

OCC Newsletter

Holiday Edition Newsletter 2025



President's Message...

Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!! It's OUR New Year at OCC as we usher in the 2026 golf season and we're excited to be starting this fiscal year with several new and returning Board members. We've already had two meetings since our annual meeting and each Board member is poised to jump into areas of interest and expertise. With five new Board members - three having committed to serve our club for the first time - you can find a brief introduction in this newsletter. Everyone on the Board has readily stepped up to assist with the work, planning and positive, strategic direction of our Club.

Our creative superintendent, Matt, and his skilled and eager team have transformed parts of our fairways into ski and snowshoe trails for those eager winter weather enthusiasts. Other stalwart golf-a-holics are praying for warmer conditions to slog a few balls on greener fairways. Regardless of your mindset, come find yourself in the clubhouse for a taste of comfort food, informal chats and conversation with a refreshing spirit or two.

Our plans in the off season will endeavor in a variety of areas starting with the care for the golf course, even under a blanket of snow. Tree cutting, stump grinding and limb pruning are all on the work list as well as caring for equipment and painting our tee markers and on course accoutrements. This time of year is Neal's 'inside time' to refurbish mower decks and course equipment readying all to be back on the course in a few short months.

Golf Professional, *Hoagie*, has been diligent in working with the NYS-PGA to attract prospects for the assistant professional in the Proshop. Having that position will be a true help for Michael, but will also benefit our golf club needs from shop assistance, teaching and learning, youth golf, tournaments and leagues - positive steps to come with updates throughout the next several months.

This past year we lost several dear friends, long-time golf partners and familiar acquaintances. Our Wednesday men's twilight league (WTL) came together in a special and unique way for Rich Godden. He battled cancer like no other and inspired many of us throughout his fearless fight. He so enjoyed being at the Club whether to golf, socialize, or provide leadership on the course or boardroom.

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The WTL made a meaningful donation in Rich's honor and memory, allowing the club to purchase two video displays - one for primary use in the boardroom, with the other in the dining/century room - each facilitating meetings, presentations, enhancing sporting events and viewing static displays. These monitors will serve to improve our experiences at OCC. Special thanks to Dave Johnson and long time playing partner, Jack Pryor!

As a member who grew up at Oswego Country Club and joined as a family nearly thirty years ago, I'm honored and humbled to serve as president of this great golf course and country club - I look forward to hearing from you throughout the year.

Let's keep in touch! I welcome your thoughts and comments to improve what we love and enjoy - the Oswego Country Club. <wmchrist@yahoo.com> or (315) 591-4172.

President
Bill Crist



From the business office...

- ◆ **Dues paid in full by January 1 receive 3 free greens fees.**
- ◆ **½ Dues Payable by February 1st and remainder by April 1st.**
- ◆ **There is a \$100 penalty for ½ unpaid by Feb 1st. another \$50 if not paid in full by April 1st.**
- ◆ **Please be aware a 1.5% service charge will be assessed for charges owed (from last season) each unpaid month beginning with your December bill.**

(please reference policy regarding member's charging privileges in the handbook)

**Should you have any updates to your account, address, email, phone number-
please call or email the office so we can keep your account current.**

Email: office@oswego countryclub.com

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Membership...

We currently have 334 total golfing memberships as of our December Board meeting, which is extremely strong for this time of year. Remember, we have a golfing membership cap of 335 in order to maintain adequate tee time & course availability. If you know of anyone that is thinking about joining the club, now is the time to have them get their application in – once the weather turns, we could end up with a lengthy waiting list.

The consistent high membership numbers this past year shows just how great of a course and club we have. Matt and his team have done an amazing job continuing to improve the course consistent with master plan, with more improvements coming in the future. These steps have and will continue to drive demand for OCC membership.

I hope everyone enjoys their holiday season and can't wait to be back out on the course in the spring!

Greg Lavery
Membership Chair



Welcome New Members!

Shawn & Ashlyn Pulvermeyer
Darrell Pfiffner & Natasha Flynn
Ted & Samantha Knopp
Dean & Linda Goewey
Suzanne Cook



OCC Board of Directors 2025-26

Officers

President: Bill Crist
1st VP: Paul Kunzwiler
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Dan Bartlett	Mark Brunschweiger
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Meaghan Primm	Jon Shaver
Heather Vashaw	

Michael Hogan PGA Professional
Matt Bednarski Grounds Superintendent
Tammy Murphy Restaurant and Bar Concessionaire

Golf Committee...

I'm sure many of you are already looking forward to next golf season as we take this winter weather on the chin. To our snowbirds, we envy you as you continue to play golf through the winter. Thank you to PK and Mr. Lane for their hard work on the golf calendar, which was approved at our last Board meeting and attached in this newsletter as well as posted on our club website. We would like to emphasize the importance of having a dedicated chairperson for each tournament on our schedule. Tournament chairpersons are essential to the success of our events, serving as the primary point of contact and helping with planning, organization, and communication so that each tournament runs smoothly. Please consider volunteering (even with a partner) for one of these roles next season, as your involvement will help ensure another outstanding year of golf at OCC.

Thank you for the feedback regarding scorecards at the end of last season. The combined tees have been a nice addition to the way our members can experience the course. Some feedback requested small changes to the selection of the combined tees. If you feel passionate about this, I invite you to attend the next golf committee meeting as we look to finalize the scorecard to be sent to print. Please email me at zfarden@gmail.com if interested. Thanks and enjoy the holidays!

Zack Farden

Golf Chair



Marketing...

Social Media: In addition to our OCC Website, Monthly Newsletters + Weekly Emails, follow our social media for off-season news and events!

Oswego Country Club's Social Media Platforms/Website

Facebook: Oswego Country Club

Instagram: [oswegoocc](https://www.instagram.com/oswegoocc/)

Twitter: [@oswegocc_ny](https://twitter.com/oswegocc_ny)

Website: www.oswegoountryclub.com

Event Registration Links: [Linktr.ee/oswegoountryclub](https://linktr.ee/oswegoountryclub)

Oswego Country Club Tournament/Social Event Chairperson(s): If you would like to feature the winner(s) of your tournament, please reach out to Jennifer Boalt or myself. We can assist with coordinating a photograph, social media posts, and/or newsletters.

Hole in One: We had a handful of hole in ones this year, and it's always great to share these monumental moments with our members and community! Please continue to share Hole in Ones with Hoagie, myself, or Jen Boalt for 2026.

2025 & 2026 Sponsorships: Thank you to our 2025 Sponsors! We greatly appreciate your support and generosity! 2026 Sponsorship letters were sent out for renewal. If you did not receive a

letter & you are interested in becoming a 2026 Oswego Country Club Sponsor, contact me at meagprimm@gmail.com for more information.

If there is any other news or highlights you would like to highlight please contact myself.

Meaghan Primm

Marketing Chair



OSWEGO COUNTRY CLUB
PRESENTS

WINTER SOLSTICE Op & Shop

Shop small this season. Find unique gifts from
local makers, artists, and crafters.
Free admission • Open to all

Vendors & Experiences

Travis Floral Workshop (11:00-12:30 | Upstairs)
Tarot Card Reading: **Angel Light Healing**
Handwoven items: **Dan Allen Weaving**
Tattoos: **Amanda McFarland @ Saturn Tattoos**
Permanent Jewelry: **Tesori Collective**
Yoga + Pilates: **Kayla**

Gift Baskets & Certificates: **Canale's Restaurant**
Decorative Re-purposed Oyster shells by **Pearly Mae**
Breads & Baked goods by **Breaking Breads**
Cookies & Cakes: **Christy's Cakes**
Customized Baskets: **Jenn Symbroski**
More to be announced

December 21, 2025
1:00-4:00 pm
Oswego Country Club

Vendor Inquiries contact Talisa at (315) 596-2789

THIS
SUNDAY!
PLEASE PLAN
ON
ATTENDING
1-4 PM
@ OCC

Century Tavern

Closed Mondays

Tuesday-Friday

3— Close

Saturday-Sunday

11— close

Restaurant Hours

Tuesday 4-8

Saturday & Sunday

Comfort Food

Tuesdays

Please call ahead—
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Greens...

The 2026 OCC Golf Calendar has been approved by the Board!! It has been posted to the website. Not too many changes of note. We had to move the all important “Volunteer Cleanup Day” to the last Saturday in March due to Easter being celebrated on the first weekend of April.

I will be transitioning to chair the Green Committee in the near future. I look forward to working closely with Matt, Neil and the rest of the guys. Please contact me if you'd like to be a part of this very important committee. Zack Farden will be taking over the Golf Committee.

Hope everyone has a happy and healthy holiday season.



PK Kunzwiler
Green Committee Chair

Social...

Hello Oswego Country Club Members! My name is Heather Vashaw, and I'm honored to serve as Co-Chair of the Social Committee this year. I truly enjoy bringing people together and creating experiences that are welcoming, engaging, and fun. I strongly believe the best events happen when we work collaboratively—with other committees and with our members—to ensure activities reflect what *you* want and enjoy. Member involvement is key to making these events successful, and I'm excited to help create opportunities that encourage connection and participation across the Club. I look forward to a great year ahead and hope to see you at many of our events!

Heather Vashaw
Social Co-chair



The Course...

While coming up on the new year it's important to take time to both reflect on our hardships and successes over the past years, as well as begin planning for the upcoming season. Just having left a GCSA holiday event there was an ongoing theme amongst greenskeepers. That we had just had one of the most stressful seasons in our collective memories. Employee troubles, inflation, supply issues, a lack of communication with members, and weather conditions were the main culprits for a frustrating long season for many superintendents. While I agree that the weather did not make things easy, I couldn't help but feel that I didn't share many of their sentiments. I feel lucky to have a solid, hardworking crew of dedicated employees that I can count on to complete any task that is needed. A board that is willing to give the support that we need to keep our course in the best shape possible, and many members who are willing to volunteer their time to help the course succeed.

I hope that everyone has a pleasant holiday season and can take the time to spend with family and friends. We look forward to seeing you all in the new year.

Happy Holidays

Matthew Bednarski
Golf Course Superintendent



Facilities...

I thought we would have a beautiful white Golf Course for Christmas, but those dreams were dashed by our recent thaw. I can still be wrong since I'm writing this on the 19th, there's always hope. But yes, winter is upon us and most importantly the Holiday Season.

Though we're not out golfing, there are still plenty of activities going on at OCC. Matt and Neal are busy everyday working to get the course ready for April 1st, Marilyn and Jen are busy in the office as usual, Tammy and her staff are putting on some great Holiday Banquets and her weekly Comfort Food Specials, the various Board committees are meeting to plan out next seasons events, the Social committee has some great activities planned for the off season, and I'm keeping busy doing whatever I do.

For the Holidays I encourage members to stop by the club and see the Christmas decorations, have a beverage or watch the birds and wildlife in their winter wonderland.

Wishing everyone here at OCC a wonderful and blessed Christmas and Holiday Season. Be safe and always be kind.

Thank You,
Mark G. Brunschweiger

mbrunsc@yahoo.com
Facilities Chair



Congratulations!



Christian Morgia and Keith Strickland
 participated in a 2 Man Scramble at
 Fiddlestick Country Club in Fort Myers, Florida
 December 6th and 7th.
 There were 90 teams, 180 golfers
 split amongst 6 flights.
 Christian and Keith were in the top division,
 the Championship flight, and tied with a 2
 day total of -14 under par,
 they won in a
 shootout on the first hole.

Congratulations to both!!

Fiddlesticks Scrambl

DECEMBER 6TH - 12:45 PM SHOTGUN

DECEMBER 7TH - 8:00 AM SHOTGUN

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

Contestants

Two man teams; the event is open to everyone. Team must be comprised of one professional and one or two amateurs. 180 players maximum.

Entry Fee:

\$260 per member, \$560 per accompanied guest and \$675 per unaccompanied guest

Registration:

Begins: Tuesday, October 7th
 Unaccompanied Guests: Tuesday, October 21st

Ends: Monday, December 1st

Practice Rounds:

Practice round tee times will open on Wednesday, November 19th for play on Thursday and Friday, December 4th and 5th. Practice rounds are limited to one(1) round per day.

PGA Rate: \$50 Guests: \$152

Schedule of Events:

Saturday - December 6th

11:00 am - Luncheon & Registration at the Staging Area in Cabana parking lot.

12:45 pm - Shotgun on both courses

Sunday - December 7th

8:00 am - Shotgun on both courses

1:00 pm - Awards Luncheon

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Flighting & Tees:

Championship (Professional - 1.9)

Piper #1

Senior Championship (Professional - 1.9)

#1 #1

(both players must be 50 or older)

St. Andrews Flight (2.0 - 5.4)

#1 #1

Carnoustie Flight (5.5 - 8.4)

#2 #2

Midfield Flight (8.5 & up - Gross)

#2 #2

Kingsbarns Flight (8.5 & up - Net)

#3 #3

Teams will be placed in their flight by the lowest player's index using the 12/2 revision. Depending on number of participants, the Kingsbarns Flight may be split into multiple flights.

Winners:

Last year's winners will automatically move up one flight, within their division, and will receive guaranteed entry. Net Flight winners will remain in Net Division.

Championship Flight						
i	Pos.	Team	Total To Par Gross	R1	R2	Total Gross
★	1	Brawley + Longo	-14	63	66	129
★	2	Strickland + Morgia	-14	63	66	129
★	3	Lane + Connors	-9	69	65	134
★	4	Card + Redman	-7	65	71	136
★	5	Seide + Fick	-7	65	71	136
★	6	Carpentier + Remley	-6	66	71	137
Senior Championship Flight						
i	Pos.	Team	Total To Par Gross	R1	R2	Total Gross
★	1	Barnes + Colli	-15	66	62	128
★	2	Allen + Belcastro	-11	65	67	132
★	3	Kosup + Midtggaard	-11	66	66	132
★	4	Matheson + McCoy	-9	68	66	134
★	5	Lane + Johnston	-6	69	68	137
★	6	Riel + Leal	-5	69	69	138
★	7	Carpenter + Broderick	+1	75	69	144

Oswego Country Club

2026 Golf Calendar

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
Mar 28	Sat	8:00-12:00	Volunteer Clean-up Day
Mar-29	Sun	8:00-12:00	Contingency Clean-up Day
Apr-25	Sat	11:00-2:00 1 st tee	SUNY NCAA Tournament
Apr-26	Sun	10:30-1:30 1 st tee	SUNY NCAA Tournament
May-4	Mon	Course closed until 4:00	Greens Aerification
May-5	Tue	Course closed if needed	Contingency Aerification Day
May-5	Tue	3:00-5:30 alternating sides	Men's Twilight League begins
May-6	Wed	9:00-11:30 alternating sides	Women's Early League begins (9)
May-6	Wed	3:00-5:30 alternating sides	Men's Twilight League begins
May-7	Thu	3:00-5:30 alternating sides	Women's Twilight League begins
May-12	Tue	8:30 modified shotgun	Women's 18-hole League begins
May-16	Sat	9:00 shotgun	Men's Draft Tournament
Jun-1	Mon	10:00 shotgun	Oswego Health Tournament
Jun-3	Wed	9:00-11:30 alternating sides	Women's 9-hole League begins
Jun-29	Mon	1:00 shotgun	Schamble/Stag Day
Jul-7	Tue	8:30 modified shotgun	Women's Informal 18-Hole M-G
Jul-9	Thu	9:30-11:00	Junior League begins
Jul-11	Sat	12:00 shotgun	Member-Member
Jul-12	Sun	9:00 shotgun	Member-Member
Jul-18	Sat	9:00 shotgun	Shotgun start for general play
Jul-18	Sat	2:00 shotgun	Couples Member Guest
Jul-21	Tue	8:45 modified shotgun	SWDGA
Jul-30	Thu	1:00 shotgun	Men's Member-Guest
Jul-31	Fri	9:00 shotgun	Men's Member-Guest
Aug-1	Sat	9:00 shotgun	Men's Member-Guest
Aug-5	Wed	9:00-12:00 both sides	Women's 9-Hole M-G
Aug-8	Sat	10:00-11:30 1 st tee	Sr. Men's Club Championship
Aug-8	Sat	12:00 1 st tee	Junior Club Championship
Aug-9	Sun	10:00-11:30 1 st tee	Sr. Men's Club Championship
Aug-9	Sun	12:00 1 st tee	Junior Club Championship
Aug 10	Mon	10:30 shotgun	Will Barclay Event
Aug-15	Sat	8:30 modified shotgun	Women's Formal M-G
Aug-16	Sun	3:00 modified shotgun	Adult-Child Tournament
Aug-20	Thu	9:00 shotgun	Senior Men's Member Guest
Aug-22	Sat	8:00 1 st tee	Women's Club Championship
Aug-22	Sat	10:00-11:30 1 st tee	Men's Club Championship
Aug-23	Sun	8:00 1 st tee	Women's Club Championship
Aug-23	Sun	10:00-11:30 1 st tee	Men's Club Championship

Aug-31	Mon	Half of course closed (4:00)	Greens Aerification
Sep-1	Tue	Half of course closed (4:00)	Greens Aerification
Sep-2	Wed	Course closed if needed	Contingency aerification day
Sep-14	Mon	All day	Fairway Aerification
Sep-15	Tue	As required	Fairway Aerification
Sep-18	Fri	7:30 PM shotgun	Glow Ball
Sep-19	Sat	1:00 shotgun	Buc Boosters Event
Sep-21	Mon	10:00 shotgun	Oswego-Fulton Chamber Tourney
Sep-26	Sat	11:00-2:00 1 st tee	SUNY Fall Invitational
Sep-27	Sun	10:30-1:30 1 st tee	SUNY Fall Invitational
Oct-3	Sat	1:00 shotgun	Blue Line Club
Oct-10	Sat	10:00 shotgun	Stableford Tournament
Oct-13	Tue	Early morning	Back Nine Aerification

Possible Events

Jun-12	Fri	5:00 shotgun	Nine, Wine and Dine
Jul-3	Fri	5:00 shotgun	Nine, Wine and Dine
Aug-21	Fri	5:00 shotgun	Nine, Wine and Dine
Sep-5	Sat	3:00 shotgun	Par 3 Pro Appreciation

