

OCC Newsletter

MAY Newsletter 2025

From Our Pro

What an April that was! It seems as though we didn't get the same weather for two days in a row. I guess that was a plus since most of it was rain. I am glad we can put April behind us and jump into May. Things are really going to start changing on the golf front. Your calendar on the website along with the big calendar outside the golf shop and the golf shop can answer any of your questions. Sometimes we get sidetracked and this does not happen. This is me pre-apologizing for my error.

May 6th, 7th and 8th will start league play. You will notice on league days we open tee times on the opposite side of the leagues. Any golfers that are making the turn have the right of way over anyone with a tee time. We do our best in the golf shop to create a ghost tee time for the group making the turn as to not create much back up. This does not happen often but has happened in the past a few times. Sometimes we get sidetracked and we don't get the ghost time in... This is me pre-apologizing for my error. The day we have issues with every year is Wednesday. We have a ladies 9 hole league that goes off in a shotgun format on the opposite side that general play starts on. You may make a tee time on the general play side in the morning for 9 holes. I would not recommend making a tee time for 18 holes until after 9:30. We are not letting golfers make the turn until 11:30. We are going away from groups playing 9 holes earlier than 9:30 and waiting to turn and creating an unnecessary back up. Please be respectful to others and do not try to manipulate the rules.

May brings the start of demo days, lessons, member events and better weather for more frequent play. I will send out emails about demo days and how to sign up. You need an appointment to participate in a fitting at demo days. We can usually let you hit a club you are interested in if you do not have an appointment but will not be able to put you through the fitting process with our vendor. Please do not waste appointments if you just plan on banging a few balls. It is hard to get vendor availability for everyone so please make sure of your availability before scheduling. I am available for golf lessons throughout the season. You may contact me through the golf shop or personally if you see me. Golf lessons are \$55 a half hour or a series of 5 for \$220. What a great idea for Mother's or Father's day.

The range is open daily until dusk. Every Wednesday the range will close at 6:00 pm. The golf shop staff will clean pick the entire range so Matt's crew can mow it on Thursday morning. Balls for the driving range are in the large green box on the opposite side of the cart path from the clock. Please return your baskets to the range ball box after your session. All range players are responsible for filling

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their divots and picking up their area. If you happen to hit a an errant shot you must yell FORE if anyone is in the area. This is not about embarrassment it is about safety. Do not hit balls past the rock on the range please. We will allow drivers on demo days but will personally be in the area to maintain safety protocols. Matt has mowed the pitching/chipping green to actual green height this year and is working on a designated fairway height chipping area west of the green and lesson tee.

Please pass this information on to any family members who are not privy to this email link. Many times our youth are not informed and end up in situations that could easily been avoided through better communication.

Thank you for your time. Don't hesitate to reach out to me with any questions or concerns.

Hoagie

PGA Professional

Century Tavern & Dining

Bar:

Monday-Sunday 11-close

Dining:

Monday 11-3

Tuesday-Friday 11-last cart in

Saturday-Sunday 11-3

Snack Shed service will be out of kitchen window one more week!

Member Charge only

Full Menu Begins May 1st!





The Course...

What a month April has turned out to be! The harshness of this past winter has me appreciative of every day that we aren't below freezing. The conditions of the golf course have been fairly dry and have allowed us to have some great golf days. The first month of the season is usually incredibly busy for us. On top of the usual mowing, rolling, and cup cutting, we spend a lot of time training new employees, learning new equipment and techniques, and trying to clean up debris and damage from the last six months that we haven't been able to attend to until now. Luckily we have an incredible membership who is willing to come in on a cold, windy, day to volunteer their time to help. Thank you again to all who attended the member cleanup day, we couldn't be in the shape that we are in without you. And an extra thank you to the members who volunteer all season through taking care of beds, planting bulbs, mowing banks, and painting lines for us.

With air and soil temperatures steadily rising we have been able to make some strides on the golf course, and have addressed some tasks that will improve on the course throughout the season. We have top dressed all of our tee surfaces to level them off, and have applied seed as well so that it will be available to germinate when conditions permit (dormant seeding). On the driving range tee, we installed our germination blanket that insulates the ground and increases the soil temperatures by 10-12 degrees and really gets the turf growing and healthy so that we can start the season with a fresh, well maintained tee. We are changing our seed and topsoil mixtures for the range tee this year to something that will germinate more quickly, and therefore be able to withstand the amount of play that it gets. Please remember to follow the proper divot pattern on the range. Where people have, we have had 100% recovery and where they have not, we are still trying to heal from last spring. We have been mowing the new approach on the fourth hole, and are top-dressing that as well with sand to try to level out some of the smaller dips and divots that we have there. We will try to repeat this process a few times this spring until we have reached the conditions that we would like to see. Rising temperatures also indicate that we are in the right window to get pre-emergent crabgrass applications out, so if you haven't don't that at home yet you should be planning to soon.

Spring accessories have all been put out on the course and we should be opening the bath-houses soon. And speaking of accessories, what about that new clock, huh? What a beautiful piece to accent our course and commemorate our membership. Flower borders should be going in soon to apply the finishing touches and the flagpole installation is coming next.

As is always the case in spring, drainage issues have arisen on many of our holes on both the front side and back side. We have many different reasons for them and they almost all require different handling and troubleshooting depending on intrusion from silt, collapse, tree roots, or pests. We are working hard to keep our drains free and clear and improve them as soon as possible. Some can be fixed in an hour and some would require weeks of time to repair, but they are all being taken into account.

Tree care is has taken a back seat for the time being and I have made a vow to myself not to grind any more stumps until we have repaired the damage from those that we have already started. We have painted our lines on the approaches of all holes and ask all members to abide by them. Just like ball mark and divot repair, it works best when we all do our part and help to not only follow the proper guidelines, but set good examples for those who may not be. Thank you OCC and we will see you out here soon!

Matthew Bednarski
Golf Course Superintendent



Views from the Course





Golf

Just a little chat from your friendly Golf Committee Chairman, PK. Took a stroll through the men's locker room recently and I noticed that there were shoes strewn about everywhere. Since then, it has gotten better. So please keep your shoes under or inside of your locker.

On a similar note, I've noticed golf shoes jammed in the club storage bins. Club storage is for CLUB storage. Not dirty golf shoes. If you want to keep your shoes on site, please rent a locker in the locker room. You can rent a locker in the locker room through Hoagie in the Pro Shop for a small rental fee (\$35.00 per year)

Slight schedule change....Our Superintendent would like to move Spring aeration back a week. Aeration will take place Monday, May 12th after Mother's Day instead of the 5th. So please adjust your calendars accordingly.

PK Golf Committee Chair



Membership...

Hi all - We have approved a few more golfing memberships in the past month, and as of now, we have met our 335 golfing membership cap. A waiting list has been started and all new applicants will be dependent on any change to our 335 golfing membership number. If you know anyone thinking about joining the club, make sure you communicate this to them and get their application in ASAP so they can be added to the waiting list.

**Greg Lavery
Membership Chair
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Welcome New & Returning Members!

**Daniel & Judy Dixon
Alexander Pytlak
Wynn Bowman
William A. Crist**



Marketing..

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Twitter: @oswegocc_ny

Website: www.oswegocountryclub.com

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

Chelsea Giovo Marketing Chair

Social....

OCC's Social Committee hosted a Spring & Easter Floral Arrangement Workshop with That Flower Stand on Forty Eight on April 12th — it was an enjoyable afternoon filled with fragrant blooms, creativity and spring inspiration.

Thank you to our OCC Member, Erin Hall (and owner of That Flower Stand on Forty Eight) for providing the beautiful flowers, supplies, instructions & useful tips!

That Flower Stand On Forty Eight is located at 3005 State Route 48 - just 1.5 miles South of OCC!



Stay up to date with future activities sponsored by Social Committee by checking OCC weekly emails, newsletters, and our social media platforms.

If you have fun ideas and/or are interested in becoming a Social Committee member, contact Meghan Anderson (Social Chair) at meggo723@icloud.com

Greens...

Going the Extra Mile

Many of us are beginning to enjoy the true benefits of being a member of Oswego Country Club - playing golf at a premier golf course within a short drive from our homes. In addition to continuing to improve your game throughout the golfing season, be a steward of our golf course by going the extra mile to maintain it and leave no trace behind after your round.

Beyond the basics of proper golf carts and pull cart driving and placement while on the course, fixing ball marks, replacing fairway divots and bunker raking, here are a few other things you can do during your next round, provided by the USGA, to leave the golf course better than you found it.

- Pick up broken tees and discard them in waste containers to keep them from cluttering the course and damaging mowers.
- If a garbage can is full, hold on to your trash rather than piling it high for wind and birds to disperse across the course.
- Do not leave cigars or cigarette butts on playing surfaces and keep those sunflower seeds off the greens.
- Ropes and stakes are there for a reason, so walk through designated openings and not over or on top of the rope, which will loosen and pull the stakes over.

It is the maintenance staff's job to care for the course, but golfers need to do their part as well. We all benefit from caring for our golf course.

Our Memorial Clock is up and keeping time! Enjoy the beautiful timepiece, but also reflect on our members who once played along side us enjoying both golf and presence.

The Oswego Country Club flag pole relocation will be completed by the next newsletter. Both enhancements will instill a new bold look endearing our members with the beautiful clock and our nation with the prominent placement of our flagpole.

As always, I welcome questions or comments, or to consider serving on the green committee. <wmcris@yahoo.com> or (315) 591-4172.

Respectfully,
Bill

Bill Crist
VP - Green Committee Chair



From the business office...

- Please remember to include your Member Number on your check and any other correspondence with the club.
 - We can always be reached by voicemail: 315 343 1941 ext. 4

Or

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Officers

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Fr. John Canorro	Rich Godden
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Matt Smith	

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



Facilities...

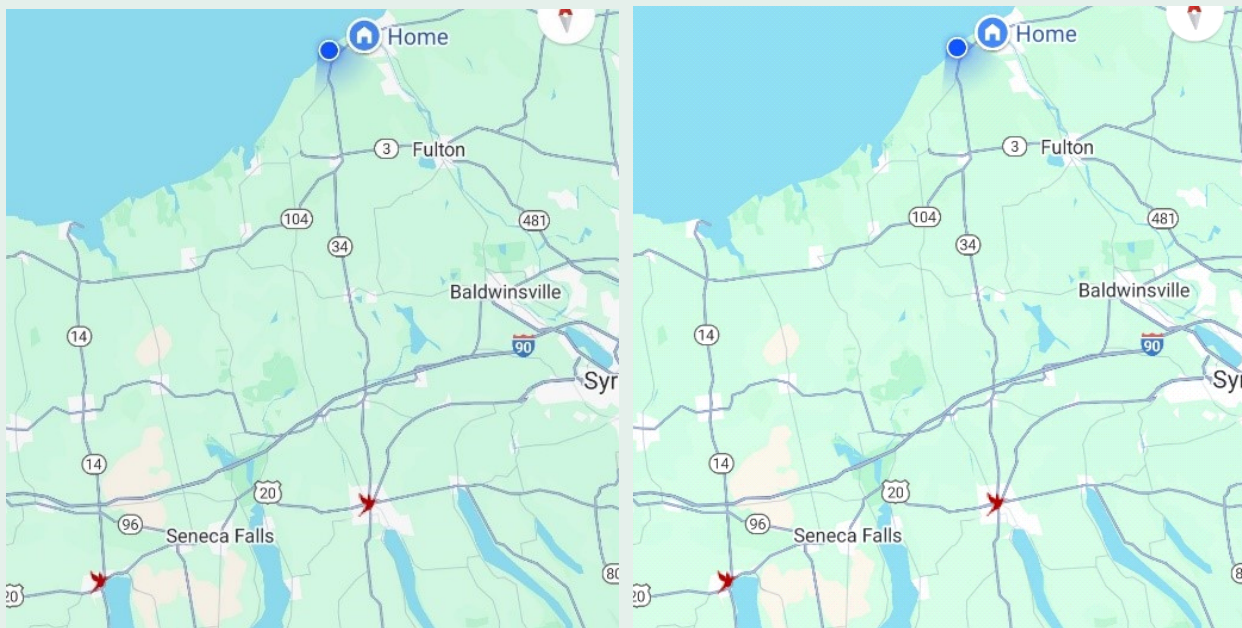
A great start we have had to the beginning of our Golf Season. The course is already in prime condition thanks to Matt, Neal, Conner and their crews, and especially those who came out and lent their hands on Volunteer cleanup day. It is wonderful to see so many members take pride in our club.

So much has been happening at the club this past month. Thanks to Bill Crist and his vision, the new clock has been installed. I only wished it would display Military time. Work continues re-locating the flagpole next to number 8 tee box, and our new POS system is going through Beta testing. All the outdoor furniture has been put out and the patio canvas has been put into place. What a great place to play a round of golf and relax afterwards with some food and beverages.

Now, for what everyone has been waiting for: The Hummingbirds are almost here. As of 4/28/2025 there have been sightings in Auburn and Geneva NY. The hummingbird feeders have been put up, so now it's just a matter of time.

Any comments or concerns please reach out to me.

Happy Spring!!!!



Mark G. Brunschweiger
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Facilities Chair

Oswego Country Club

2025 Golf Calendar

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>CONTACT/CHAIR</u>
Apr-5	Sat	8:00-12:00	Volunteer Clean-up Day	B.Crist/ M.Bednarski
Apr-6	Sun	8:00-12:00	Contingency Clean-up Day	
Apr-19	Sat	11:00-2:00 1 st tee	NCCGA	Branden Thompson
Apr-20	Sun	11:00-2:00 1 st tee	NCCGA	
Apr-26	Sat	11:00-2:00 1 st tee	SUNY NCAA Tournament	Mike Howard
Apr-27	Sun	10:30-1:30 1 st tee	SUNY NCAA Tournament	
May-6	Tue	Course closed if needed	Contingency Aerification Day	
May-6	Tue	3:00-5:30 alternating sides	Men's Twilight League begins	P. Osetek/L.Heintz
May-7	Wed	9:00-11:30 alternating sides	Women's Early League begins (9)	Marilyn Magner
May-7	Wed	3:00-5:30 alternating sides	Men's Twilight League begins	Dave Johnson
May-8	Thu	3:00-5:30 alternating sides	Women's Twilight League begins	Chelsea Giovo
May-12	Mon	Course closed until 4:00	Greens Aerification	Matt Bednarski
May-13	Tue	8:30 modified shotgun	Women's 18-hole League begins	Jen Boalt
May-17	Sat	9:00 shotgun	Men's Draft Tournament	Pro Shop
May-21	Wed	12:00-1:00 Tee Times	Bandits Golf Outing	
Jun-2	Mon	10:00 shotgun	Oswego Health Tournament	Cullinan/Hourigan
Jun-4	Wed	9:00-11:30 alternating sides	Women's 9-hole League begins	Marilyn Magner
Jun-30	Mon	1:00 shotgun	Schamble/Stag Day	Dave DeCaire
Jul-8	Tue	8:30 modified shotgun	Women's Informal 18-Hole M-G	Jen Boalt
Jul-10	Thu	9:30-11:00	Junior League begins	Liz Dorsey
Jul-12	Sat	12:00 shotgun	Member-Member	PK / Carp
Jul-13	Sun	9:00 shotgun	Member-Member	PK / Carp
Jul-19	Sat	9:00 shotgun	Shotgun start for general play	
Jul-19	Sat	2:00 shotgun	Couples Member Guest	Soc. Comm.
Jul-22	Tue	8:00 modified shotgun	SWDGA	D. Masuicca
Jul-31	Thu	9:00 shotgun	Men's Member-Guest	Dan Dorsey
Aug-1	Fri	9:00 shotgun	Men's Member-Guest	
Aug-2	Sat	9:00 shotgun	Men's Member-Guest	
Aug-6	Wed	9:00-12:00 both sides	Women's 9-Hole M-G	Hudson/Ciciarelli
Aug-9	Sat	10:00-11:30 1 st tee	Sr. Men's Club Championship	Pro Shop
Aug-9	Sat	12:00 1 st tee	Junior Club Championship	Pro Shop
Aug-10	Sun	10:00-11:30 1 st tee	Sr. Men's Club Championship	Pro Shop
Aug-10	Sun	12:00 1 st tee	Junior Club Championship	Pro Shop
Aug 11	Mon	10:30 shotgun	Will Barclay Event	Stephanie Herrick
Aug-16	Sat	8:30 modified shotgun	Women's Formal M-G	J. Boalt/ N. Patka

Aug-17	Sun	3:00 modified shotgun	Adult-Child Tournament	Pro Shop
Aug-21	Thu	9:00 shotgun	Senior Men's Member Guest	PK
Aug-23	Sat	8:00 1 st tee	Women's Club Championship	Pro Shop
Aug-23	Sat	10:00-11:30 1 st tee	Men's Club Championship	Pro Shop
Aug-24	Sun	8:00 1 st tee	Women's Club Championship	Pro Shop
Aug-24	Sun	10:00-11:30 1 st tee	Men's Club Championship	Pro Shop
Sep-2	Tue	Half of course closed (4:00)	Greens Aerification	M. Bednarski
Sep-3	Wed	Half of course closed (4:00)	Greens Aerification	
Sep-4	Thu	Course closed if needed	Contingency aerification day	
Sep-13	Sat	Tee times (TBD)	TC Cup (Mbr hosted event)	Kevin Dorsey
Sep-13	Sat	10:20-11:00 1 st tee	Ladies Invite (Mbr hosted event)	Chelsea Giovo
Sep-14	Sun	Tee times	TC Cup day 2	Kevin Dorsey
Sep-15	Mon	All day	Fairway Aerification	M. Bednarski
Sep-16	Tue	As required	Fairway Aerification	
Sep-19	Fri	7:30 PM shotgun	Glow Ball	Soc. Comm.
Sep-20	Sat	1:00 shotgun	Buc Boosters Event	Sean Callen
Sep-22	Mon	10:00 shotgun	Oswego-Fulton Chamber Tourney	Sarah Broadwell
Sep-27	Sat	11:00-2:00 1 st tee	SUNY Fall Invitational	Mike Howard
Sep-28	Sun	10:30-1:30 1 st tee	SUNY Fall Invitational	
Oct-4	Sat	1:00 shotgun	Blue Line Club	Rick Pratt
Oct-11	Sat	10:00 shotgun	Stableford Tournament	PK/Carp
Oct-14	Tue	Early morning	Back Nine Aerification	M. Bednarski

Possible Events

Jun-20	Fri	5:00 shotgun	Nine, Wine and Dine
Aug-22	Fri	5:00 shotgun	Nine, Wine and Dine
Sep-6	Sat	3:00 shotgun	Par 3 Pro Appreciation