

OCC Newsletter

November Newsletter 2024

President's Message...

Hello OCC

As we start the new fiscal/golf year on November 1, I wish you all a safe holiday and winter season as well as safe travels to all those who travel south for the winter. To those lucky enough to remain in the Oswego area, it looks like the golf weather remains very playable – so I offer these reminders about winter golf:

- The Pro Shop will close until April 1. Like other years this may take a few days for everyone to get used to the new process and if there are any changes to these plans we will communicate the changes to the membership.
- A logbook for cart usage will be in the dining room on the auxiliary bar near the back door along with a supply of cart keys - please fill out the log prior to play and remember to return the key after each round so they are available to the next user.
- A logbook for guests will also be maintained on the auxiliary bar – please log any guests that you bring and include their name and your name so you can be billed accordingly. Remember this starts the new golf season so any guests that use the course are working off their 5 time maximum course use.
- Both carts and guests will be billed periodically to the responsible member by the Office.
- As we begin to transition the carts for winter storage, the cart barn will start being used for cart storage as well as equipment staging for maintenance prior to being stored in the pole barn. As the number of available carts are reduced due to winter readiness, we ask that you share carts in your groups and avoid individual use – it would be unfortunate if someone needs a cart to be able to play and none are available.
- As of November 1, garbage pickup on the course and locker-room cleaning will end. We will need people to pickup after themselves and discard garbage themselves – this includes from the carts.
- As of November 1, please return carts in an orderly fashion – there won't be any workers to put them away. Please take care to keep the locker rooms clean.
- Matt and Neal will have limited crew available to continue on course work (think leaves and trees) – please be aware of them on the course and take care to keep them safe, if you have to avoid a hole they are working on please do.

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I offer my heartfelt thank you to the Board members that I have worked with these past three years – they have been wonderful to work with and always willing to help whenever asked – and some strange asks at that. When you see a board member, please take the time to thank them for their efforts and the time they spend making the Club a more enjoyable experience for us all (and frequently at the jeopardy of their golf time and family time)!

I also want to thank all members who have volunteered their time to help improve the club – whether assisting Matt on the course, working on our mechanical/electrical systems, beautifying the course, performing cleanup of the course, or identifying opportunities to improve our wonderful club – you the members make our Club the star of Central NY golf – thank you!

Thank you, Matt and Hoagie, for your team work to present a Class A golf experience for our members and their guests – the feedback we hear from members and guest alike is very positive and we should be thankful for this wonderful team!

Thank you also to Tammy for the hard work she puts in and her willingness to continue to run our bar/restaurant/event venue for another two years!

I would be remiss if I did not thank the dynamic duo who runs the business affairs of the Club – Marilyn Magner and Jen Boalt. Without whom I am not sure how the Club would function – you came together as a team to run the office affairs of the Club when our last office person retired – thank you for all your time and effort keeping the place running smoothly, saving money and caring for the needs of the members.

A Request:

- The workers of the Club (think Office and Pro-Shop) work hard to be responsive to the needs of the members – but they also need their time away from the Club to live (or at the Club to golf). Please be respectful of their life away from the Club and avoid texting/calling them at odd hours. For the Office – call and leave a voice message or an email, for a Pro-Shop need (e.g. reciprocals, lockers, tee times, etc.) call the Pro-Shop line not personal cell-phones.

What's next?

- More golf (cold golf).
- The OCC Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, November 17 at 1500 (3pm). Please attend this important meeting so we can elect new Board members (a quorum of at least 50 members is required), discuss Long Range Planning activities, review the budget and potential enhancements to the Constitution.

Monthly Dues Payers reminder – please remember your dues expense is automatically withdrawn each month from your designated account – BUT you still will receive a bill for any charges owed (e.g. food/drink beyond minimum, greens fees, carts, Pro-Shop charges, tips, etc.) and these need to be paid each month.

Reminder to all members – If your monthly bill goes unpaid for 45 days or more then charging privileges are turned off until the bill is brought current – this includes food, beverage, carts, merchandise, etc. If your monthly bill goes unpaid for 3 months then you are suspended from the club until your account is paid in full. If you are suspended from the Club you may not use the Club even as a guest.

I look forward to seeing everyone on the course and around the Club. Dress warm and dry – there is still a lot of golf left to be played. Hit them long and straight.

Feel free to contact me anytime if you have any questions or suggestions about the Club.

Pete Cullinan

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Thanksgiving Pies

Pumpkin
Apple
Caramel Apple
Coconut Cream
Banana Cream
Chocolate Cream
\$20/9" \$25/10"



Blueberry and Cherry \$25/9" \$30/10"
White Chocolate Cheesecake \$30

Baked in aluminum pans
Pick up Wednesday before Thanksgiving
Contact: 315-532-5108

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 Proside...

Welcome to November! The golf shop is closed for the season. I want to thank everyone for a great season.

I would like to take a minute and publicly thank Connor for the five years of hard work and dedication. I could not have asked for a better right hand man. Connor gave all of his heart, soul and time to the golf operations to make the golfing experiment more enjoyable for all of our members. I am sure he will do the same on the course. Even though I hate to lose him for golf operations I am sure he will do an outstanding job with Matt on the grounds.

This was a busy year with over 25,000 rounds of golf. The golf shop was very happy to see so many of the members branching out into the members events. I think we have found the correct format for the 9, Wine and Dines. Our turnouts were outstanding. Next year we may have to look into cart rentals so we may allow even more players. The leagues moved to tee times for shorter wait times. Leaving the opposite side of league open for general play is not going away. This has created more opportunities for golf to be played for the overall membership. This has also helped gain new members by creating more playing opportunities.

Looking forward to an even busier year next year. We are currently going to be filling multiple positions in the golf shop. Of course we will be adding a new Assistant Professional, 2nd assistant/shop help, a morning opener or two along with outside staff. If you or anyone you know is interested please have them email **oswegocproshop@gmail.com**. We are looking for outgoing individuals who are willing to work as a team.

A special thanks to my retired crew who helps out for our tournaments. Without the donation of your time I don't think we could run such an efficient tournament operation. If anyone else is willing to donate their time in these moments please don't hesitate to reach out next year.

Have a great winter and safe travels. All communication will be done with me by email for the remaining of the winter. Thank you for your understanding. Hope to see everyone next year.

Hoagie and Connor

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ANNUAL MEETING

Please plan on attending
November 17th at 3 pm.

Candidates for the Board of Directors will be voted on, officers elected and Long Range Planning, Budget, and potential enhancements to the Constitution for the Club will be discussed.



Membership...

Final reminder to get your resignations, leaves of absence and membership status changes in before November 1st. Unfortunately, we always have a dozen or so members resign every year. Some move. Some just want to take a break. But the good news is the Board has approved 8 new memberships for the upcoming season since our last meeting 10 days ago. People obviously like what they see up here and the word is out. Get out and enjoy some more fall golf and keep spreading the word.

PK
Membership Chairman



Marketing...

2025 Sponsorships letters will be sent out for the 2025 season.

If you are interested in becoming a 2025 Oswego Country Club Sponsor, contact me at chelseagiovo@gmail.com for more information.

Chelsea Giovo
Marketing chair

The Course...

Amazing how fast the summer has come and gone. I went from laying sod in 72 degree weather to start the month, and wishing that I had worn shorts and a tee shirt, to weekly frost delays and having four to five people working leaf patrol daily. This quick change of weather patterns, along with high winds has caused a lot of our leaves to fall in a short period of time. The colors this fall have been as vivid as I can remember for the last few years. Fall colors come out when chlorophyll production slows down in the plant and other pigments continue to be produced. The amounts depend on sunlight, cold temperatures, and sugar production through photosynthesis. It is truly a great time to be out on the golf course enjoying what Mother Nature provides.

While our environment is preparing our trees to go into dormancy for the winter, myself, Neal, and the rest of the crew are preparing to do the same for the mechanicals of the golf course. We have pulled out the intake line and begun to winterize the irrigation system, as well as shut down the drinking fountains and bathrooms on the course. If you plan to continue playing, please come prepared or stop into the clubhouse before your round.

The fourth hole was sodded to start the month, and just in time. We ended up getting close to four inches of rain in the two weeks following installation, which did two things for us. One being that it proved that our drainage was working well and the other being that it helped keep everything moist and growing. Post rain it took us a couple of days to dry up and be able to install sand but it has been soft, playable, and able to withstand rain events without washing out. A win on all accounts. We have mowed our new sod a couple of times with no issue and as long as we can continue to keep carts off of it for the rest of the fall I think we will go into winter without issue. Please come out and check it out for yourselves. If you happen to see Jeff, Neal, or Himey out on the course, please let them know how much their hard work and long hours have done to improve our course. They really went above and beyond to help finish this project.

It looks like we will have a fairly nice start to the month of November so please come out and enjoy this beautiful course before the snow starts to fly.

Thank you OCC!

Matthew Bednarski
Golf Course Superintendent





IEWS
On
The
Course



OCC Board of Directors 2023-24

Officers

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

Directors

Mark Brunschweiger	Chelsea Giovio
Fr. John Canorro	Rich Godden
Kevin Dorsey	Paul Kunzwiler
Zachary Farden	Greg Lavery
Matt Smith	

Michael Hogan PGA Professional

Matt Bednarski Grounds Superintendent

Tammy Murphy Restaurant and Bar Concessionaire

Welcome New Members!

Riley Wood
Ronald & Theresa Sova
Jeremy & Cathryn Aiello
Michael & Carmella Delorme
Shawn & Jennifer Boshart
Jeanne & Byron Smith
Brady Carson
Spencer Stepien
Connor Goss





Facilities...

I can't believe the end is here for our regular golf season. October brought us some great golfing opportunities and I wish for more of those days in November. The Fall colors out on the course this time of year are absolutely beautiful and the course itself is in amazing shape.

Though the golfing days are getting fewer, activities at OCC will continue. Soon we should start having Trivia night and many more events put on by our Social committee. Please come out and enjoy these events during the off-season.

Needless to say, it's that time of year to start preparing for our winter months. The vendor already came and took down the awning, and soon the chairs will be stored away.

Minor maintenance activities during October included:

- Installed smoke/CO₂ detector in the Pro Shop
- Installed smoke detector in the upper club storage area
- Installed smoke detector in lower club storage area
- Snaked the Locker Room sump pump drain line to remove roots that were causing water to pool up around the Locker Room.
- Fixed leak at the Bar's 3 bay sink
- Installed new lighting in the club storage barn
- Repaired the upstairs balcony door so people don't get locked out anymore

If anyone has any suggestion for winter projects that you would like to see done, please let me know.

Thank you,

Mark G. Brunschweiger

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Facilities Chair

Nominating Committee Update...

There is still time to commit to a nomination for the 2025 board of directors. If you have questions you can reach out to one of the nominating committee members. There will be three (3) board of director seats open on the board for a three year term beginning in November.

If a board seat is out of your reach at this time, consider serving on any of the many committees that help keep the club informed and provide direction and action to better our club. A committee member can assist with answers or simply review your member handbook for more information on standing committees.

Contact information for Nominating Committee members is as follows:

Bill Crist - 315-591-4172 - wmcrist@yahoo.com

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Green Committee - November Newsletter

Well there you have it.... A 'Grand Golf Hole'- defined by course architect Barry Jordan - is the result of thoughtful design, expert planning and committed skilled execution and work. Our par 3 FOURTH hole is complete and open for play.

The placid pond, aptly named, *Tranquility*, has given way to a grandiose and foreboding bunker, greenside rough and a hidden runoff area that affords a well struck golf shot the pleasure of a makeable, yet well executed birdie putt, while an errant shot challenges the golfer to salvage bogey or beyond. Get out and enjoy the challenge!

As we rush to cooler temperatures and Fall weather, you'll still be able to enjoy a few last rounds throughout all of the remaining great holes that Matt and his team have prepared for the winter season.

After our last Green Committee meeting in October support focused on continued tree work throughout the course, commitment to the Hole 6 Master Plan for the Spring, our Memorial Clock project and flagpole relocation, consideration for additional forward tees and completion of the ground work around 2 Green and 3 Tee.

Thanks to all of our membership for supporting the work of maintaining and enhancing one of the finest golfing venues in central New York throughout this 2024 golf season.



Memorial Clock...

We are embarking on a epic and exciting project that will include relocating the Oswego Country Club flag pole and erecting a new STREET POST CLOCK near its present location next to the practice green. Our historic flagpole will be moved to the top of the hill near the 8th tee box. That prominent area will provide a spectacular viewing of the symbol of our country.

This handsome and aesthetically styled clock adorns many golf courses, parks and green spaces at local clubs and throughout many prestigious courses throughout our country - Pinehurst, Pebble Beach, Torrey Pines and locally, Cobblestone Creek, Cortland Country Club, Atunyote Golf Club and Tuscarora Country Club. The OCC Memorial Clock will include a plaque collectively memorializing all departed club members who remain in our thoughts during each round of golf we play at Oswego Country Club.

As introduced initially in our October message, the majority cost of the clock and flagpole relocation is being sought through private donations from club members with significant donations already made by club members and related businesses secured through a quiet campaign. We are continuing the campaign to identify meaningful matching donations from club members. Your donation of \$100 or more will help to secure the project to completion. Please make your contribution to *Oswego Country Club, Attn: Memorial Clock*

For more information, please feel free to reach out to:

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