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OCC MONTHLY

# NEWSLETTER

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### **Assistant Pro**

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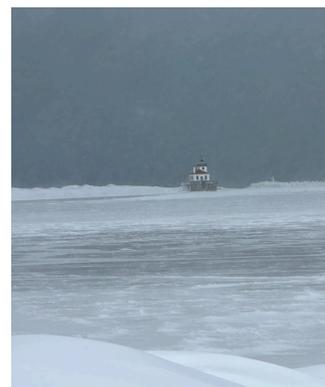
### **Restaurant Concessionaire**

Tammy Murphy Morgia

## Message from our President

The North winds blow and so we welcome the lake effect - 'tis winter in Oswego!! The bite is memorable, yet the blanket of snow is keeping our course comfy cozy readying for a green start this spring. Days are lengthening and each day closes in on our first time we get a ball in the air. As it's been said, patience is a virtue and golf and our course is a great teaching environment for getting us there.

In the last newsletter we talked about our search for an assistant professional to help Hoagie and with our memberships' overall golf experiences. After reviewing nearly a dozen applicants, I'm delighted to introduce our assistant golf professional, Mr. Zachary Bowden. Zach comes to us from the Fairport area and has several CNY club experiences to his resume in his relatively few trips around the sun. He is working toward getting his PGA card and Michael will be a great help in modeling the club pro golfer. In addition to assisting Hoagie with golf operations, he is skilled and interested in teaching, golf club maintenance and youth golf - all areas that our members seek. He'll begin in person on April 1st and, as we get closer to that date, I encourage all of you to join in a warm OCC welcome once the spring weather greets us back to the fairways.



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Stay tuned for upcoming social events through the winter months. The Super Bowl pools are filing up and basketball as well as PGA and LPGA are ramping up a for weekend viewing from multi-screen Century Room. Yoga is also on the list and Kayla (bartender and cart attendant) is leading that experience for all to help find oneself - the union of body and mind! Comfort food and weekly bar creations can also tip the body and mind in alternate ways - OCC is truly that one-stop-shop!! Our point of sale system (TOAST) is running well with this time of year allowing for a quieter time to continue streamlining the system for accuracy and efficiency. Thanks to past-president Ben Frary for assisting with tweaks and adjustments to ensure your accounts are accurate and current.

As those biting winds continue, we'll also have sunny days and our members are encouraged to partake in the outdoor winter joys of our golf course. We encourage those outdoor enthusiasts to experience our golf course during these crisp, yet beautiful winter days. Our course is stunning in all seasons and I encourage you to get out and ski, sled or snowshoe our fairways. As was stated in our last newsletter and being shared again - staying off and away from the tees and greens is a must to insure that those areas are able to rest during these challenging winter months. Enjoy our course and imagine how your shots are shaped on skis or snowshoes.

As always, I welcome your thoughts and comments to improve what we love, enjoy and cherish - our Oswego Country Club. Find me at the Century Room or drop me a note or call...**President@oswegocountryclub.com or (315) 591-4172.**

## Paul Kunzwiler

We will be holding a Green Committee meeting 2/11 at 9am upstairs in the Board room. At this meeting I would like to have each committee member provide me with a list of 5 “small projects” that you would like to see completed this year. Any suggestions should follow the Master Plan, however they don’t have to. You can review the master plan at [oswegocountryclub.com](http://oswegocountryclub.com) by clicking on “What’s Happening” on the drop down box. By “small projects” I mean projects that Matt and his crew can knock out in a week or 2 that won’t cost a lot of money. For example...”Fix all the bunkers on the front 9” would not be a small project. One of my suggestions would be - fill in the back left bunker on number 2. The plan calls for its removal and it shouldn’t cost us much time or money. It would also save on maintenance. Please be specific on any tree trimming or removal. Also be specific regarding new tee boxes or tee boxes that need repair/leveling.

I plan on compiling a list of ten items for Matt to complete throughout the season.

I think our goal would be for him to complete at least 5 of those tasks. He may do more. He may do less. But it will at least provide him with an idea of what the membership is looking for and a goal for Matt and his crew instead of just reacting to things as they pop up.

All members can email your list of 5 items to [cleanchekkhockey@yahoo.com](mailto:cleanchekkhockey@yahoo.com) and we’ll add them to the list.

**PK**



## Matthew Bednarski – Golf Course Superintendent

As I'm sure you can all imagine the weather has brought nearly all outside work to a standstill. We had some big plans for this winter as far as bunker and drainage work goes, as well as an irrigation satellite upgrade, but those tasks will have to wait until the spring. For now we are hunkered down in the shop. We have completed the grinding of all of our cutting units on tee, green, and fairway mowers, which is a pretty large task as well as a milestone of the winter for us and a good indicator of our progress.

As I've said before Neal is incredibly talented with this task and does a phenomenal job prepping them. I haven't seen another mechanic whose work compares to his and the results on our playing surfaces speak for themselves. Connor has been assisting Neal with our equipment fleet and has been learning a lot about preventative maintenance, reel grinding, hydraulic systems, and the ins and outs of equipment repair. The guys have been up to their elbows in grease and oil, blaring Pink Floyd and Rush, and making sure that our mowers are in top working order to start the season. Weeping tractor tires, slow leaking seals, and mechanical upgrades are put aside during the growing months until now when we can take the time to address the smaller tasks that don't necessarily shut us down during golf season. Every piece of equipment we have gets oil and filters changed, new blades, bearings and belts checked, lift arms removed and assessed, and a thorough greasing.

Neal and I have completed all of our continuing education for the year and all water consumption and pesticide applicator reports to the NYSDEC have been turned in. All tee signs have been removed from the course, had a thorough cleaning, and are staged in the shop ready to be put back out in spring. Bag stands, divot bucket stands, and tee markers have all been cleaned, sanded, and painted. Ball washers have been taken apart, cleaned and polished, and we are beginning to order new cups for the course, as well as flags, flagsticks, cup cutter shells, any ropes, towels and signage that we need to order.

We will be having our first Greens Committee meeting of the year coming up shortly to discuss both past and present projects and goals for the club so if you have any questions, comments, or concerns, or have thought about volunteering your time to help improve the club, please reach out to myself, PK, or a board member for further discussion. It may seem distant, but member cleanup day and green grass are less than two months away.



**-Matthew Bednarski-GCS**

## Mark G. Brunschweiger – Facilities Chair

Nothing like a good old-fashioned Oswego winter. Of course, January was a bust for trying to sneak in a January thaw round of golf but the activities at the club have kept us busy. Though the course is covered in a white blanket of pure snow, it is still so pleasing to look out on the course and watch the sledders, cross country skiers, birds and all sorts of wild life. It's hard to believe we're only two months away from opening day.

I encourage all members to take advantage of the activities still happening at OCC in these winter months. Try your hand at Yoga, taught by our own Kayla, Crushed Glass workshop, Trivia night and whatever else the social committee has in store for us. Also don't forget about the Football offerings Michelle has at the Century Tavern and Tammy's Comfort food dinners on Tuesday.

It's your club 365 days a year, make the best of it.

Maintenance Activities performed:

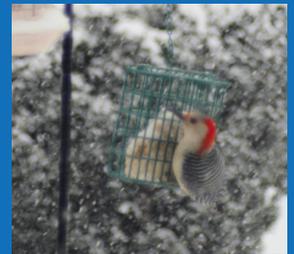
- Vendor completed repairs on the Kitchen's commercial refrigerator
- Replaced our furnace air filters
- Restrung Ice melt heaters that had fallen down
- Continue to knock down Icicles
- Clean gutters by the kitchen area and removed damaged ice melt heater wires.
- Fix attic exhaust fan louvers
- Replaced kitchen oven pilot thermocouple
- Cleaned restrooms toilet flush bypass diaphragms
- And of course, feed the birds

Please enjoy our winter wonderland, we only have it for another month or so.

Thank you,

**Mark G. Brunschweiger**

**mbrunsc@yahoo.com**



## Maureen Donovan & Heather Vashaw – Social Co-Chairs

Hello everyone!

My name is Mo Donovan and I'm excited to share that I will be Co-Chair of the Social Committee along side Heather Vashaw! I am looking forward to collaborating with members on events at the Club to make this a fun and exciting year!

### Maureen

# CENTURY TAVERN & DINING

Tammy Murphy- Morgia  
Concessionaire

### Century Tavern

Winter Hours  
Closed Mondays  
Tuesday-Friday  
3- close  
Saturday & Sunday  
12-3

### Dining

Comfort Food  
**Tuesdays**  
See the weekly posts  
Call to order:  
315-343-1941  
option 2



*patio tables available!*

**Yoga with Kayla**  
**Begins in March on Saturdays at 10 am**  
**Bring your mat & some water**  
**Class is 1 hour**  
**\$15**  
**register by calling**  
**315-409-8600**



# MEMBERSHIP

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## Greg Lavery - Membership Chair

Hope everyone is staying warm, we'll be out on the course in a few short months. We are currently a few memberships short of our 335 membership cap, so 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 see a flurry of applications.

I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday season and can't wait to be back out on the course soon!

**Greg Lavery**  
**Membership Chair**

# BUSINESS OFFICE

## Marilyn Magner & Jennifer Boalt

Please remember to print your MEMBER NUMBER on your checks for any payments. Most appreciated! There is a mailbox in the parking area, a secure box inside the lobby door to the left, and a slot in the office door upstairs which is also secure. You also have the option of online payment by accessing your account on our website:

**[oswegocountryclub.com](http://oswegocountryclub.com)**

We can always be reached by email: **[office@oswegocountryclub.com](mailto:office@oswegocountryclub.com)**

or

voicemail: **(315) 343 - 1941 Ext. 4**

## Zack Farden - Golf Chair

I think this snowy weather makes us appreciate our far too short golf season even more. I have taken over Golf Committee responsibilities from my mentor PK. As we look forward to our golfing season please consider chairing one of our many tournaments. Having a chairperson for each golf tournament will be helpful in ensuring that every event runs smoothly and reflects the high standards of the club. The chairperson serves as the primary point of coordination, helping to organize details in advance and providing clear leadership on the day of the tournament. This role allows for consistent communication between Hoagie and his staff, volunteers, and participants, which helps eliminate confusion and creates a more enjoyable experience for everyone involved.

Additionally, we are looking for your support in being part of the Golf Committee. Having different voices on the golf committee ensures that decisions reflect the needs and interests of the entire membership. If interested in chairing a tournament or serving on the committee please reach out to me at [zfarden@gmail.com](mailto:zfarden@gmail.com).

**Zack**

## PRO SHOP

Michael Hogan - OCC Pro  
Zach Bowden- Assistant Pro

Only two more months of this beautiful weather before we are playing again. I will be starting back at the club on March 15th. Please feel free to call or email the [oswegoccproshop@gmail.com](mailto:oswegoccproshop@gmail.com) with any questions on lockers or storage after March 20th. We should have all of the requested changes and updates made by then.



**Hoagie**

## Zach Bowden- Assistant Pro

Oswego Country Club is excited to announce and welcome Zach Bowden as the club's new Assistant Golf Professional.

Zach is an up and coming young golf professional that has vast previous experience at Oak Hill Country Club and The Club at Ibis (two Platinum 150 Clubs of America), as well as Midvale Country Club, Webster Golf Club, Highland Park Golf Club, Eagle Vale Golf Club, and most recently at Canandaigua Country Club. Zach also has vast experiences from directly working for the PGA of America at the 2021, 2022, and 2023 PGA Championships as well as the 2020 Ryder Cup.

Zach is a St. John Fisher 2020 graduate with a degree in Sports Management and is currently through Level 1 of the PGM program with a particular interest in the Teaching & Coaching route. Zach genuinely cares about the improvement of his students and is always continuously learning more about teaching in order to best help his students.

When Zach is not at the course, he enjoys spending time with his family, especially with his nephew Colton (3); as well as swimming, working out, cooking, and relaxing with friends. Nonetheless, Zach's passion and dedication stand out immediately and we as a club look forward to him strengthening the culture of Oswego Country Club with his ideas and commitment.

"I am very eager to start at Oswego Country Club as the Assistant Golf Professional. I look forward to working alongside and under the mentorship of Michael 'Hoagie' Hogan for years to come. I'd like to thank Hoagie and Club President Bill Crist for extending me the opportunity to take the next steps in my career at Oswego Country Club with a vibrant membership that I look forward to getting to know on the course and especially on the lesson tee."

## Welcome to OCC Zach!



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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No scheduled tournament events this month. But did you know if you click the “Add to Google Calendar” on your mobile device that every event in our Calendar of Events will be synced with your phone for easy access. If we delete an event, your phone is updated automatically. If we change an event, updated automatically. We add an event, adds it to your mobile calendar.

The screenshot shows a Google Calendar interface for January 2026. The calendar is displayed in a grid format with days of the week as columns and dates as rows. The current date, January 24th, is highlighted with a blue circle. There are no events listed on the calendar. The interface includes navigation arrows, a 'Today' button, and a 'Month' view selector. At the bottom, there is a title 'Oswego Country Club - Events', a note about the time zone (GMT-05:00 Eastern Time - New York), and a link to 'Add to Google Calendar'. The Google Calendar logo is also visible in the bottom right corner.

SUN 28	MON 29	TUE 30	WED 31	THU Jan 1	FRI 2	SAT 3
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Oswego Country Club - Events  
Events shown in time zone: (GMT-05:00) Eastern Time - New York  
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Google Calendar

You can also view the 2026 Golf Calendar on our website by going to the “What’s Happening” tab on our homescreen at **[oswegocountryclub.com](http://oswegocountryclub.com)**