





JULY 2026

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OCC MONTHLY

NEWSLETTER

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Message from our President

The GOLF days are upon us!! We've earned these days - past the winter, mud season, rainy, wet unplayable conditions. It doesn't even feel good to type those memories - all soon forgotten. The next few months will define our time at OCC. Enjoy the ride!!

As I mentioned last month, we acquired a new roller for our greens. In the short time that we've had it on the course, you've likely noticed a more consistent and slightly quicker pace on each of our greens. Those traits should continue to be refined and perfected by Matt and his team. The references on the course of 'Grip it and Rip it!', referring to taking a determined swing off the tee is compared to the reference of one who plays with 'Soft Hands' around the green. Perfecting each is a life long endeavor and one that keeps us coming back for more each time we tee it up.

The Board approved the hosting of the Gerry Ashe Memorial Syracuse District Golf Association premier golfing event at Oswego Country Club in June of 2027. This is a very prestigious invitation for a club to be invited as the host course. Equally prestigious are the CNY amateurs who qualify to play in the event. More to come on that, but just a hint of what is in store for OCC for next season.

Thank you to those who turned out for the Pool CleanUp Day in early June. We had initially planned to have our pool open by mid-June, but cleaning, repairs and cool weather directed us otherwise. That being said, we should be good-to-go for July 4th weekend barring any unforeseen challenges. A special thank you to Dan Bartlett and Jeff Hoefer for some extra elbow grease and sweat to power wash and painting.

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With the soft launch of our new website, we'd like to know what you think and if there are any additional improvements for the committee to review and take back to our designers. Our web presence is important and our ability for members to access club information on our website is equally important.

Our social and dining teams have been working to bring you the events you're asking for and the tastes and smell that delight your appetite. There will be another 9 Wine'nDine on July 3rd and the Member-Member is just around the corner.

A special thank you to Matt, Neal and the grounds team for making our course a premier golfing Mecca in CNY. To Hoagie, Zach and the golf team for assisting us with all of our golfing needs. To Tammy, Nick, Sandy, all our bar tenders, servers and cart servers, thanks for making our taste buds quiver.

Not much more for this month. Selfishly, I'm writing a tad shorter piece so I can enjoy the long days of summer.

As always, I welcome your thoughts and comments. Find me around the Club, drop me a note or call/text... **president@oswegocountryclub.com or (315) 591-4172.**

**Regards,
Bill**

**Bill Crist
President OCC**

BUDGET

Jon Shaver- Budget Committee Chair

As we prepare next year's budget, I'm looking for three to four members to join the committee. It will involve three to four meetings between early July and the end of September. If you'd like to help shape the process as a committee member, please reach out!

**Jon Shaver
Budget Committee Chair**

FACILITIES

Mark Brunschweiger- Facilities Committee Chair

We are in full swing for the 2026 golf season. The course looks magnificent thanks to Matt and his crew, and the grounds look amazing thanks to the ladies who volunteer to plant the flowers and maintain them throughout the season. A special thanks to Dan Bartlett and his volunteers who stepped up to the plate and got the pool up and running for the season. Without their dedication to OCC, we might not have had a pool this summer.

We now have lights on in the back nine restroom, thanks to the remarkable efforts of Neal. After the contractor who committed to doing the work never showed up, nor would respond back to phone calls, Neal found an innovative way to solve the problem and got the job done. Words can't describe how thankful we are for all the work you do here at OCC.

This month's review of our Emergency Action Plan chapter is "Making a 911 Call". It might seem obvious, but we still need to have it in writing.

It states:

Making a 911 Call

In case of an emergency, please follow the steps outlined below:

1. Determine if emergency assistance is required.
2. Determine if the area is safe for rescue personnel (check for fire, exposed electrical lines, chemicals, etc.) **DO NOT ATTEMPT A RESCUE IF THE SCENE SEEMS DANGEROUS TO YOUR WELL BEING.**
3. Dial 911. Stay on the line with the 911 operator until he/she tells you to do otherwise.

Oswego Country Club's Address:

610 West 1 st Street Oswego, NY 13126
Nearest intersecting roads: NYS Highway 48 and Munn Street.

Telephone Number:

315-343-1941

Mark Brunschweiger
Facilities Chair

GREEN

Paul Kunzwiler- Green Committee Chair

Earlier this month, our Course Superintendent, Matt Bednarski, invited me to attend the Golf Course Superintendent's Association "Walk and Talk" which we hosted here at OCC. I met some very energetic superintendents from area golf courses, turf and chemical product salesmen and Dr. Frank Rossi who is a world renowned agronomist.

Dr. Rossi was very impressed with what Matt and his crew has been doing here at OCC. He took core samples from numerous greens and explained all the good things he saw, and some of the sins from years past. Overall, we have a healthy golf course.

One superintendent's eyes lit up when stepped onto the practice green and saw our majestic Elm Tree towering above him while pointing it out to the entire group.

Dr. Rossi also commented to me that Matt and his crew's work space needs some much needed improvements. A safe work environment is essential to any company, even a small membership owned facility like ours.

Finally. ZIN POUCHES!!! I'm sick of seeing them on the golf course. They're everywhere. On greens, tee boxes and green surrounds. Don't leave them in the carts and quit spitting them everywhere. They're trash. Put them in the trash bins that are located on every hole. Disgusting!!!

PK Kunzwiler
Green Committee Chair

MEMBERSHIP

Greg Lavery - Membership Chair

Hopefully July will finally bring us consistent summer weather.. The course is in amazing shape and our OCC membership is healthy and full. Not much has changed on the membership side. I suggest that if you know anyone that wants to join the club in the future, they should put in an application this season for the 2027 golfing season.

As always, please reach out with any questions regarding membership.

Greg Lavery
Membership Chair
315-402-6538

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Nicholas & Maria Conaway
John & Samantha Ghering
David Isgro
Sharon Lynett
Samual LaLond
Paiton Colucci
Michael Fiero
Matthew Woodruff

GOLF

Zack Farden- Golf Committee Chair

The golf season is now in full swing, and while June featured a lighter tournament schedule, it was still packed with successful events. The Oswego Hospital Tournament, final round of the AIM Championship, 9-Wine & Dine, and Schamble/Stag Day all provided great competition and camaraderie.

As we move into July, there are plenty of golfing opportunities. Registration remains open for the Children's Golf Clinic, which will be held on Thursday mornings beginning July 2. There is also still time to sign up for the Men's Member-Member Tournament on July 11-12. Be sure to keep an eye on the tournament board and club communications for additional events and registration opportunities throughout the summer.

A reminder that the Couples Member-Guest Tournament will take place on Saturday, July 18, with a 2:00 p.m. shotgun start. Members wishing to play earlier in the day may participate in the morning general play shotgun. Rather than reserving a tee time, simply notify the Pro Shop of your intention to play. All morning play will begin with a 9:00 a.m. shotgun start. This format has worked well in previous years and allows us to accommodate both tournament participants and regular member play.

The Club is proud to announce that it will host the 2027 Gerry Ashe Memorial Golf Tournament on June 25-27. As one of the two premier championships conducted by the Syracuse District Golf Association, being selected as the host site is both an honor and a testament to the outstanding quality, conditioning, and reputation of our golf course.

It has been 14 years since Oswego Country Club last hosted this prestigious event, and the invitation to do so again reinforces what our members already know—our course is truly one of the finest in the region. The tournament will be conducted using tee times rather than shotgun starts, allowing members to enjoy access to the course on all three days of the championship while still showcasing our club to some of the area's top amateur golfers.

Zachary Farden
Golf Chair

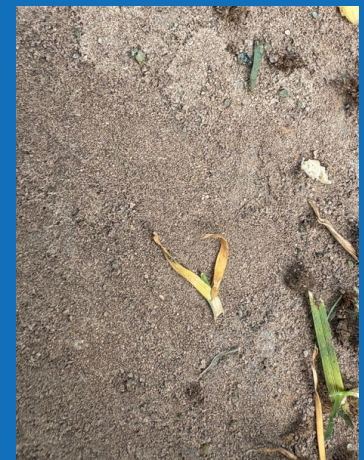
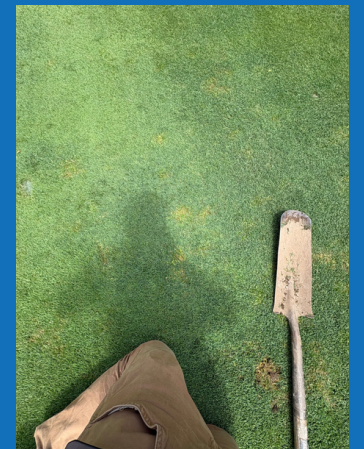
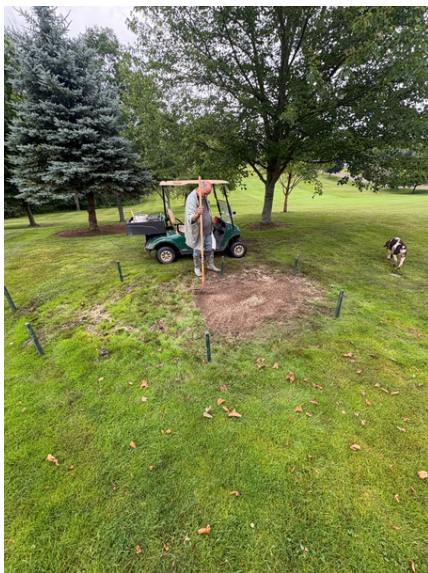
THE COURSE

Matthew Bednarski – Golf Course Superintendent

It's already June and although the days are long, they are slipping by quickly. We have had a lot of new developments down here in the maintenance dungeon and have been working hard to bring the best conditions possible to our club. We started the month off by hosting an event with the Golf Course Superintendents Association of New York coming out for a walk and talk with one of the top agronomists in the country, Dr. Frank Rossi of Cornell University. We toured the property while discussing topics such as golf course construction, architecture, pest management, and soil sciences. It was a great day and was informative and thought provoking for all involved.

On the course we have been working diligently to keep up with the ever-increasing list of irrigation leaks, clogged drains, and stuck heads. Neal has been checking these tasks off the list like an irrigation repair superstar and has also installed new posts in the driving range, on top of attending to all of our mechanical needs that we've had. We took delivery of our new roller mid month and have been getting great reviews from members on greens smoothness, and even better reviews from employees. We have been able to roll more area per day, with more consistency, more down pressure, and with less time wasted on cleanup. This new piece of equipment will continue to be a game-changer for us when it comes to greens quality. The new irrigation software has also been a saving grace for us as we have been able to fine tune our watering plan on a day to day, head to head, and hole by hole basis. With so many new advancements and with such ease of use it has been easier to train people on new equipment and techniques and we have been putting out great results with a limited crew.

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We have had some ups and downs this year with our weather pattern and have had some rough days of spraying chemicals. All of the pesticides that we use have directions to be watered in or left on the plant to dry depending on what the chemical and mode of action are, and what the target pest is. We have not been lucky in the application timing of these chemicals and have subsequently had a small outbreak of Annual Bluegrass Weevils on a couple fairways and many of our tees. We went out for an emergency weevil spray and guess what? It rained more than the forecast predicted. The Japanese beetle adults are starting to emerge and should be coming in waves here shortly, although the hope is that we still have enough pesticide residual in our soil to take care of both them, and the weevils.

Moving forward to the month of July, we are hoping to bring the same consistency to our greens, tees, and fairways, as well as continue trimming trees, repairing stump holes, and hopefully completing a couple tasks off the list that the green committee compiled at the beginning of the year. We have been doing a great job as a club repairing divots and replacing ball marks, but as we come into tournament season we see a new pest on the golf course. Putter swipes on greens. Please don't do that. Throw your club, kick a tire, swear my name, but damaging club property because of your frustration is not acceptable. My crew works too hard, and our members pay too much to have to deal with subpar conditions because of other members' outbursts. Thank you OCC!

Matt Bednarski
Golf Course Superintendent



CENTURY TAVERN & DINING

Tammy Murphy-Morgia - Concessionaire

Go to OCC's website and view our new menu on the homepage tab under "The Club".

Dining

Lunch served daily from:

11-3 on Monday

11- last cart in Tuesday-Friday

(Dinner served @ 5)

11-3 Saturday & Sunday

Century Tavern Open

everyday @ 11



SOCIAL

Maureen Donovan & Heather Vashaw -Social Co-Chairs

Happy July!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the June 9 Wine and Dine! We're excited to see everyone out there again for our July event on Friday the 3rd!

We're hoping to increase the number of social events as the summer gets going, if you're interested in chairing a social event please reach out to me or Heather!

Best,

Mo and Heather



HANDICAP

Dan Bartlett- Handicap Committee Chair

Reminder: Post Your Scores to GHIN After Every Round!

As we head into the peak of the golf season, we want to ensure a fair, competitive, and enjoyable environment for everyone at Oswego Country Club. To maintain the integrity of our club tournaments, weekly leagues, and daily matches, this is a friendly reminder that **all players are required to post their scores to their GHIN account after every round played.**

Why Post Every Round?

Handicap Accuracy: The World Handicap System (WHS) relies on up-to-date information to calculate an accurate index. Skipping rounds—good or bad—distorts your true playing ability.

Peer Review & Fairness: Accurate handicaps keep our net events competitive and fair for the entire field.

Daily Playing Conditions (PCC): GHIN calculates a Daily Playing Conditions Calculation based on scores submitted that day. If you wait to post, your score won't contribute to or benefit from this adjustment.

Best Practices for Posting

Post the Same Day: Please post your score before midnight on the day you play.

Hole-by-Hole is Best: We highly recommend using the hole-by-hole posting method on the app. It automatically adjusts for Net Double Bogey (the maximum score allowed on any hole for handicap purposes).

Which Rounds Count? If you play at least 9 holes under the Rules of Golf (even in a match-play format or a friendly weekend game), you should post it!

How to Post

The GHIN Mobile App: The fastest and easiest way. Available for free on iOS and Android.

Online: Log in at [GHIN.com](https://www.GHIN.com).

Note from the Committee: The Handicap Committee regularly reviews tournament rosters and scoring logs. Failure to post scores in a timely manner may result in the committee manually posting a penalty score or adjusting your tournament handicap index.

Let's keep the competition honest and the game honorable. Thank you for your cooperation and dedication to the traditions of Oswego Country Club.

See you on the first tee!

Oswego Country Club Golf Staff & Handicap Committee

Dan Bartlett
Handicap Chair

BUSINESS OFFICE

Marilyn Magner & Jennifer Boalt

When paying your bar/restaurant purchases, it would be most helpful for us if you would use one form of payment. When multiple types of payment are used to pay the same bill, (i.e. partial cash, credit card, and or member charge) it creates a data transfer issue with our new point of sale system. When possible, your cooperation would be appreciated.

Ben Frary

Inquiries regarding your membership or billing account?

PLEASE contact us through the office via email at

office@oswegocountryclub.com or VM at **315-343-1941 option 4**

We will respond ASAP as this is the most efficient and considerate manner of addressing your needs- your respect for our personal contacts would be most appreciated.

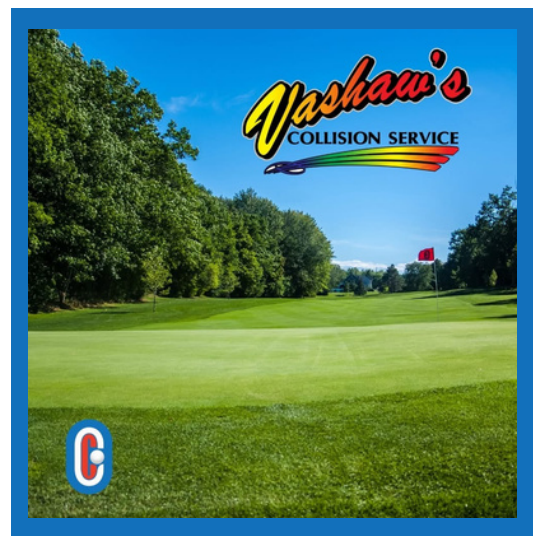
MARKETING

Meaghan Primm- Marketing Chair

O.C.C advertiser highlight Vashaw's Collision Service!

Founded in 1974 and located in Oswego, NY, Vashaw's Collision Service provides expert auto body repair with skilled technicians and state-of-the-art equipment. Offering services from collision repair and dent removal to glass replacement and precision paint matching, Vashaw's is committed to restoring vehicles to pre-accident condition with quality craftsmanship and customer convenience.

✨ Interested in becoming an O.C.C. advertiser? Email Meaghan Primm at **marketing@OswegoCountryClub.com** for information!



PRO SHOP

Michael Hogan - OCC Pro

Zach Bowden- Assistant Pro

Out with June in with July. June is leaving with a major change in temperature. I am sure July will continue to bring the heat. Leagues are in full swing so I would like to remind everyone of tee time availability. We will have tee time delays on Wednesdays and Thursdays in the morning. Wednesday the starting tee will open at 9:30 to make sure people playing in the morning will not turn into the ladies league that shotguns on the opposite side. The league side will be closed until 11:30 so the women will be able to finish play. On Thursdays the Junior Clinic will occupy the non starting side until 11:30am. In the evening on Tuesday and Wednesday the starting tee will be closed from 2 until 6 for league play. On Thursday the women have the tee from 3 until 6. The opposite side will remain open for tee times on all league evenings and you are expected to give way to players making the turn even if it is your time.

Keep your eye out for the upcoming tournaments. These will be listed on the monthly calendar on the outside of the golf shop and in your what's happening menu item on our website. Please feel free to register for these events either from your OCC Communications email, our social media page, our weekly emails or our monthly newsletters. We have TaylorMade Demo Day coming on July 7th and you may register from your OCC Communications sent out last month. If you are interested and can't locate the email the golf shop can send you another if you contact us. We are also working on more demo days if people are interested.

I would now like to ask for people to hold fellow members responsible for course damage. This is not acceptable. We have damage on both greens 4 and 17 from putter swipes. If you are not reporting issues or making sure that people in your group that are causing damage to our golf course are stepping up to their damage caused, then you should be ashamed. I cannot believe I am even discussing this in a newsletter. It is not the course that is your issue. Maybe you need to take a break and re-evaluate. If you are getting that upset your expectations are way too high for your game.

As we continue to the busiest time of the year I would like to remind everyone of etiquette and respectfulness. We are all members and should treat others as you expect to be treated yourself. Keep the music to a moderate level as to please only your group. Don't book ghost tee times. Be on time for your tee times. Groups playing the correct hole have the right of way. Your group is not the only group on the golf course and every group thinks that their group is most important. Safety, respect, etiquette and understanding- Please be respectful to all of the other members. Let's have a great July.

Michael (Hoagie) Hogan
Head PGA Professional

OSWEGO COUNTRY CLUB

LADIES GOLF TOURNAMENT

INFORMAL NO FRILLS

Lunch and carts on
your account
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All proceeds are paid
out to the winners- cash
only! Intent is to
introduce new golfers
to the club and promote
ladies golf
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\$5 - Per Player
1 Member may bring 3
Guests or Pair up 2
Members- 2 Guests

TUESDAY

JULY 7TH 2026

18 HOLES
CAPTAIN & CREW

Check-in: 8:00am
Shotgun starts 8:30 am

Register online:
<http://www.golfgenius.com/ggid/aabfzb/register>