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OCC MONTHLY

# NEWSLETTER

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## Message from our President

So what will it be... In like a Lion out like a Lamb, or, as I hope not... the inverse! March in Oswego can bring early golf, and yet, as we continue on our path this winter, we may be well into April before we get to do what we all became a member to do - play and enjoy GOLF -ponder on, and let's hope for the best!

You'll be seeing new events and social gatherings in the coming weeks. As we reflect, the Super Bowl build up proved fun for many - even profitable! Thanks to Brian Cummings for his organizing the NFL weekly fun. Thanks to Michele and Dave Lloyd for helping with the SB boards; and as the dart league finishes with a brash of bullseyes, thanks to Ben Frary and Tammy for making this season a fun diversion from snow and cold.

The Green Committee had a positive and productive session since our last newsletter. Matt offered up many of the winter projects that he'll highlight in his newsletter section ask well as plans for the spring and golf season. Likewise, PK chair of the Green committee has a thorough report to digest. Hoagie will be making more regular appearances as he gets his shop up and ready. As we introduced in our last newsletter, we're also eager to welcome our assistant professional, Zach, in April.

We're fortunate to have Matt, Neal and a skilled, talented team to complete projects that improve our golf experience. We seem to have a proverbial 'Honey-Do' list that, through planning and action steps, we complete projects to make accomplishments into measurable improvements that truly make our course a better place.

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That being said, put a big circle on your calendar around MARCH 28th - that will be our annual CLEAN-UP DAY... more to come as the date approaches!

Before you know it, we'll be planning and playing tournaments, leagues, and other golfing events. So, what will it be...A lion or a lamb??

As always, I welcome your thoughts and comments. Find me around the Club or drop me a note, call or text...

president@oswegocountryclub.com or (315) 591-4172

**Bill Crist**  
**President**

# FACILITIES

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Mark Brunschweiger

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. We brought in a contractor to shovel off the roofs and clear the ice dams that I couldn't reach. 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.

There have been roof leaks in our Club House and Maintenance Building. Once the weather has cleared, we will bring in a contractor to evaluate these leaks and come up with a repair plan. If you see a leak, please let me know.

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, Michele Lloyd for taking care of the Super Bowl and PGA Golf tournaments, and Tammy and Nick for cooking up the wonderful weekly Comfort food. 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.

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

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

## Paul Kunzwiler

The late John Lisk, PGA Professional, once told me....."It's called Green Committee, not "Greens Committee." The Green Committee deals with all things "Green" on and around the golf course. It doesn't just deal the with the 19 greens we have on our beautiful golf course. Just a little tidbit of useless information as the golf season draws near.

We had a very productive committee meeting in February. Matt and crew have been very busy maintaining equipment and moving snow. He has quite a large slate of tasks that he needs to complete in the near future. The biggest one is getting our new irrigation computer system up and running. It will definitely improve our course moving forward.

Other tasks include...installing our new pond aerator on #16 that our own Mark Mayo purchased for the club. Thank you Mark. Doing prep work that will add a short cart path from 5 green to 6 tee and extend cart paths on 7 and 11.

Matt has 70 tons of bunker sand on site that he'll be using to refurbish a good portion of our bunkers as the season progresses.

The committee also came up with a list of 10 small "in house" projects for Matt and crew to try to tackle as time permits. They aren't big money projects but they will be labor intensive. Hopefully, Matt can tackle a few of these as we move forward. Thank you to the members that provided their ideas for this list.

The Board did approve the following:

- Move the flower box next to the 14th blue/white tee to a more practical location so push carts can get by without having to push them onto the actual tee box.
- Removal of half dead maple on right side of 17 fairway.
- Fill and contour the back left green side bunker on number 10.
- Move the water fountain behind 17 tee.

It'll be here before you know it.

**Paul Kunzwiler**  
**Green Committee Chairman**



## Matthew Bednarski – Golf Course Superintendent

Is everyone else as ready for golf season as we are? We have had a great winter down here in the maintenance department but we are all eager to be able to get outside and begin spring prep work. We have a quite a few unfinished projects to tackle in the spring including some drainage lines, cart paths, stump filling and seeding, and quite a bit of bunker work to try to improve on some of our more undesirable sand traps.

We have also concluded our first greens committees meeting of the year and with the help of member submissions have come up with a prioritized list of smaller projects that our membership believes would improve the playing experience. Some of the improvements that were brought in have been landscaping improvements such as mulching and tree planting, as well as tree removals where playability has been decreased. We have also prioritized building new ladies tee boxes on some holes and leveling a few of the worst men's tee boxes. We greatly appreciate the input from the members who helped with this process and the greens committee is always open to the concerns of our members, so please feel free to reach out to myself, PK, or another committee member if you would like to contribute in the future.

On top of the usual wintertime equipment repairs, we have been working towards our new irrigation system upgrade this winter. We will be installing a new computer system with upgraded TORO LXNX software, field interface unit, and on course satellites. We also plan to have the course digitally mapped through GPS to make irrigation repairs easier for anyone who happens to work on our system in the future. Our irrigation software has run well passed its expected life and is in much need of replacement. The new system will give us the ability to turn the irrigation system on or off from anywhere, diagnose some problems without having to dig them up or trace them before hand, and fine tune our watering programs to make our course more consistent from day to day.

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We have also opted into TORO'S National Support Network, which will be a great tool to have when we computer illiterate folks in the maintenance department need to troubleshoot irrigation software issues.

I recently took a shovel for a walk to some of our problem greens and did some digging to uncover some of our turf. I was checking for any signs of anoxia or snow mold, and just checking general turf health. I am happy to report that all things were in great shape, and it appears that our greens are as eager to start the spring as I am. No disease, no ice, no issues, just green healthy turf.

With early March temperatures reaching up into the high 50s it won't be long until we are all back out there. We are scheduled for member cleanup day on March 28 th and it looks like we might actually make it. So please, get your rakes and gloves ready, mark your calendar, and bring out the family. Every person that we have in attendance gets us one step closer to having our club open and in great playing conditions for early spring.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you all in the coming month.

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

## SOCIAL

**Maureen Donovan & Heather Vashaw -Social Co-Chairs**

Hello OCC!

Golf season is right around the corner! As we look forward to getting out on the course, Heather and I are looking for some input on social committee activities for the club. Please be on the look out for a survey in the coming weeks to gauge interest in events as well as the opportunity to voice ideas for future events we can have here at OCC!

Best,  
**Mo and Heather**

# CENTURY TAVERN & DINING

Tammy Murphy- Morgia  
Concessionaire

## Dining

Comfort Food

### Tuesdays

Fish Fry **Fridays**

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Led by: *Kayla Young*

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own Kayla  
All levels are  
welcome  
to attend!

# MEMBERSHIP

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## Greg Lavery - Membership Chair

Hi all. New memberships have slowed down right now, along with a few resignations - we currently have 330 golfing memberships. I'm sure everyone knows, but we will cap golfing memberships at 335 to accommodate our increased level of play. So this is a great time to reach out if you know anyone interested in joining before the few spots we have left fill up.

**Greg Lavery**  
**Membership Chair**

# BUSINESS OFFICE

## Marilyn Magner & Jennifer Boalt

*If you should have changes to your contact information- email address or phone number please email us so that we can update your account.*

Please remember to print your **MEMBER NUMBER on your checks** for any payments. Most appreciated! There is a mailbox in the parking area, a secure box inside the lobby door to the left, and a slot in the office door upstairs which is also secure. You also have the option of online payment by accessing your account on our website:

**[oswegocountryclub.com](http://oswegocountryclub.com)**

We can always be reached by email: **[office@oswegocountryclub.com](mailto:office@oswegocountryclub.com)** or  
voicemail: **(315) 343 - 1941 Ext. 4**

League fliers will be posted when available on the OCC website homepage. Copies will also be located on the bulletin board in the Century Tavern.

## PRO SHOP

Michael Hogan - OCC Pro  
Zach Bowden- Assistant Pro

Welcome to March. The season is so close I can taste it. I will be starting all of the behind the scenes work on March 15th. I will be working hand and hand with Marilyn and Jen to finalize all locker and club storage changes , additions and subtractions. The PGA board will be available to sign up for starting on April 1st when the golf shop opens for official golf business.

I will be sending out information at the beginning of next week about the TaylorMade and Callaway buy 3 get 1 free program. Think warm thoughts to help the snow melt in the meantime. I look forward to Zach and I getting into full golf mode for April 1st. See you soon!

**Hoagie**



## Meaghan Primm

If you are interested in purchasing advertising space on our website for the upcoming year or at golf tournaments and related events, please let me know and I will send you the necessary information.

If you are looking for opportunities to display your branding through course displays, printed materials, and any available sponsorship placements that provide visibility to participants and attendees, please contact me for advertising packages, pricing, event schedule, audience reach, and any deadlines for securing placements.

**Marketing@oswegocountryclub.com**

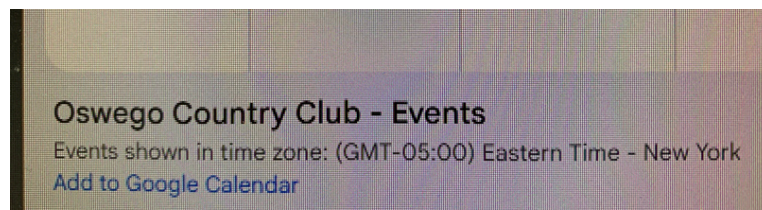
Thank you so much,

**Meaghan Primm**  
**Marketing Chair**

# UPCOMING EVENTS

[www.OswegoCountryClub.com/EVENTS](http://www.OswegoCountryClub.com/EVENTS)

View the 2026 Golf Calendar on our website by going to the “What’s Happening” tab on our homescreen at **oswegocountryclub.com**. Click the “Add to Google Calendar” on your mobile device. Every event in our Calendar of Events will be synced with your phone for easy access. If we delete an event, your phone is updated automatically. If we change an event, updated automatically. We add an event, adds it to your mobile calendar.





OCC Women's Kick Off

# GOLF

## TOURNAMENT

THURSDAY, MAY 7TH

Join us for a 4-woman blind draw  
**SCRAMBLE** to kick off the 2026 season!

NOT JUST FOR THURSDAY  
NIGHT GOLFERS - OPEN TO  
**ALL FEMALE MEMBERS**

Please indicate your  
earliest availability  
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