

OCC Newsletter

September 2023

President's Message...

Hello OCC Members,

There has been a lot of good golf weather, some marginal golf weather and some downright snarky golf weather this summer – but as the warmth of August starts to give way to cool mornings of September lets get ready for fall golf!!!

Congratulations to all the Club Champions – there was some excellent golf played by our youth, ladies, and men to be crowned both gross and net Club Champions.

Recently I was thinking about what changed in the last year and realized have seen significant change at the Club:

- The demolition of the ninth green was underway and the rebuilding of the green and bunker complex was beginning.
- We played on a temporary green for about 8 months – and I think many of us now miss the short second shot and a realistic chance at birdie.
- Matt Bednarski and Melee joined us last August for the beginning of the ninth green project and to start the turnover process with Scott Peters as he transitioned to a well-deserved retirement – thank you for the years of service Scott and the quality course you turned over! Much like the illusive whitetail bucks that call OCC home, there have been some occasional sightings of Scott out and about on the course.
- The Master Plan for the course was presented to the Membership in December (the presentation is on the website) by our Architect – Barry Jordan. This document gives us a blue print for the course going forward and the Greens Committee, Long Range Planning Committee and the Board have been working to follow it as the budget supports.
- We renewed the contract with Tammy Murphy for food and beverage services.
- Many dead and dying ash trees were removed and there are many more that will be removed during this coming winter.
- Our membership has continued to blossom with many new members including many younger players who will keep the Club progressing into the future.
- We entered into a new 5-year cart contract. In the spring of '24 we will see 46 new carts (10 more than our current number).

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- We purchased a verticutter for the fairways and tees to make continuous improvements to the quality of the course.

So what's next you may ask?? Good question – no easy answers but some possibilities:

- Ladies Tee enhancements (7, 10 and beyond).
- With extra carts coming we will need a place for winter storage for the 10 extra carts to get them inside – this could be an extension of the existing cart barn which could generate additional revenue from push/electric cart storage in the golfing months.
- The backside restroom needs refurbishment or replacement – based on feedback, this is important to a significant group of our membership!
- Implementing aspects of the Master Plan as budget permits.
- Developing the Long-Range Planning Committee and looking at a capital campaign to support the Clubs desired priorities.

What can you do?

- Encourage friends to join our wonderful Club.
- Consider running for one of the vacant Board of Director seats at the annual meeting – contact Bill Crist, Chris Dain or Deana Masuicca if you are interested.
- When we begin a capital fundraising effort, consider donating to your club for our ongoing improvements.
- Get involved with a committee:
 - o Golf Committee (Ben Frary)
 - o Greens Committee (Ken Cherchio)
 - o Social Committee (chair is available)
 - o Budget (contact Matt Smith)
- Volunteer your time/talent to better the club.
- Support Member Volunteer Cleanup day.

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, Proshop charges, tips, etc.) and these need to be paid each month. If a bill goes unpaid for 45 days or more then charging privileges are turned off until the bill is brought current.

I look forward to seeing everyone on the course and around the Club. Hit them long and straight.

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

Pete Cullinan

315-591-6103



OCC 2022-23 Board of Directors

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| Peter Cullinan | President |
| Ben Frary | 1st Vice President |
| Ken Cherchio | 2nd Vice President |
| Marilyn Magner | Treasurer |
| Jennifer Boalt | Recording Secretary |
| Mark Brunschweiler | Board Member |
| William Crist | Board Member |
| Chelsea Giovio | Board Member |
| Matt Smith | Board Member |
| Elizabeth Dorsey | Board Member |
| Zachary Farden | Board Member |
| Kevin Dorsey | Board Member |
| Rich Godden | Board Member |
| Paul Kunzwiler | Board Member |
| Tammy Murphy | Restaurant and Bar |
| Matt Bednarski | Grounds Superintendent |
| Michael Hogan | Golf Professional |



Century Tavern and 1897 Dining Room Hours

Bar:

Monday-Sunday

11-close

Restaurant:

Saturday-Monday

11-3

Tuesday-Friday

11– last cart in

**Please see the Weekly Emails for specials—
now posting on Tuesdays!**

The Course...

Where has the summer gone to? A blink of the eyes and we are already into September. Summer help has left and daylight is growing shorter. Burning bushes are turning red and goldenrod is changing over to its beautiful fall color. We had some ups and downs with the weather this past month but my crew did an incredible job with getting the course into shape for each of our August events. I know that the Pro/Superintendent Appreciation event is coming up shortly, but our crew members are the real superstars around here. Please be sure to let them know if you see something that you like, and let them know that their hard work isn't going unnoticed.

As far as any monumental changes go I honestly don't have a lot to report on this month, our seeded areas are growing in still, nine green has recovered nicely from its heat stress; there are some small areas of disease and insect damage across the course. I am overall extremely happy with the way that everything looks for the end of August.

The last month has been a whirlwind of trying to keep conditions up between tournaments and there can definitely be some drudgery by this time of the season, but we are beginning to get into my favorite time of year. We have aeration coming up on the 5th and 6th and we plan to be pulling cores. This means that we will have to add another step to the process and take a little more time and use a little more material to get our final product. Unfortunately the course will be fully closed on those days to facilitate this procedure. We also plan to verticut and aerate the fairways on the 11th and 12th, although I don't believe that will be quite as intrusive as usual. We have been pruning trees both from the ground and out of a lift to both increase airflow and playability and will begin marking more Ash trees for their winter removal. We do have a few projects that we will be beginning here as we get past our aeration. I am planning for another quick recovery on our greens and fairways and as it stands right now it looks like we will have plenty of days of good growing conditions and golf in the near future.

Matthew Bednarski Golf Course Superintendent



Views from the course....



On the Prosides...

What a great August that was! Congratulations to all of our new champions and members who completed their first club championships. We are jumping into September with both feet. Our official leagues are done for the year but we have a few of our leagues that continue with some fall fun. Our high school and college teams will be out in full force. Please keep booking your tee times appropriately and be observant to events on your calendars.

The Pro shop and the range, along with the course will be closed on September 5th. September 6th the Pro shop and golf course will be closed until 4:00 pm and the range will reopen Thursday morning.

Looking forward to seeing many of you at the Pro/Super appreciation day on September 2 for the 3:00 shotgun. For those of you that have not had the opportunity to play the exciting 9 hole par 3 setup created by John and Mary Stevens. Please sign up on golf genius or call the golf shop.

Connor will be getting married on September 9th. Both Connor and I will not be on site or responding to communications that day. We will have the shop covered throughout the day with the remaining staff we have so please be patient and understanding.

Michael (Hoagie) Hogan
Golf Professional

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Budget Committee...

We are well into the golf year and that means the best part of the year is upon us – Budget time! Given the great work of the team across the board, staff, new members and outings we are in good stead going into 2024.

We've got a lot of the ground work done for it but could really use some help from non-Board members as an advisory and input into the budget before it goes to the Board. We'll make all effort to keep the time commitment low and short term over the next couple of weeks. But the input and support from the membership is vital. We are looking for another 2-4 non-Board members to assist. You don't have to have financial background etc, just a desire to provide input and maybe get to know how the club sets up for a year ahead as well.

Please reach out to Matt Smith (msmith_australia@hotmail.com / 3155613181) this next week as we'll be launching into it rapidly.



Welcome New Member!
Dr. Mark Vadney

Greens ...

Matt has been working daily on an aerial lift to trim back some limbs that overhang many of our fairways and tee boxes. Also, the area to the right of #15 fairway has been trimmed and cleaned up along with the area to the left of #6 fairway. The course looks great!

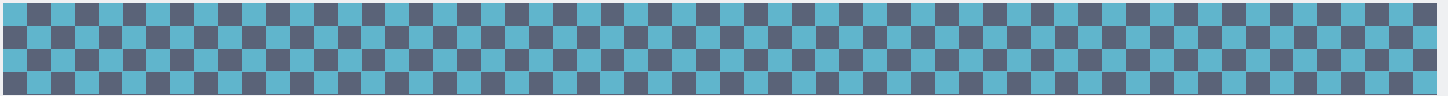
Our fairways are looking great with all the effort that has been put forth to keep them healthy with all the rain we have had. Too much rain makes for more work for the fairways and greens to keep them in such good condition. Please help in this cause by filling divots and repairing ball marks on greens, not just yours but any that you see out there.

We have discussed beginning the construction of the new forward tee boxes on #7 and #10, hopefully this work can begin soon so they can be played from this golfing season.

Thank you,

Ken Cherchio

Greens Committee Chairman



Aces in August!
Ryan Lavner on #4
Jeff Hoefer #12
Jack Blum #2



And once in a blue moon....
3 in One Day on #4 !!!!!
Peg Lloyd
Sue Viscome
Mike Cook Jr.

Congratulations Everyone!!





Facilities...

Congratulations to all our tournament champions we had in August. The weather and course conditions were perfect. It was nice to hear all the positive comments about our course from guests at these events. We should never take for granted what we have here.

This month's write-up is going to be short and sweet since nothing really broke. Besides unclogging drain lines, replacing light bulbs, fixing doors, painting shelving, and feeding the Hummingbirds, the only visible project was installing a new 15 Tee direction sign.

September, I promise you, will pick up with activities. I need to finish painting the base of the Flagpole, finish the trim around the A/C unit in the Pro Shop, and make a permanent fix to the basement outside door.

I have had several other requests which include painting the picnic table, installing a grab bar in the lady's restroom on the front 9, and Tammy just gave me more shelving units to paint.

On one last note, I would like to thank all our summer help for doing such a fantastic job. Best of luck to those going back to school and finding other opportunities and hope to see you next year.

Also, congratulation to Liz our daytime bartender on her retirement...Best of luck Liz you'll be truly missed.

Mark Brunschweiger

Facilities Chair

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Social Committee...

We had a busy August! Junior Clinic & Golf was a success! Thank you Connor and Hoagie for all that you do for the kids! Congratulations to the winners of the Adult-Child Tournament, Kevin & Damian Waters! The weather was perfect and we had a nice turnout of participants for the tournament.

The last 9 & Dine event of the season has been rescheduled for September 8th (see flyer for details). The Glow Ball Tournament is scheduled for September 15th. Sign up online if you're interested!

Chelsea Giovo

Social Committee Chair



From the Business Office...

ALL REQUESTS FOR:

*RESIGNATIONS

*LEAVES OF ABSENCE

*STATUS CHANGES

(marital status, domestic partner, membership classification)

**WE NEED TO KNOW AND HAVE THE PROPER FORM IN THE OFFICE
ON OR BY OCTOBER 31ST 2023 IN ORDER TO HANDLE THE BILLING
CORRECTLY**

****FOR THE 2024 GOLFING SEASON****

****NOVEMBER 1, 2023****

This is the beginning of our fiscal year

**Download and print the attached form, or
contact the office via email or voicemail to request a copy**

office@oswegocountryclub.com

(315) 343-1041 Ext. 4

It's super quick and painless!!

OSWEGO COUNTRY CLUB

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CHANGE OF MEMBERSHIP STATUS/RESIGNATION

NAME (Please Print): _____ Membership #: _____

My CURRENT Membership Status is (Please check one):

☐ Young Adult Primary ☐ Adult Primary ☐ Sr Primary Weekday ☐ College Student
☐ Young Adult Full ☐ Adult Full ☐ Sr Full Weekday ☐ High-School Student
☐ Jr Primary ☐ Senior Primary ☐ Social Membership ☐ 75 Mile Membership
☐ Jr Full ☐ Senior Full

I wish to **CHANGE*** my membership Status to (please check)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Young Adult Primary <input type="checkbox"/> Sr Primary <input type="checkbox"/> Social <input type="checkbox"/> Young Adult Full <input type="checkbox"/> Sr Full <input type="checkbox"/> Jr Primary <input type="checkbox"/> Sr Primary WD <input type="checkbox"/> Jr Full <input type="checkbox"/> Sr Full WD <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Primary <input type="checkbox"/> College Student <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Full <input type="checkbox"/> 75 Mile Member | Members converting from golf to a non-golf membership, who subsequently return to a golfing status within the same fiscal year, shall be assessed a \$100 non-refundable reinstatement fee. All funds owed must be paid in full prior to the Board reinstating the member's golfing status. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leave of Absence <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of Leave | Requests for a "Leave" or "Leave Extension" require a separate written explanation of the reason for the leave. Requests for a "Leave" require a \$300 fee. "Extensions" require a \$100 fee. These fees must be included with the request. "Leave" and Extensions" request require Board approval and are only effective for the balance of the fiscal year in which they are approved. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Resignation | Resignation revokes all privileges of membership at Oswego Country Club. Resignation after November 1 requires pro-rata payments of annual dues for the classification held immediately prior to resignation. Resignations are not final until settlement of all outstanding liabilities to OCC. Members who resign and wish to return to membership must re-apply and, if accepted, must pay the applicable initiation fee, if any. |

**Changes of membership status which are requested at any time other than the beginning of the fiscal year (November 1) MAY require pro-rata payments in order to complete the conversion and maintain good standing.*

I, the undersigned, submit this request for change of membership status with the full understanding that there MAY be fees and/or pro-rata dues associated with this change, if approved. I further understand and agree that I am responsible for payment of those fees, if any, before conversion is effective. I have been provided a copy of the pertinent sections of the OCC By-Laws and I am familiar with the requirements listed therein.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY Rec'd by: _____ Date: _____ Board Action: _____

Comments: _____

Nominating Committee....

With the annual meeting fast approaching, including the business to elect new board of directors and officers, the President of the Board has assembled a nominating committee made up of a current board member and two club members - Bill Crist, Deanna Masuicca and Chris Dain, respectively.

There will be three (3) board of director seats open on the board for a three year term. Club members with interest to serve on the Board of Directors for a three year term, should contact any member of the nominating committee. Each committee member can also answer any questions that you may have regarding your responsibilities as a board member. Contact information for Nominating Committee members is:

Bill - 315-591-4172

Chris - 315-592-1085

Deana - 315-575-9307

Below, please find additional information from the Constitution of the Oswego Country Club regarding board of directors, officers and the need for a nominating committee.

Article IV - Board of Directors and Officers

4.02 B. Election of Directors. At the annual membership meeting, the membership shall elect Directors to fill the expiring terms and any vacancies which may exist in unexpired terms from an established list of candidates. The list of candidates shall include those proposed by the Nominating Committee as well as other eligible nominees properly proposed at the annual membership meeting (see below).

The expiring terms shall be filled by the three (3) candidates receiving the most votes. All vacancies in unexpired terms which are known at the time of the first ballot, shall be filled by the candidate(s) next on the tally-list, with the longest remaining term being filled first. Any vacancies occurring during the annual meeting, but after the election, shall be filled through a separate ballot, with additional properly proposed nominees being accepted as needed.

For a nominee who was not included on the Nominating Committee's list of candidates to be included on the ballot for election to a Director's seat, the individual must be eligible per Sections 4.01 and 4.02 of this Article and either: be present and accept the nomination, or submit a written notice in advance of the Annual Meeting to the OCC President, Recording Secretary or Nominating Committee chair which acknowledges their willingness to accept a nomination.

Article VII - Committees

Section 7.03. Nominating Committee. There shall be a Nominating Committee appointed by the President at least thirty (30) days prior to the annual membership meeting. This committee shall be comprised of not less than three (3) voting members of the Club, at least one (1) of which shall be Board member and at least two (2) shall not be Board members. The names of the Committee members shall be communicated to the voting membership of the Club at least thirty (30) days prior to the annual membership meeting. The duty of the Committee shall be to nominate eligible members to be considered for election at the annual membership meeting as Directors to fill vacancies or unexpired terms. The voting membership of the Club shall be informed of the Committee's list of nominees at least ten (10) days prior to the annual membership meeting. The Committee shall also compile and recommend a slate of officers for the consideration of the Board at its specially convened meeting held during the annual membership meeting. **Bill Crist *Nominating Chair***

Pro- Superintendent Appreciation Day

3 p.m.
Shotgun

**CAPTAIN
AND MATE**

**SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 2**

SIGN UP VIA LINK:

WWW.GOLFGENIUS.COM/GGID/GEVXHF/REGISTER

**\$50 / 2PP TEAM
CARTS INCLUDED**



9&DINE

Oswego Country Club
September 8 || \$20 Per Couple
5 PM Shotgun Start

REGISTER ONLINE NOW

GLOW GOLF

Front side
WALKING CARTS ONLY

NEW
stay lit
balls



MORE
fun
lights on
course!

Balls, snacks and prizes included

Tee time 7:30

Arrive by 7:00

SEPT
15

\$30 per person
Register as foursome
by September 8th

RAINDATE: SEPTEMBER 16TH

Oswego Country Club

2023 Golf Calendar

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>DAY</u> | <u>TIME</u> | <u>EVENT</u> |
|-------------|------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Apr-1 | Sat | 8:00-12:00 | Volunteer Clean-up Day |
| Apr-29 | Sat | 11:00-2:00 1 st tee | SUNY NCAA Tournament |
| Apr-30 | Sun | 10:30-1:30 1 st tee | SUNY NCAA Tournament |
| May-1 | Mon | 3:00-6:30 shotgun | Oswego High School Match |
| May-2 | Tue | 8:30 modified shotgun | Women's 18-hole League begins |
| May-2 | Tue | 1:00-5:00 Range | Callaway Demo Day |
| May-2 | Tue | 3:00-5:30 alternating sides | Men's Twilight League begins |
| May-3 | Wed | 9:00-11:30 alternating sides | Women's Early League begins (9) |
| May-3 | Wed | 3:00-5:30 alternating sides | Men's Twilight League begins |
| May-8 | Mon | Course closed until 4:00 | Greens Aerification |
| May-9 | Tue | Course closed if needed | Contingency Aerification Day |
| May-11 | Thu | 3:00-5:30 alternating sides | Women's Twilight League begins |
| May-20 | Sat | 9:00 shotgun | Men's Draft Tournament |
| May-24 | Wed | 12:00-2:00 Range | NY Adaptive Golf Clinic |
| June-1 | Thu | 12:00-4:00 Range | Callaway Demo Day |
| Jun-5 | Mon | 8:00-2:00 1 st tee | Oswego Health Tournament |
| Jun-7 | Wed | 9:00-11:30 alternating sides | Women's 9-hole League begins |
| June-9 | Fri | 1:00-5:00 Range | Mizuno Demo Day |
| Jun-12 | Mon | 10:00 Shotgun | Oswego-Fulton Chamber Tourney |
| Jun-14 | Wed | 12:00-2:00 Range | NY Adaptive Golf Clinic |
| Jun-16 | Fri | 5:00 shotgun | Nine and Dine |
| Jun-24 | Sat | 11:00-3:00 | Callaway Demo Day |
| Jun-26 | Mon | 1:00 shotgun | Scramble/Stag Day (Format TBD) |
| Jun-30 | Fri | 12:00-2:00 Range | NY Adaptive Golf Clinic |
| Jul-6 | Thu | 9:30-11:00 both sides | Junior League begins |
| Jul-8 | Sat | 1:00 Shotgun | Member-Member |
| Jul-9 | Sun | 9:00 Shotgun | Member-Member |
| Jul-10 | Mon | 8:00-2:00 1 st tee | United Way Event |
| Jul-12 | Wed | 12:00-2:00 Range | NY Adaptive Golf Clinic |
| Jul-15 | Sat | 2:00 shotgun | Couples Member Guest |
| Jul-17 | Mon | 11:30 shotgun | Will Barclay Event |
| Jul-21 | Fri | 5:00 shotgun | Nine and Dine |
| Jul-22 | Sat | As required | Jr. Club Qualifying Begins |
| Jul-25 | Tues | 8:30 modified shotgun | Women's Formal M-G |
| Jul-25 | Tues | 2:00-6:00 | Callaway Demo Day |
| Jul-26 | Wed | 12:00-2:00 Range | NY Adaptive Golf Clinic |

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| Aug-2 | Wed | 9:00-12:00 both sides | | Women's 9-Hole M-G |
| Aug-4 | Fri | 9:30 shotgun | | Men's Member-Guest |
| Aug-5 | Sat | 10:00 shotgun | | Men's Member-Guest |
| Aug-6 | Sun | 9:00 shotgun | | Men's Member-Guest |
| Aug-12 | Sat | 10:00-11:00 1 st tee | Sr. Men's Club Championship | |
| Aug-13 | Sun | 10:00-11:00 1 st tee | Sr. Men's Club Championship | |
| Aug-15 | Tue | 8:30 shotgun | Women's Informal 18-Hole M-G | |
| Aug-17 | Thu | 9:00 shotgun | Senior Men's Member Guest | |
| Aug-19 | Sat | 3:00 modified shotgun | Adult-Child Tournament | |
| Aug-21 | Mon | 1:00 Shotgun | Oswego Co Democrat Tournament | |
| Aug-22 | Tue | 8:30 shotgun | Women's Informal 18-Hole M-G | |
| Aug-25 | Fri | 5:00 shotgun | Nine and Dine | |
| Aug-26 | Sat | 8:00 1 st tee | Women's Club Champ. | |
| Aug-26 | Sat | 10:00-11:00 1 st tee | Men's Club Champ. | |
| Aug-27 | Sun | 8:00 1 st tee | Women's Club Champ. | |
| Aug-27 | Sun | 10:00-11:00 1 st tee | Men's Club Champ. | |
| Aug-30 | Wed | 8:30 shotgun | SWDGA Event | |
| Sep-5 | Tue | Course closed until 4:00 | | Greens Aerification |
| Sep-6 | Wed | Course closed if needed | | Contingency Aerification Day |
| Sep-11 | Mon | All day Fairway Aerification | | |
| Sep-12 | Tue | As required | | Fairway Aerification |
| Sep-15 | Fri | 7:30 shotgun | | Glow Ball Social Event |
| Sep-23 | Sat | 1:00 shotgun | | Buc Boosters Event |
| Sep-30 | Sat | 11:00-2:20 1 st tee | | SUNY Fall Invitational |
| Oct-1 | Sun | 10:30-1:30 1 st tee | | SUNY Fall Invitational |
| Oct-10 | Tue | Early morning | | Back Nine Aerification |
| Oct-14 | Sat | 10:00 shotgun | | Stableford Tournament |

Unscheduled Event(s)

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| TBD Fall | TBD | TBD | Pro-Member |
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Please Note:
The Pro-Superintendent
Appreciation Day is
Saturday, September 2nd at 3 pm