

OCC Newsletter

August Newsletter 2024

President's Message...

Hello OCC

I hope everyone is taking full advantage of their beautiful course – it is in wonderful shape and you can always catch up on household chores when the snow flies!

Update on the #6 bathroom roof – we are working with our insurance provider to determine what can be covered and then we will move forward with repairing/replacing the roof.

What is going on with #4? We have received the drawing from Barry Jordan our golf course architect who developed our Master Plan for us. The drawing has now been provided to our contractors for estimates to complete the work – so we are awaiting the contractors' reports. Given the location of #4 green and its close proximity to the backside of #6 green we also had Barry include in the drawing the area behind #6 green (between #4 and #6 greens. Bundling these two areas on one drawing was cost effective and allows us to look at replacing the river birches with a bunker – this concept was included in the master plan and given the detailed drawing of #4 green we could include the back half of #6 green in the same drawing and not have to repeat that in the future. We will look at rework of the #4 sand trap, contouring of the playing area to the left of the #4 green and moving the cart path closer to the wood line, as well as the inclusion of a rear bunker behind #6 green and better grass playing area (based on birch removal) between #6 green and #4 green. As soon as we have firm estimates of the total price the Board can move forward with the project or we will have a members meeting to request approval for the expenditure if greater than \$35,000 consistent with the requirements of the Constitution. In a perfect world we would like to start the work in August to maximize the fall growing season on the new turf that we plan to use in the areas.

Employee name tags have been obtained for the bar/wait staff/snack shed/drink carts. Additionally, we have obtained these for the Proshop/range staff as well. Hopefully people will find these helpful when interacting with our employees.

For member awareness -

- Appears we have someone "practicing" near #16 tee and fairway as well as #15, again. There are signs that include multiple divots in the same areas hitting from #16 to #15 green from both the tee and the fairway. If you are out on the course and see someone doing this please notify the Proshop so we can address the issue. If you can't get the Proshop please call me. Thank you
- There is work being done on the river High Dam near our intake line for the irrigation system. The

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river between the High Dam and Minetto has been drawn down significantly to allow the work to be done and this will likely last for several weeks. Currently our intake suction point still has water accessible, and we expect it to stay that way, but there is some potential for “fouling” the suction point and this may affect our ability to use our irrigation system. Matt is paying special attention to this and we have spoken to the High Dam people. They understand our concern and indicated that the level shouldn’t fluctuate more than about 2” up/down at this point until the work is done.

Parking – A reminder- we are asking that members avoid parking large vehicles (e.g. pickups, large SUV’s, large classic cars, vans, etc) in the center area of the parking lot. When these larger vehicles are parked in this area it creates tight pinch points on both sides and can create challenges for delivery vehicles as well as members/guests as they navigate the parking lot. If you drive a larger vehicle please use the wall area along the first street side as well as the grass areas for parking. Additionally, please avoid parking large vehicles along the narrow strip of grass on the east side of the men’s locker room – vehicles like full-size pickups hang out into the parking lot, again creating a pinch point and there is evidence that the building has been “bumped” a time or two causing some damage to the siding. This area can also be very wet following a rain event.

For the good of the Club:

- If you want to be more involved with the Club workings you might consider running for a Board seat during the Annual Meeting of the Club that is held in November. It is a great way to learn the inner workings of the Club.
- If you don’t want to run for a Board seat – then consider getting involved with a committee. The two big ones are Greens and Golf, but given our growing membership and younger demographics, the Social committee is also very important.
- A reminder about your monthly statement – whenever you charge something (food, drink, carts, Pro-shop purchases, etc) you will receive a monthly statement with the charges and how much you owe for that month. The statements normally come out via email on or about the 5th day of the month. To avoid late fees and the potential to have charging privileges suspended please pay these charges prior to the next monthly statement coming out. There may be some confusion for monthly payers – dues are the only thing that your automatic monthly withdrawal covers – all other charges are expected to be paid when you receive your monthly statement.

If you like what is going on with the course, please let Matt and/or Neal or a crew member know. If you have suggestions on how we can improve, please let a Board member know or Bill Crist who Chairs the Greens Committee.

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

Pete Cullinan

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**OCC 2023-24
Board of Directors**

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Matt Bednarski	Grounds Superintendent
Michael Hogan	Golf Professional

On the Prosides...

That was a fun July. How lucky are we to have such a great place to play. August is here. We have 18 days with some sort of tee time slots taken. This is a super busy month. This is a month full of member events. As you read this we are already at least into the Men's Member Guest practice round. We are encouraging everyone to get involved in these events. We have club championships for seniors, juniors, men and women. The Men's, Women's and Seniors have both net and gross divisions. The club championships are \$30 a player and 100% of the entry goes back into pro shop gift certificates for your use. What a great opportunity to play with some different people for a weekend. You never know you may have a few laughs or even get lucky.

The Junior Club Championship this year has had a change in format. We are going back to a two day event. We will play 18 holes each day. This will be August 10th and 11th. The winner of this event will receive a free entry into the Men's Club Championship. Any junior golfer 12 years or older interested in participating may sign up in the Pro Shop.

We have great opportunities to bring guests up and play. We still have Women's Member Guests, Senior Member Guest and Couples Wine and Dine events to bring non member players. This is a great time to show them what we offer.

Please pay special attention to the calendar when making your tee reservations as to not ruin plans for your day. Remember Wednesdays and Thursdays the opposite side of play is not available until 11:30 am. The range will remain closed on Thursday mornings until junior clinic ends.

Let's have a great August!

Michael (Hoagie) Hogan
PGA Professional

The Course...

"Water, water everywhere, nor any drop to drink"

Moisture control has been the theme of the last month here at OCC. Whether too much, or not enough, we have been dealing with water in one way or another. Torrential storms that came on so hard and fast that they couldn't penetrate the soil were the standard for the first part of the month, which led to hand watering daily for over a week. The positive side of having too much water is that we are able to turn the irrigation system off to make some repairs that have been causing wet spots for a while. We made repairs to lines on 11 and 13, as well as sprinkler replacements on 8. We were also able to locate drain lines on 2 and seven and repair them so that they drain water efficiently again.

Our greens have been getting some extra attention this month as well. We completed a verticutting to reduce excessive thatch, as well as applying wetting agents to equalize the moisture across their surfaces. Crane fly larvae, sod webworms, and black cutworms were all found to be present in small numbers through scouting. They have been terminated

Barrie Jordan met with me again to talk about the fourth and sixth holes and has delivered our plans to rebuild these areas. We have sent them out for quotes from a few different builders including Heath Combs, who completed the ninth hole project for us.

Our bunkers received a nice facelift from the crew, Edging, weed eating, pushing sand up on the banks, and hand raking rocks were all completed and they came out great. This is a dusty, hot, sometimes painful task and our crew this year was able to complete it in great time, and giving great results. Our entire crew has been doing an excellent job this year, and we are really hitting our stride this summer. Our new employees have done an incredible job learning new aspects of course management, and our long-time employees have been doing a great job teaching, improving, and continuing to push through the hottest days of summer to give the best conditions possible.

Thank you OCC!

Matthew Bednarski
Golf Course Superintendent

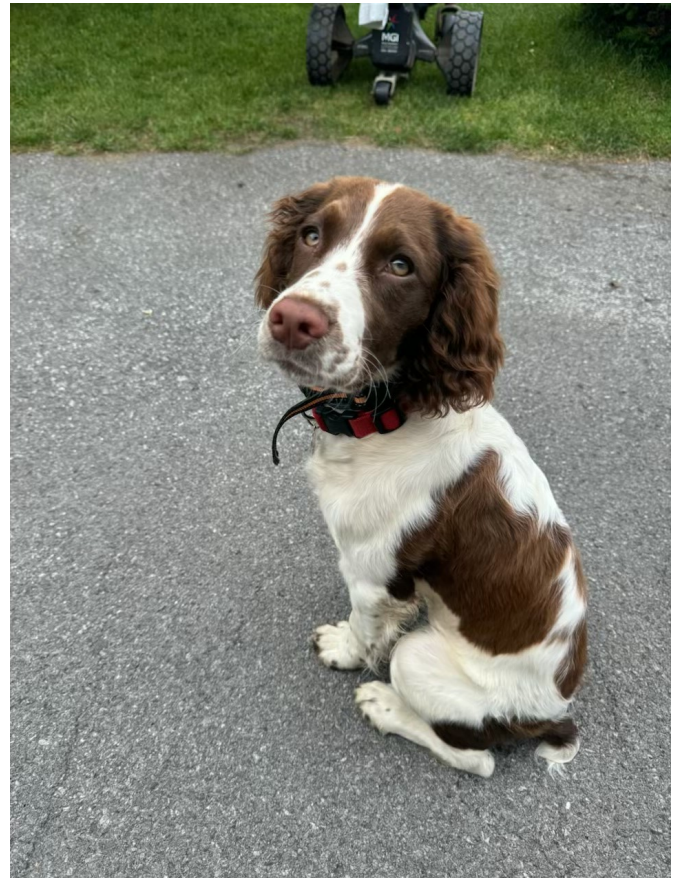




**ON
THE
VIEWS**



COURSE



Membership...

We added a few new members to our ranks who took advantage of the “half dues join in July” offer. Make sure you introduce yourself and make them feel welcome. Remember what our dear friend MLH’s credo was...”Be Kind”.

Also, we are slightly ahead of last year’s golfing membership numbers. If you’d like a printout just send me an email and I’ll get you the info.

PK

Membership Chairman

Please welcome the following new member!

Ryan Corsotini



From the business office....

Have you changed your email address?

**Not receiving weekly emails? Not receiving Proshop/Course updates?
Please let us know so we can update your accounts.**

**You can email us at:
office@oswegocountryclub.com
Or leave a voicemail at:
315-343-1941**



Marketing...

Social Media: In addition to Monthly Newsletters + Weekly Emails, consider following OCC's social media outlets listed below. It's always great seeing social media posts from our members participating in OCC events throughout the season! Thank you for sharing and tagging us!

Oswego Country Club's Social Media Platforms/Website

Facebook: Oswego Country Club

Instagram: oswegoocc

Twitter: @oswegocc_ny

Website: www.oswegocountryclub.com

[Linktr.ee/oswegocountryclub](https://linktr.ee/oswegocountryclub)

Oswego Country Club Tournament 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 Ones Photos: We have featured four Hole in Ones so far this season. Please continue to capture and share these memorable moments with us by sending the photograph to Hoagie, Connor, Jennifer or myself!

Sponsorships: Are you interested in becoming a 2025 Oswego Country Club Sponsor? If so, contact me at chelseagiovo@gmail.com for more information.

As always, if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions regarding social media and marketing, please feel free to reach out to me.

Chelsea Giovo Marketing Chair



Century Tavern

Restaurant Hours

Monday

11-3

Tuesday-Friday

11– last cart in

Saturday & Sunday

11– 3

Bar Hours

11-close everyday

Facilities...

I don't want to be the one to mention that August is already here, and summer is winding down, so I won't. I will talk about how great the course has been thanks to the tireless effort of Matt, Neal, and their crews. I would also like to thank Hoagie, Conner, and the Pro Shop staff for all the hard work they do putting on the many tournaments we have. It certainly is no easy task, and it is great to hear the many positive feedback from guests who come and play in these outside events.

Thanks to Marilyn and Jen for procuring new furniture for the fire pit area. Come out and enjoy a relaxing evening by the fire.

Minor maintenance performed in July included:

- Installed new mailbox in Club House entryway
- Fixed the southwest pool fence corner that became dislodged
- Removed 2 eyesores from the 1st tee box area
- Snaked the Locker-room sump pump drain line to remove roots
- Received new furniture for the fire pit area
- Eliminated a safety concern in the snack shed shelving units

Hope everyone enjoys our last month of summer. If you have any concerns, please let me know.

Thank you,

Mark G. Brunschweiger
mbrunsc@yahoo.com
Facilities Chair



Greens....

'We're not in Kansas anymore!' It almost seems too good to be true, with our golf course continuing to WOW us with exceptional conditions offering challenging greens, manicured fairways and bunkers, and rough that conflicts as beauty and beast - kind of don't-get-too-close relationship. In spite of the many thunderstorms and intense sun and heat, our greens team, led by Matt, Neal and the entire crew are providing a well planned and implemented effort to bring us a premier golf facility in beautiful upstate NY state.

As a member owned course, we all made an investment, and therefore have an ongoing responsibility to maintain what we cherish and enjoy. Observe all signs and ropes, fix your ball marks and divots (even scan the immediate area and fix a few more!!). There are sand/seed mix canisters in all power carts and smaller versions available for walkers in the cart shed (right side shelf) - grab one and use it throughout your round. Repairing your 'chili-dipped' divot allows for some quiet time to slow your breathing, bring your reeling temper to refocus on your recovery shot, allow you to next proudly walk to your ball and ball mark on the green ready to be fixed and then confidently make that putt! All these small efforts make a difference by enhancing our overall golfing experience!

If you have questions or comments about the golf course, please reach out to me directly, wmcrist@yahoo.com ** (315) 591-4172.

Over the past month, I've had the opportunity to travel to a few clubs and venues, both as reciprocal or premier golf course play. As Dorothy was noted quietly chanting as she clicked her spikeless ruby slippers together, 'There's no place like home!...'

Bill Crist
Greens Committee Chair



Oswego Country Club

Register by August 15th

ADULT-CHILD TOURNAMENT

AUGUST

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Saturday, August 17th
Golf from 3-5:30pm
9 Holes/\$50 per team

*includes snacks, dinner & prizes



Link to Register for Adult-Child Tournament:

<http://www.golfgenius.com/ggid/rtscode/register>



<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>CHAIRPERSON (Notes)</u>
Apr-6	Sat	8:00-12:00	Volunteer Clean-up Day	TBD/Matt Bednarski
Apr-7	Sun	8:00-12:00	Volunteer Clean-up Day (Rain Date)	TBD/Matt Bednarski
Apr-23	Tue	11:30-3:00	Mizuno Demo Day	Pro Shop
Apr-27	Sat	11:00-2:00 1 st tee	SUNY NCAA Tournament	Mike Howard
Apr-28	Sun	10:30-1:30 1 st tee	SUNY NCAA Tournament	Mike Howard
May-1	Wed	9:00-11:30 alternating sides	Women's Early League begins (9)	Marilyn Magner
May-1	Wed	3:00-5:30 alternating sides	Men's Twilight League begins	Dave Johnson
May-6	Mon	Course closed until 4:00	Greens Aerification	Matt Bednarski
May-7	Tue	Course closed if needed	Contingency Aerification Day	Matt Bednarski
May-7	Tue	8:30 modified shotgun	Women's 18-hole League begins	Jennifer Boalt
May-7	Tue	3:00-5:30 alternating sides	Men's Twilight League begins	Paul Osetek/Larry Heintz
May-9	Thu	3:00-5:30 alternating sides	Women's Twilight League begins	Chelsea Giovo
May-15	Wed	TBD (range only)	PGA Hope	Proshop `
May-18	Sat	9:00 shotgun	Men's Draft Tournament	Proshop
May-22	Wed	TBD (range only)	PGA Hope	Proshop `
May-29	Wed	TBD (range only)	PGA Hope	Proshop `
Jun-3	Mon	8:00-2:00 1 st tee	Oswego Health Tournament	Pete Cullinan/Michele Hourigan
Jun-5	Wed	TBD (range only)	PGA Hope	Proshop `
Jun-5	Wed	9:00-11:30 alternating sides	Women's 9-hole League begins	Marilyn Magner
Jun-11	Tue	11:30-3:00	Mizuno Demo Day	Pro Shop
Jun-11	Tue	8:30 modified shotgun	SWDGA Event	Deana Masuicca
Jun-12	Wed	TBD (range only)	PGA Hope	Proshop `
Jun-17	Mon	1130-1300 1 st tee	SDGA Sr Stroke Play	Pro Shop
Jun-18	Tue	1130-1300 1 st tee	SDGA Sr Stroke Play	Pro Shop
Jun-19	Wed	TBD	PGA Hope	Proshop `
Jun-21	Fri	5:00 shotgun	Couples League/Wine and Dine	Social Committee
Jun-24	Mon	1:00 shotgun	Shamble/Stag Day	Pro Shop
Jun-26	Wed	TBD	PGA Hope	Proshop
Jun-27	Thu	TBD	Member Hosted Event – Moose Cup	Rich Godden
Jun-28	Fri	TBD	Member Hosted Event – Moose Cup	Rich Godden
Jul-6	Sat	1:00 shotgun	Member-Member	Ken Cherchio/DJ/Blum
Jul-7	Sun	9:00 shotgun	Member-Member	Ken Cherchio/DJ/Blum
Jul-8	Mon	8:00-2:00 1 st tee	United Way Event	Brandi Weaver
Jul-9	Tue	8:30 Modified Shotgun	Women's Infomal M-G	Jennifer Boalt
Jul-11	Thu	9:30-11:00	Junior League begins	TBD
Jul-12	Fri	TBD (Tee Times)	Junior AIM	CNY PGA
Jul-15	Mon	11:30 shotgun	Will Barclay Event	Stephanie Herrick
Jul-19	Fri	5:00 shotgun	Couples League/Wine and Dine	Social Committee
Jul-20	Sat	2:00 shotgun	Couples Member Guest	Social Committee/M. Lloyd
Jul-20	Sat	As required	Jr. Club Qualifying Begins	Pro Shop
Aug-2	Fri	9:30 Shotgun	Men's Member-Guest	D. Dorsey, Jr.
Aug-3	Sat	10:00 shotgun	Men's Member-Guest	D. Dorsey, Jr.
Aug-4	Sun	9:00 shotgun	Men's Member-Guest	D. Dorsey, Jr.
Aug-7	Wed	9:00-12:00 both sides	Women's 9-Hole M-G	Marilyn Magner/Liz Dorsey
Aug-10	Sat	10:00-11:00 1 st tee	Sr. Men's Club Championship	Pro Shop
Aug-11	Sun	10:00-11:00 1 st tee	Sr. Men's Club Championship	Pro Shop (times to be confirmed)
Aug-12	Mon	1:00 Shotgun	Oswego County Democrats	John Dickquist

Aug-17	Sat	3:00 Modified Shotgun	Adult-Child Tournament	Pro Shop
Aug-19	Mon	10:00 Shotgun	Oswego-Fulton Chamber Tourney	Lisa Metot
Aug-22	Thu	9:00 Shotgun	Senior Men's Member Guest	PK
Aug-23	Fri	5:00 shotgun	Couples League/Wine and Dine	Social Committee
Aug-24	Sat	8:00 1 st tee	Women's Club Champ.	Pro Shop
Aug-24	Sat	10:00-11:00 1 st tee	Men's Club Champ.	Pro Shop
Aug-25	Sun	8:00 1 st tee	Women's Club Champ.	Pro Shop
Aug-25	Sun	10:00-11:00 1 st tee	Men's Club Champ.	Pro Shop
Aug-27	Tue	8:30 Modified Shotgun	Women's Formal M-G	Jennifer Boalt/Nancy Patka
Sep-3	Tue	Half of course closed (4:00)	Greens Aerification	Matt Bednarski
Sep-4	Wed	Half of course closed (4:00)	Greens Aerification	Matt Bednarski
Sep-5	Thu	Course closed if needed	Contingency aerification day	Matt Bednarski
Sep-7	Sat	3:00 shotgun front side	Par 3 Social Event/Pro Apprec.	Social Committee
Sep-14	Sat	TBD	Member Hosted Event - TC Cup	Kevin Dorsey
Sep-15	Sun	TBD	Member Hosted Event – TC Cup	Kevin Dorsey
Sep-16	Mon	All day	Fairway Aerification	Matt Bednarski
Sep-17	Tue	As required	Fairway Aerification	Matt Bednarski
Sep-21	Sat	1:00 shotgun	Buc Boosters Event	Susan Diblasi
Sep-28	Sat	11:00-2:20 1 st tee	SUNY Fall Invitational	Mike Howard
Sep-29	Sun	10:30-1:30 1 st tee	SUNY Fall Invitational	Mike Howard
Oct-5	Sat	1:00 shotgun	Blueline Club Tourney	Rick Pratt
Oct-12	Sat	10:00 shotgun	Stableford Tournament	PK
Oct-15	Tue	Early morning	Back Nine Aerification	Matt Bednarski

Possible Social Events

Sep-13	Fri	7:30 shotgun	Glow Ball Social Event	Social Committee
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