Blue Line Club
Oct-11	Sat	10:00 shotgun	Stableford Tournament
Oct-14	Tue	Early morning	Back Nine Aerification

**Possible Events**

Jun-20	Fri	5:00 shotgun	Nine, Wine and Dine
Aug-22	Fri	5:00 shotgun	Nine, Wine and Dine
Sep-6	Sat	3:00 shotgun	Par 3 Pro Appreciation

