

OCC Newsletter

May 2022

President's Message...

Hi All

Welcome back to the snowbirds and as of this writing the course is progressing well with both sides open to carts. Our greens wintered very well with little to no damage that many of the Syracuse area clubs suffered from ice. While the carts are currently out we also know that we may have significant rain in front of us at any time – so please be patient if cart use needs to be limited in the event weather conditions negatively impact the course. Please remember we have Scott to here to care for the health of the course and to determine when we are safe to allow play and carts.

Bathrooms and water fountains have been turned back on and the traps are being maintained – the course gets better and better each day, even as Mother Nature continues to throw challenges our way.

If you see Scott, Neal or any of their crew – please take a moment to thank them for the condition of the course!!

We had about 20 members, SUNY men's golf team members and Scott's crew helping on cleanup day and it made a significant impact on course readiness – thank you for all who helped. If you are available for next year's cleanup day it would be wonderful to have even more hands to clean up the course.

This is repetitive – but a reminder – we no longer have a dedicated staff person in the office so the best way to get questions answered is to use the "[Member Request](#)" link on the website under the "[Membership](#)" pull-down option. Please use the "Member Request" link for your membership, restaurant, billing, Proshop, etc. questions. While we encourage everyone to use the App to ask their questions and get resolution, you may still call the business office and leave a voicemail. Someone will respond to your message as soon as possible.

National Grid work has officially begun with the moving in of equipment down behind 8 green and some excavation has started. Expect the work to continue through sometime in October. While the work may be noisy at times please remember that the work doesn't affect the course and has provided a financial benefit to the club.

Our search for Scott's replacement is ongoing – thus far a committee has screened the applications, identified those to be interviewed, interviews have occurred and selected candidates were invited back for a Q/A session with Board members. The process continues with the next step being the selection of the preferred candidate.

As noted previously, initial bids for the work on #9 green have been received and the review process of those bids has started. As we work to narrow down the bids you may see some preparatory work start in the area – e.g. removal of black walnut tree that hangs over the left bunker on 9 green. During the bid review process and interface with the prospective contractors, we will be working to identify the most opportune time for the work to be conducted based on contractor availability and material availability.

We have a good number of new members that have joined over the winter – both returning and new to the Club. If you see someone that is new or unfamiliar, please introduce yourself and welcome them to the Club.

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One last item regarding the monthly statements that members should be receiving – if you have not received a monthly statement electronically (or for a few that are still getting them mailed), then let us know via the Member Request link. If you have paid your balance in full and have no current charges on your account you may not receive a statement. We will be adhering to the By-Laws requirements for timely payments on statements – please see the following information from the By-Laws regarding this.

Please remember to fix your ball marks and any others you see on every green – in a perfect world we will fix our own and not have any additional to fix!

I look forward to seeing everyone on the course – hit them long and straight!!

Pete Cullinan, President

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MEMBER CHARGING PRIVILEGES AND BILLING

NOTE: Please remember to check your email for your monthly statement – we aren't mailing out statements any longer, we are emailing them – both as a cost savings for the Club and a productivity improvement.

As the board members have become more involved with the day-to-day operations of the Club Office duties formerly performed by employees, we have been comparing past practice to the Club By-Laws and Board Policies. One thing we have discovered is that we have not been good at reinforcing the Board Policy regarding Members Charging Privileges. We have noted examples of members charging (food, drink, carts, etc.) throughout the golf season but not paying for those charges until end-of-year or in some cases just prior to the next golfing season when they receive notification of pending suspension. The Policy provides the following:

- Member charges are billed monthly.
- Accounts paid prior to the next billing shall incur no service charges.
- Accounts not paid timely are subject to a 1.5% per month charge going forward.
- **If any amounts remain unpaid 45 days after the initial billing date, the members charging privileges will be disabled in the Club's billing system and the member shall be so notified.**
 - o Note – this cannot be overridden in the Pro-Shop or Restaurant/Bar – you will have to pay cash for anything you wish to purchase.
- **If any amounts remain unpaid by the third billing, membership privileges (including golf and utilization of pre-paid restaurant minimum) shall be suspended and the member shall be notified.**
- Service charges will accrue during this suspension of charging privileges.
- The suspension of charging or member privileges may only be lifted by payment of all outstanding amounts in full, including any and all penalties and interest.

Monthly dues payers please remember – your automatic monthly payment only covers your monthly dues fee – not any charges you have made, those charges (food, golf, snack shed, Pro-Shop, etc) still need to be paid each month or charging privileges could be suspended until your bill is paid in full per the policy above.

Please pay you bill timely so charging privileges are not suspended and an embarrassing situation can be avoided. Once charging privileges are suspended the Pro-Shop and Restaurant/Bar are automatically flagged to prevent charging and they don't have the ability to override that suspension.

OCC 2021-22 Board of Directors



Peter Cullinan	President
Ben Frary	1st Vice President
Ken Cherchio	2nd Vice President
Marilyn Wagner	reasurer
Jennifer Boalt	Recording Secretary
KC Maniccia	Board Member
Mark Brunschweiler	Board Member
Shawn Baldwin	Board Member
William Crist	Board Member
Matt Smith	Board Member
Elizabeth Dorsey	Board Member
Zachary Farden	Board Member
Kevin Dorsey	Board Member
Rich Godden	Board Member
Tammy Murphy	Restaurant and Bar
Scott Peters	Grounds Superintendent
Michael Hogan	Golf Professional

2022 Committee Chairs

Facilities: Mark Brunschweiler
Golf: Ben Frary
Handicap: Rich Godden
Junior Golf : Liz Dorsey/KC Maniccia
House: Liz Dorsey
Long Range Planning: Dan Dorsey, Jr.
Membership: Shawn Baldwin
Social: KC Maniccia
Insurance: Kevin Dorsey
Budget: Matt Smith
Bylaws/Constitution: Bill Crist

Century Tavern and 1897 Dining Room Spring Hours

Bar:

11am to Close Everyday

Dining:

Lunches: Daily 11am to 3

Dinner: Tuesday-Friday

5pm to 9

Or last cart in!

The Course...

Nightcrawlers present a big problem on the closely mowed turf of golf courses. Even though they are an invasive species, treatment targeting them is not permitted. When wet, the worm castings smear the turf after mowing making the play surface less than desirable. This condition persists until the turf is actively growing. Spring and fall when the growth slows makes the problem more noticeable.

**Oswego CC GC Superintendent
Scott Peters**

***Assistant Superintendent Neal Pitcher using a
Feurst Harrow to break up worm castings
while dry on fairways***



Greens Committee ...

#9 Green:

Dan Dorsey is chairing this project and to date we have received 3 bids for the work. We are going over the bids to see if we can save any money on any of the line items listed as necessary. Barry Jordan our architect has been in contact with 3 contractors, Shane Martin, Peter Dailey, and Brian Ley. Dan will work with Barry on hopefully securing local contractors for the project where it is feasible. The project timeline is approximately 3 weeks for the major work and then 6-8 weeks for regrowth. We are still discussing the location of the temporary 9th green. If August doesn't work out we will look to the spring of 2023.

We are attempting to get the work on the green side bunkers on #1 and #2 done at approximately the same time as the work on #9 green, hopefully this will save some money on the bunker work as the equipment will already be staged.

National Grid has started their work behind #8 green.

**Ken Cherchio
Green Committee Chairman**

Facilities...

It is great to see the activity at the club picking up after a challenging winter. What's even more exciting is seeing our new members already getting out and enjoying the course and the facilities. Be sure to introduce yourself to them and welcome them to the club if you see them.

Thank you for all that were able to make it out on Volunteer Cleanup Day. Your contribution and dedication to the club is greatly appreciated. The appearance of our course and grounds are a great asset that is seen not only by our community but also our guest.

The repairs to the patio fascia and soffit are still on going as I have been challenged by the weather. I know there were a couple of days of nice weather when I should have been working on it, but I decided to golf instead, my bad. On a brighter note, thanks to the donation of the piece of crown molding by Tim Stitt and using left over pieces of lumber, the cost of this project should come in at \$0.00.

For those who care; I have placed the Hummingbird feeders up. There have been Hummingbird sightings in Wolcott and Oswego. Soon they will grace us with their presence. Time for me to go to Aldi's and stock up on sugar!!

Minor Maintenance performed in April:

- Installed new TV in Pro Shop.
- Replaced the accent lights in the bar, and at the request of our secretary, changed the fan lights to a Soft White luminescence.
- Vendor performed quarterly HVAC inspection and repairs.
- Installed wireless lights in the Pro Shop Attic.
- Install new vinyl baseboard molding in the maintenance building.
- Yearly Fire Extinguisher inspections completed by vendor.
- Fire Alarm testing completed by Vendor.

Hope everyone has a wonderful Golf season as we get into the full swing of things. (Pun intended). Keep a lookout for any safety issues you may observed and let me know so I can address them in a timely fashion.

Thank you,

Mark G. Brunschweiger

Facilities Chair

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On the Proside...

I would like all the members to be aware of the special member pricing in the golf shop. The prices you see on the tags are guest prices. When your member number is put in the register the price will automatically change to the member discounted price.

I would also like to remind everyone to stop in the pro shop for a bag tag. We would like to have all members to have a bag tag on their clubs and anyone in club storage with a cart we would also like that tagged.

We are still looking for more staff if you have anyone in mind. For those of you unaware we will always have a raffle running in the golf shop. You can win a new driver of your choice or take your winnings as pro shop credit for your wardrobe or new irons.

The range will open soon. You can start signing up for your lesson packages now. Please be aware there is a **Men's Draft Tournament on May 14th**– 9 a.m. Shotgun start– Sign up in the Proshop!

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Michael (Hoagie) Hogan
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Budget Committee...

The budget numbers continue to look good for our club. Currently we are right on track for our expenses and revenues. We will continue to maintain our fiscal responsibilities as we move along through 2022.

I would like to thank Scott Peters for his role in maintaining the course in immaculate condition while keeping his budget at or below his target each year. Scott continues to save our club money with every task he undertakes, but never at the expense of the course.

Thank you to everyone for your continued support of OCC, and a special thank you to everyone who has gone out and recruited new members.

Thank you,

Ken Cherchio Budget Committee Chairman
Kcherchi@twcny.rr.com

Golf Committee...

We updated the Couple's Member-Guest date on the golf calendar which we listed incorrectly on the previous document. The correct date is SATURDAY, July 30th.

We have also entered into an agreement with Empire Golf Carts to purchase a new drink cart. The Cushman Refresher Oasis will hopefully be delivered in June 2022.

Ben Frary Golf Chair



Recent pictures from the events at OCC thanks Mark Brunschweiler!



Membership Committee...

The membership numbers for our club continue to maintain the healthy numbers we strive for. Currently we have 328 memberships, with 268 golfing memberships (At the end of fiscal year 2021 we had 311 memberships, with 263 golfing memberships). We are still offering an incentive to recruit members for 2022, see the OCC website for actual incentive prices.

Let's see if we can boost our golfing memberships up to 275 by the end of this year. I believe we have the best course and membership in CNY. Thank you to everyone for your continued support of OCC, and a special thank you to everyone who has gone out and recruited new members.

Thank you,

Ken Cherchio

Membership Chair



Welcome to New and Returning Members

Lynne and Jeff Eggert

Robert Pollock

Chelsea Giovo and Kevin Carracioli

Tina Bennet



Membership Update Forms

We have updates for about 1/2 of the Membership

Forms are available in the Proshop, bar or office should you need a hard copy

If you have yet to send your update please be aware that
the **Membership Year category designates the year you last joined OCC—
the current year.**

**example: if you joined OCC in 2019, but resigned in 2020 and rejoined in 2022—
then your membership year is 2022.**

You may email, USPS mail or drop off your update form to the office!

Volunteer Day



Thanks to everyone who helped out– all volunteers, the boy's Golf Team and Tammy & Staff for the lunch following!



OSWEGO COUNTRY CLUB

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION UPDATE

... Please Print Clearly / Attach Additional Page(s) If Needed ...

Membership Year: (Most recent year of application)

MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATION (check one)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Young Adult Full | <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Full | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Full Weekday |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Junior Primary | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Primary | <input type="checkbox"/> College Student |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Junior Full | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Full | <input type="checkbox"/> High-School Student |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 75 Mile Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Membership | |

PERSONAL INFORMATION

MEMBER NUMBER

First Name

Middle

Last Name

Address

City

State

Zip

Home Phone

Cell Phone

E-Mail

Date of Birth

Spouse's / Partner's Name

Spouse / Partner Cell Phone

Spouse / Partner E-Mail

Date of Birth

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EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

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Spouse's / Partner's Employer	Position	Work Phone
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Address	City	State	Zip

Additional Information or Comments:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>CHAIRPERSON (Notes)</u>
Apr-2	Sat	8:00-12:00	Volunteer Clean-up Day	Ken Cherchio/Scott Peters
Apr-23	Sat	11:30-1:30 1 st tee	SUNY NCAA Tournament	Mike Howard
Apr-24	Sun	11:00-1:00 1 st tee	SUNY NCAA Tournament	Mike Howard
May-2	Mon	3:30 front side shotgun	OHS Golf Match	Dan Rose
May-3	Tue	8:30 mod. shotgun	Women's 18-hole League begins	Jennifer Boalt
May-3	Tue	3:00-5:30 alternating sides	Men's Twilight League begins	Paul Osetek/Larry Heintz
May-4	Wed	9:00-11:30 alternating sides	Women's Early League begins (9)	Marilyn Magner
May-4	Wed	3:00-5:30 alternating sides	Men's Twilight League begins	Dave Johnson
May-9	Mon	Course closed until 4:00	Greens Aerification	Scott Peters
May-10	Tue	Course closed if needed	Contingency Aerification Day	Scott Peters
May-12	Thu	3:00-5:30 alternating sides	Women's Twilight League begins	Julie Sterio/Vicki Furlong
May-14	Sat	9:00 shotgun	Men's Draft Tournament	Proshop
Jun-1	Wed	9:00-11:30 alternating sides	Women's 9-hole League begins	Marilyn Magner
June-5	Sun	1:00 shotgun	Pro-Member	Pro Shop
Jun-6	Mon	8:00-2:00 1 st tee	Oswego Health Tournament	Pete Cullinan/Michele Hourigan
Jun-13	Mon	10:00 Shotgun	Oswego-Fulton Chamber Tourney	Sarah Broadwell
Jun-27	Mon	1:00 shotgun	Summer Scramble/Stag Day	Pro Shop (format TBD)
Jul-7	Thu	9:30-11:00 both sides	Junior League begins	Liz Dorsey
Jul-9	Sat	1:00 shotgun	Member-Member	Ken Cherchio/DJ/Blum
Jul-10	Sun	9:00 shotgun	Member-Member	Ken Cherchio/DJ/Blum
Jul-11	Mon	8:00-2:00 1 st tee	United Way Event	Lexi Wallace/Kate Davis Pitsley
Jul-23	Sat	12:00 1 st tee	Jr. Club Championship	Pro Shop
Jul-25	Mon	11:30 shotgun	Will Barclay Event	Stephanie Herrick
Jul-26	Tues	8:30 modified shotgun	Women's Formal M-G	Jennifer Boalt/Nancy Patka
Jul-30	Sat	2:00 shotgun	Couples Member Guest	Social Committee/M. Lloyd
Aug-3	Wed	9:00-12:00 both sides	Women's 9-Hole M-G	Marilyn Magner/Liz Dorsey
Aug-5	Fri	9:30 shotgun	Men's Member-Guest	D. Dorsey, Jr.
Aug-6	Sat	10:00 shotgun	Men's Member-Guest	D. Dorsey, Jr.
Aug-7	Sun	9:00 shotgun	Men's Member-Guest	D. Dorsey, Jr.
Aug-13	Sat	10:00-11:00 1 st tee	Sr. Men's Club Championship	Pro Shop
Aug-13	Sat	12:00 1 st tee	Jr. Club Championship Semi-Final	Pro Shop
Aug-14	Sun	10:00-11:00 1 st tee	Sr. Men's Club Championship	Pro Shop (times to be confirmed)
Aug-14	Sun	12:00 1 st tee	Jr. Club Championship Final	Pro Shop (times to be confirmed)
Aug-16	Tue	8:30 shotgun	Women's Informal 18-Hole M-G	Jennifer Boalt
Aug-18	Thu	9:00 shotgun	Senior Men's Member Guest	PK
Aug-20	Sat	3:00 modified shotgun	Adult-Child Tournament	Pro Shop
Aug-27	Sat	8:00 1 st tee	Women's Club Champ.	Pro Shop
Aug-27	Sat	10:00-11:00 1 st tee	Men's Club Champ.	Pro Shop
Aug-28	Sun	8:00 1 st tee	Women's Club Champ.	Pro Shop
Aug-28	Sun	10:00-11:00 1 st tee	Men's Club Champ.	Pro Shop
Aug-31	Wed	8:30 shotgun	SWDGA Event	Deana Masuicca
Sep-6	Tue	Course closed until 4:00	Greens Aerification	Scott Peters
Sep-7	Wed	Course closed if needed	Contingency Aerification Day	Scott Peters
Sep-12	Mon	All day	Fairway Aerification	Scott Peters
Sep-13	Tue	As required	Fairway Aerification	Scott Peters
Sep-17	Sat	1:00 shotgun	Buc Boosters Event	Sean Callen
Sep-24	Sat	11:30-1:30 1 st tee	SUNY Fall Invitational	Mike Howard

Sep-25	Sun	11:00-1:00 1 st tee	SUNY Fall Invitational	Mike Howard
Oct-1	Sat	10:00-10:00 1 st tee	Stableford Tournament	PK (time and format TBD)
Oct-11	Tue	Early morning	Back Nine Aerification	Scott Peters

Possible Social Events

Jun-17	Fri	5:00 shotgun	Couples League/Wine and Dine	Social Committee
Jun-18	Sat	TBD	Family Event	Zach Farden
Jul-22	Fri	5:00 shotgun	Couples League/Wine and Dine	Social Committee
Aug-26	Fri	5:00 shotgun	Couples League/Wine and Dine	Social Committee
Sep-10	Sat	2:00 shotgun front side	Par 3 Social Event/Pro Apprec.	Social Committee
Sep-23	Fri	7:30 shotgun	Glow Ball Social Event	Social Committee

*Tentative date, subject to change





**BANQUET TO KICK OFF THE
LADIES GOLF SEASON**

DATE: 5/5 TIME: 6:00 COST: 30.00

THE MENU WILL BE A MEXICAN BUFFET

RSVP KC MANICCIA (315)591-5167

OR MARILYN MAGNER (315)374-8919

The 30.00 will be charged to your account