

OCC Newsletter

February 2023

President's Message...

Hello OCC -

January started off with a whimper and allowed some hardy souls to play golf. While Oswego winter hasn't really arrived yet from a weather perspective, there is enough cold/wind/snow/sleet/freezing rain to prevent golf from happening, but the days are getting longer which means we will be playing soon!

If you are out walking the course over the winter please avoid treading on the greens.

The Board has been working to obtain a new cart lease which will begin in the spring of 2024. Given the long lead time to get carts built and our current lease expiring at the end of 2023 we needed to get our order in now. The cart fleet will increase by 10 carts (total 46) with this new lease which will facilitate smaller numbers of rental carts for outside events and the larger inside events. The increased number of carts should also limit the challenges to turn around carts during the high temperature days when cart usage is at a maximum. The new carts will be Easy-Go versus the current Club Car.

For those who couldn't attend Barry Jordan's presentation on the Course Master Plan – we have had the video of the entire presentation uploaded to the website so you can review it at your leisure and get a better understanding of why he has suggested the enhancements he has provided us. We also uploaded a time lapse video of the 9th green project to the website for your viewing pleasure.

A couple reminders about dues and charges (important):

- While we aren't playing golf right now, we are still paying bills for the ongoing operations of the Club (taxes, mortgage, maintenance, heat, payroll, etc).
- With the ongoing operation of the Club in mind - please pay your dues and charges timely (not just now but every month) – this will prevent suspension of charging privileges and/or use of the club facilities including the course, bar and restaurant.
- The By-Laws and Member Charging Privileges Policy require timely payment of your bill each month:
 - o If you have unpaid charges (e.g. pro-shop, restaurant, bar, etc.) after 45 days we are required to suspend your charging privileges.

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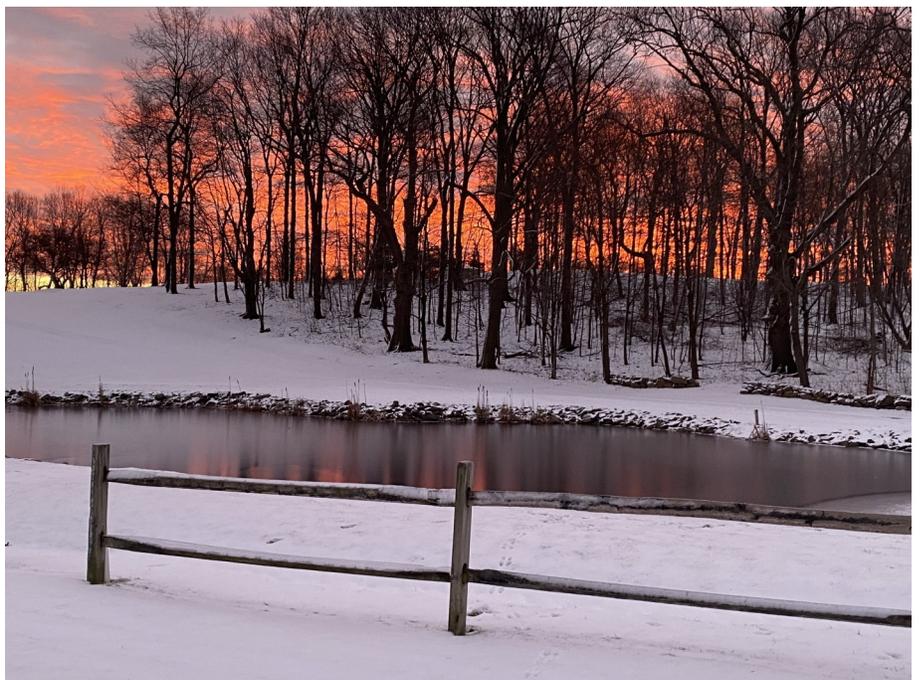
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- o Unpaid charges begin to accrue finance charges if not paid prior to the next billing cycle – i.e. about 30 days.
 - o If you are a monthly payer – this only covers your dues and annual house minimum fee, it does not address any charges above and beyond the house minimum. So if you made charges (i.e. pro-shop or restaurant/bar beyond house minimum) then you still must pay the charged items within the month or you will accrue finance charges and after 45 days will have charging privileges suspended.
 - o If you elect the split payment option – your first payment is due on or before February 1. If it is not received by that date you will incur a penalty of \$100 for the first month and \$50 for each subsequent month until paid.
 - o After three months of unpaid charges (whether dues or other charges) your membership will be suspended until all unpaid charges are brought current – this means you cannot use the course, bar or restaurant as a member, guest or as part of an outside event.
- If your charging privileges are suspended or your use of the facility suspended – please contact the office (or me) to bring your account current.
 - We are enforcing the By-Laws and Policies of YOUR club for the benefit of the entire Club and all its members.

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

Pete Cullinan

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OCC 2022-23 Board of Directors

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Century Tavern and 1897 Dining Room Hours

Closed Mondays

Bar:

Tuesday –Friday

3-close

Saturday & Sunday

11– close

Dining:

Food service is available

On Tuesdays for Darts

Until Lent

5pm to 9

MISSING

During the renovation of the clubhouse, tournament trophies and plaques were stored for safe keeping.

Unfortunately, their location has yet to be discovered—

If you should have any information as to the whereabouts of those items PLEASE contact the office or a Board member.

The names and dates recorded on plaques and trophies are important to the history of our Club and the achievements of our membership.

Marketing and Membership...

Our membership numbers continue to grow. Please get out there and spread the word about how wonderful our course and facilities are here at OCC. Our membership recruitment incentive is still active. Please go to the website and see the benefits of soliciting and becoming a new member at OCC.

At our last meeting, the Board approved the following membership applicants...

John Coughlin, Adult Primary

Christopher Sugar, College Student

Chris, you should recall, worked for the pro shop staff a couple years back. Please welcome these new members aboard and invite them into your golf (and social) groups.

PK

Membership/Marketing Chair

Welcome New Members

**OCC Welcomes
these new members—
fall season and winter
applicants!**



**Mark Castiglia
David Carroll
John Coughlin
Claire Donovan**

**Katherine Metcalf
Nicholas Meyer
Christopher Sugar
Douglas Young**

From the Business Office...

Anytime you connect with the club office please reference your membership number— this would be greatly appreciated— especially when making payments! Thanks everyone!

There are 3 ways to contact the business office:

- **You may call 315-343-1941 and leave a voicemail**
- **Email us at: Office@oswegocountryclub.com**
- **Use the Member Portal on the OCC website:**



Greens Committee...

The greens committee met twice so far this winter. We discussed several areas we would like to work on in 2023 taking into consideration workforce availability and fiscal liability. The items we will try to attend to this year are part of the master plan and include:

Widening some fairways, removing trees and shrubs, removing a bunker, fixing drainage on some bunkers, improving and developing new forward tee boxes, developing some natural areas (only cut a couple times a year), and expanding some greens. This list is not all inclusive, and we may not get to all the items this year, but we want to get a start on using the master plan as a tool to improve the best course in central New York.

The pieces of equipment we had to lease for our course are (delivery spring 2024):

- Gator (to use with a new sprayer)
- Sprayer
- Side Winder Rough Mower

Thank you to Matt and everyone on the greens committee for volunteering your time and working with me to get the ball rolling on these improvements.

Ken Cherchio

Greens Committee Chair



The Course...

Since our last Newsletter we have been hard at work both inside and out to try to prepare ourselves for the upcoming season. I get asked often what it is that I do working at a golf course during the winter months, and while we may not be as busy as we are during the summer, there is no shortage of tasks to be completed. We have approximately 30 large pieces of equipment in the maintenance facility, not counting hand tools. Every one of these pieces is thoroughly inspected and repaired to suit our needs and the manufacturer's recommendations. Engine and hydraulic oils are changed, belts are inspected, and all of the grease fittings are greased. The most time consuming task that we have is the sharpening of our reel mowers for the tees, greens, and fairways. The way that a reel mower works is that there are two different cutting surfaces called the reel and the bed knife. Both surfaces need to be ground to perfectly flat, and when joined together with a slight amount of clearance, can cut a piece of paper (substituted for turf) as well as a fresh pair of scissors. This "paper test" that is completed after the reassembly of each mowing unit, is quite possibly the most satisfying aspect of all winter tasks for golf course employees. (I know, we live a wild life!) When the grinders aren't spinning, we are often replacing hydraulic pumps, replacing worn out bushings or bearings, purchasing and repairing course accessories, and completing record keeping tasks to keep our operation running smoothly during the summer months.

The lack of snow that we have had this winter can be both a blessing and a curse for turf, although when we were last uncovered everything looked to be in great shape. There are a few different things that we like to keep an eye out for in the winter months. The most well known is snow mold of the grey or pink variety. They are actually caused by different fungi and where the grey variety needs snow cover to be present, pink snow mold can happen during any cold, wet periods. Uncovered ground, especially in elevated areas can be susceptible to wind desiccation, which is when wind and cold can suck the moisture out of exposed plants and cause plant cells to collapse. Another issue that can affect our greens is called anoxia, or a lack of oxygen to the turf. This is often caused by an ice buildup on the turf that cannot let enough oxygen through to keep the plant alive. Luckily for us, our greens drain extremely well and ice buildup should be very minimal. If you happen to see us staring at, lying on, or smelling the turf when it is uncovered, please rest assured that we are only inspecting plant tissue and haven't lost our minds due to cabin fever.

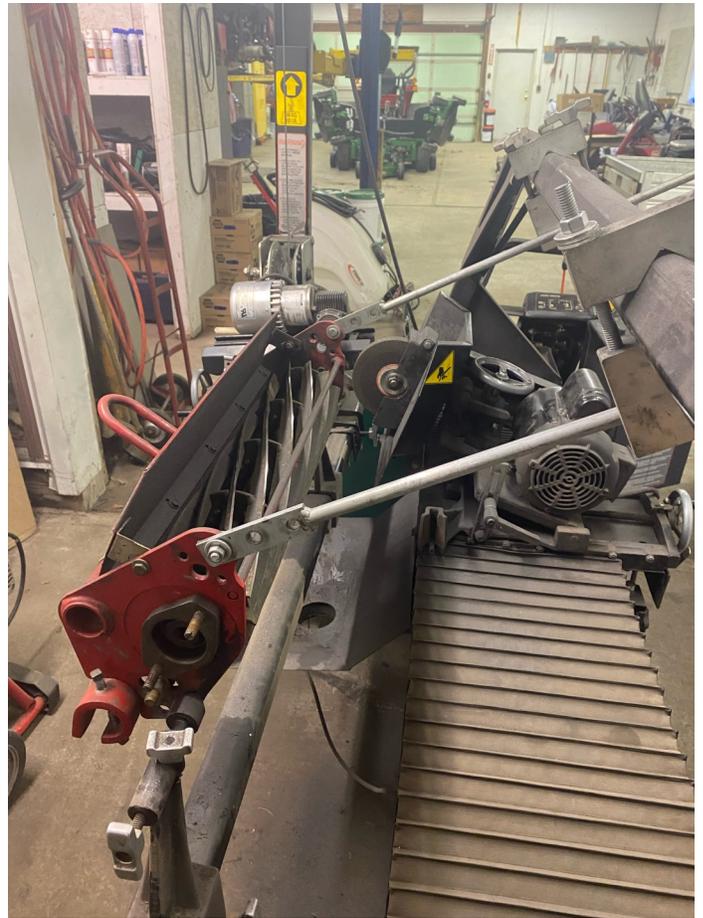
We have been continuing to take down the occasional tree when the weather suits it, both to remove insect infested Ash, and to continue with the master plan set in place by our architect. We have made a list of goals to be completed for the upcoming season with the greens committee and are looking forward to the spring when we can begin another season.

Matthew Bednarski

Oswego C.C. Golf Course Superintendent



Views from the shop



and 15...



Facilities...

I'm not really sure what to think of our winter so far. Back in November before Thanksgiving, and the snow we got, I thought we would be in for a rough one. January has passed and there has been basically nothing, but just enough so we can't go out and hit a few balls.

Though the weather has kept our clubs in our bags, there have been some great activities happening here at OCC. Thank you to the Social committee for the great fun at Trivia Night and the Chili Cook Off. Keep a look out for some more wonderful social events to get us by the winter months.

And finally, for us who love watching the birds in the morning over coffee, next month I should be able to provide an update to the Hummingbird migrations status!!!!!!

Maintenance Activities performed:

- Lights above the Bar were replaced, thank you to Neal and Matt who assisted me this this. Ok, they actually did the work, I provided oversight.
- Replaced the outside lamp post light. Once again, thank you to Neal and Matt who came up with a safe way of reaching the top of the lamp post. I can't even take credit for providing oversight since they got it done before I showed up.
- Replaced several lights in the outside foyer and server's closet.
- Replaced the kitchen's walk-in cooler light switch that had failed.
- Performed monthly Fire inspections.
- Repaired the popcorn kettle that had burned out.
- Replaced the Barn Door Handle.
- Replaced the Kitchen door opening stop.

Please reach out to me for any Facilities suggestion that can get done in the winter months.

Thank You,

Mark G. Brunschweiger

Facilities Chair

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Chili Cook-off



**This was a fun
and *delicious*
event!**

**Plan on attend-
ing next year!**

**Donations were
made to and**

very much

**appreciated by
the**

**Human Concerns
Center.**

***See the following flier
for our next event on
Friday, February 9th!***

February 9, 2023

at Century Tavern

beginning at 6:30pm

GALENTINE'S DAY

GAME

night

Flowers, Chocolates, and Champagne
Card Games - Left Right Center
Winner gets a Prize!



Oswego Country Club

2023 Golf Calendar

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>CHAIRPERSON (Notes)</u>
Apr-1	Sat	8:00-12:00	Volunteer Clean-up Day	Ken Cherchio/Matt Bednarski
Apr-29	Sat	11:00-2:00 1 st tee	SUNY NCAA Tournament	Mike Howard
Apr-30	Sun	10:30-1:30 1 st tee	SUNY NCAA Tournament	Mike Howard
May-2	Tue	8:30 modified shotgun	Women's 18-hole League begins	Jennifer Boalt
May-2	Tue	3:00-5:30 alternating sides	Men's Twilight League begins	Paul Osetek/Larry Heintz
May-3	Wed	9:00-11:30 alternating sides	Women's Early League begins (9)	Marilyn Magner
May-3	Wed	3:00-5:30 alternating sides	Men's Twilight League begins	Dave Johnson
May-8	Mon	Course closed until 4:00	Greens Aerification	Matt Bednarski
May-9	Tue	Course closed if needed	Contingency Aerification Day	Matt Bednarski
May-11	Thu	3:00-5:30 alternating sides	Women's Twilight League begins	Chelsea Giovo
May-20	Sat	9:00 shotgun	Men's Draft Tournament	Proshop
June-4	Sun	1:00 shotgun	Pro-Member	Pro Shop
Jun-5	Mon	8:00-2:00 1 st tee	Oswego Health Tournament	Pete Cullinan/Michele Hourigan
Jun-7	Wed	9:00-11:30 alternating sides	Women's 9-hole League begins	Marilyn Magner
Jun-12	Mon	10:00 Shotgun	Oswego-Fulton Chamber Tourney	Sarah Broadwell
Jun-26	Mon	1:00 shotgun	Scramble/Stag Day (Format TBD)	Pro Shop
Jul-6	Thu	9:30-11:00 both sides	Junior League begins	Liz Dorsey
Jul-8	Sat	1:00 Shotgun	Member-Member	Ken Cherchio/DJ/Blum
Jul-9	Sun	9:00 Shotgun	Member-Member	Ken Cherchio/DJ/Blum
Jul-10	Mon	8:00-2:00 1 st tee	United Way Event	Brandi Weaver
Jul-15	Sat	2:00 shotgun	Couples Member Guest	Social Committee/M. Lloyd
Jul-17	Mon	11:30 shotgun	Will Barclay Event	Stephanie Herrick
Jul-22	Sat	As required	Jr. Club Qualifying Begins	Pro Shop
Jul-25	Tues	8:30 modified shotgun	Women's Formal M-G	Jennifer Boalt/Nancy Patka
Aug-2	Wed	9:00-12:00 both sides	Women's 9-Hole M-G	Diane Hudson/Marion Ciciarelli
Aug-4	Fri	9:30 shotgun	Men's Member-Guest	D. Dorsey, Jr.
Aug-5	Sat	10:00 shotgun	Men's Member-Guest	D. Dorsey, Jr.
Aug-6	Sun	9:00 shotgun	Men's Member-Guest	D. Dorsey, Jr.
Aug-12	Sat	10:00-11:00 1 st tee	Sr. Men's Club Championship	Pro Shop
Aug-13	Sun	10:00-11:00 1 st tee	Sr. Men's Club Championship	Pro Shop (times to be confirmed)
Aug-15	Tue	8:30 shotgun	Women's Informal 18-Hole M-G	Jennifer Boalt
Aug-17	Thu	9:00 shotgun	Senior Men's Member Guest	PK
Aug-19	Sat	3:00 modified shotgun	Adult-Child Tournament	Pro Shop
Aug-26	Sat	8:00 1 st tee	Women's Club Champ.	Pro Shop
Aug-26	Sat	10:00-11:00 1 st tee	Men's Club Champ.	Pro Shop
Aug-27	Sun	8:00 1 st tee	Women's Club Champ.	Pro Shop
Aug-27	Sun	10:00-11:00 1 st tee	Men's Club Champ.	Pro Shop
Aug-30	Wed	8:30 shotgun	SWDGA Event	Deana Masuicca
Sep-5	Tue	Course closed until 4:00	Greens Aerification	Matt Bednarski
Sep-6	Wed	Course closed if needed	Contingency Aerification Day	Matt Bednarski
Sep-11	Mon	All day	Fairway Aerification	Matt Bednarski
Sep-12	Tue	As required	Fairway Aerification	Matt Bednarski

Sep-23	Sat	1:00 shotgun	Buc Boosters Event	Sean Callen
Sep-30	Sat	11:00-2:20 1 st tee	SUNY Fall Invitational	Mike Howard
Oct-1	Sun	10:30-1:30 1 st tee	SUNY Fall Invitational	Mike Howard
Oct-10	Tue	Early morning	Back Nine Aerification	Matt Bednarski
Oct-14	Sat	10:00 shotgun	Stableford Tournament	PK

Possible Social Events

Jun-16	Fri	5:00 shotgun	Couples League/Wine and Dine	Social Committee
Jul-21	Fri	5:00 shotgun	Couples League/Wine and Dine	Social Committee
Aug-25	Fri	5:00 shotgun	Couples League/Wine and Dine	Social Committee
Sep-10	Sun	3:00 shotgun front side	Par 3 Social Event/Pro Apprec.	Social Committee
Sep-15	Fri	7:30 shotgun	Glow Ball Social Event	Social Committee

