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NEWSLETTER

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Message from our President

Fall ball continues in somewhat of an unprecedented bonus through October. Sadly, the days of a 7pm tee time are gone for the next several months. That doesn't mean golf is over. There are still plenty of hours of daylight if you plan your round thoughtfully. That being said, by the time you receive this we will have 'fallen back' to eastern standard time - 5pm darkness! No worries, time for darts, football and basketball viewing, social events to be... stay tuned!!

We have a great club that works to provide experiences and opportunities to our members throughout the year - it doesn't happen by accident! As the official year comes to a close and a new year opens (Nov1-Oct31), I'd be remiss in not offering several general thank you's to the movers who contributed to making the year a success. To our superintendent, Matt, and his grounds team for bringing our course to be acknowledged and recognized as one of the best in the region and, one that we relish and enjoy each time we tee it up! To our golf team lead by 'Hoagie' and his assistants for providing a professional golfing experience for all of our members. A special thank you to Zach Bowden, our assistant professional, who will be leaving Oswego for wintering in a 36 hole facility in Florida this winter. To Tammy and her team in the bar and restaurant, for making our bar and dining experiences complementary to our great golf experiences. To all of our league, tournament and event chairs who, without them, we would be unable to offer the list and depth of golf and social events at our Club. To that point, if you'd like to involve yourself or want to introduce an event or tournament to our membership, let me or a board member know so we can plan for the same in the future. Finally, to the Board of Directors and officers of our club. Many thanks for stepping into the arena and helping to make our club a better place due to your involvement, commitment and action throughout the year. If you see someone that was just mentioned in person or reference, say a heartfelt and genuine thanks for all that this long list of professionals and volunteers have offered throughout this year.

As we show our appreciation and thanks to many of our staff and volunteers, I make a call to everyone who may aspire to serve our club as a Board member or even a committee member. Reach out to a Board member or the nominating committee [see below] to discuss opportunities and possibilities.

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Board of Directors

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President Bill Crist
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Peter Cullinan
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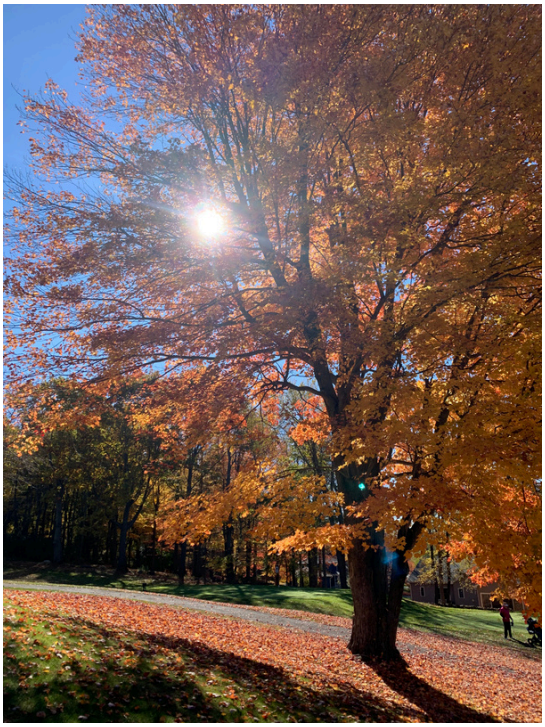
So, to begin the new year, effective November 1st of each year, we welcome our returning and new members to Oswego Country Club. Our membership is the life of our club and we are currently in a good place with our membership - setting and meeting those benchmarks, what could be considered, a full membership for our golfing accommodation and convenience. Currently, we have a waiting list to allow new members into our club once an opening occurs in our member classifications. After months of discussion and consideration, our Board approved the reinstatement of a long paused provision in our club Bylaws, the reintroduction of an initiation fee for new members, effective November 1, 2026 [see below]. All fees collected from initiation fees will rest in a capital reserve line that exists in our budget and has for years. Funds from that line, as well as a proposed Long Term Capital Reserve [see below], will be used for oncourse and general improvements to our club - largely to support implementation of our Oswego Country Club Golf Course Master Plan.

There is always so much that goes into closing a year and opening another. Just like our seasons, we transition to the next while reflecting on the times of joy, sorrow and excitement. I welcome all of you to attend our annual meeting on Sunday, November 15th at 3pm at our club dining room. We will discuss our budget for 2026, elect new Board members and appoint new officers to lead our club for 2026. In addition to the business of the club, you'll also have the opportunity to socialize and chat about the season that was and the season that will be - food and snacks will be provided as usual.

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.

Best Regards, Bill

Bill Crist
President OCC



Section 6.01. Initiation Fees

Applicants for all golfing membership classifications, except Full-Time College/High School Memberships, shall be subject to an initiation fee upon approval of their membership application by the Board.

Children of a Primary or Full Member transitioning to a standalone Young Adult Full or Primary Membership without a break in membership shall be exempt from the initiation fee. The initiation fee for non-corporate golfing memberships shall be one thousand dollars ($1,000.00) plus applicable tax, payable in full with the initial golfing membership dues payment. Initiation fees are not eligible for monthly installment payments.

The initiation fee for returning golfing members who previously resigned in good standing shall be seven hundred fifty dollars ($750.00) plus applicable tax, payable in full with the initial golfing membership dues payment. This fee shall be waived for former members being reinstated pursuant to Article V, Section 5.03.

Social Members who joined following reinstatement of the Initiation Fee and who wish to transition to golfing membership are subject to the Initiation Fee at the time of the transition.

The initiation fee for all corporate golfing memberships shall be three thousand dollars ($3,000.00) plus applicable tax, payable in full with the initial golfing membership dues payment. Initiation fees are not eligible for monthly installment payments.

Candidates for 2026-27 Board of Directors

Greg Lavery
Jon Shaver
Mark Brunschweiger
Christian Morgia
Kevin Dewey
Eric Morris
Ben Frary



Should you be interested in adding your name as a candidate please contact any member of the nominating committee:

Dan Bartlett
Dave Lloyd
Katie O'Reilly
Bill Pawlewicz



Long-term Capital Reserve Planning

Our Club invested in a Long Range Master Plan for our golf course several years ago and have been able to chip away at low hanging fruit from that plan - notably holes number 4, 6 and the 9th green. We were also able to build out forward tees and repair and create cart paths to needed areas. We did all of that with wind fall from the National Grid pipeline project, COVID government reimbursements and, in part, our savings. The Oswego Country Club has long required a means to achieve long term sustainability to meet the future needs of the Club without impacting or compromising the day to day short-term balance of our operations.

Creating a financial vehicle to achieve long-term sustainability by way of a long-term capital reserve will support the Club's needs for on course and general improvements. This reserve will allow the Club to be positioned to sustain and, more importantly, grow for current and future families and individuals at Oswego Country Club for decades to come.

The Board is considering a percentage of monthly or annually collected annual dues to be placed in the long-term capital reserve line item based on membership classification for the explicit use of the Master Plan implementation, Irrigation system maintenance, upkeep and replacement for our golf course and Clubhouse long term maintenance and upkeep, not limited to: roofs, outbuildings, pool, grounds, parking lots. The Board will continue to refine the proposal and share additional information with the membership in the coming months. The decision for a long-term capital reserve will require member ratification and approval at the annual meeting. More revisions will be forthcoming.

FACILITIES

Mark Brunschweiger- Facilities Committee Chair

What a fantastic month it was for golfing. October can be dicey sometimes, but we lucked out this year. And don't be putting those clubs away just yet, it looks like this weather pattern is going to continue into November.
We have brought in a contractor to fix the south side of the Locker Room roof that had developed a leak. I will be replacing the section of ceiling, that was taken down due to the leak, in the upcoming off-season. Talking about the off-season, don't forget the many activities that still take place at your club. There will be another dart league starting up this winter, comfort food will be back, Sip and Shop, Trivia, and so much more.
This month's chapter from our Emergency Action Plan is tilted "Active Shooter".

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Active Shooter

Quickly determine the most reasonable way to protect your own life. Remember that customers and clients are likely to follow the lead of employees and managers during an active shooter situation.

Evacuate

If there is an accessible escape path, attempt to evacuate the premises. Be sure to:
- Have an escape route and plan in mind.
- Evacuate regardless of whether others agree to follow.
- Leave your belongings behind.
- Help others escape, if possible.
- Prevent individuals from entering an area where the active shooter may be.
- Keep your hands visible.
- Follow the instructions of any police officers.
- Do not attempt to move wounded people.
- Call 911 when you are safe.

Hide out

If evacuation is not possible, find a place to hide where the active shooter is less likely to find you.
Your hiding place should:
- Be out of the active shooter's view.

- Provide protection if shots are fired in your direction (i.e., with a closed and locked door).
- Not trap you or restrict your options for movement.

To prevent an active shooter from entering your hiding place:
- Lock the door.
- Block the door with heavy furniture.

If the active shooter is nearby:
- Lock the door.
- Silence your cell phone and/or pager.
- Turn off any source of noise (i.e., radios, televisions)
- Hide behind large items (i.e., cabinets, desks)
- Remain quiet.

If evacuation and hiding out are not possible:
- Remain calm.
- Dial 911, if possible, to alert police to the active shooter's location.
- If you cannot speak, leave the line open and allow the dispatcher to listen.

Take action against the active shooter

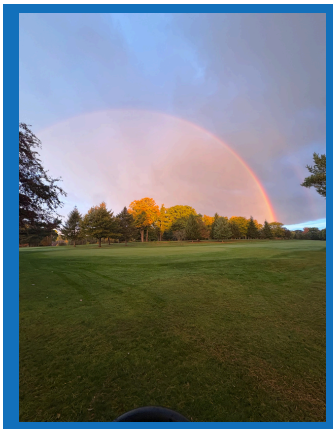
As a last resort, and only when your life is in imminent danger, attempt to disrupt and/or incapacitate the active shooter by:
- Create a distraction.
- Acting as aggressively as possible against him/her.
- Throwing items and improvising weapons.
- Yelling.

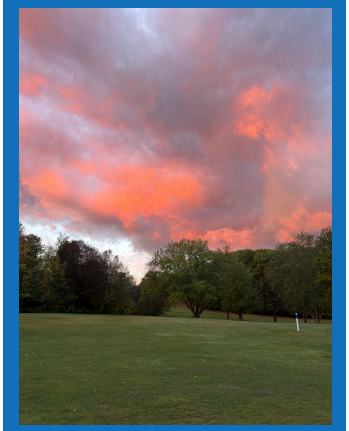
Thank you,
Mark G. Brunschweiger
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ON THE COURSE

Matt Bednarski- Course Superintendent

What an uncharacteristically warm and dry October we have had! I am presently writing this while taking a break from watering greens, tees, and fairways in an effort to keep us healthy at a time when we normally would have already shut down the irrigation system. Moisture levels in greens are anywhere from 8 to 30 percent, and on tees they are hovering on the lower end of that range. These are conditions that we all hope for in July and August but are nearly unattainable due to the higher evapotranspiration rates. While talking to a colleague the other day I had a great conversation about how much effort we spend during the summer to try to recreate these baseline fall conditions. We spend the summer month's verticutting, topdressing, reducing fertilizer usage and lowering mowing heights while frequently rolling and simultaneously increasing growth regulator usage and general stress. All of this to try to mimic the natural characteristics of bent grass during fall. Shorter days, cooler temperatures, and plants naturally storing energy as opposed to using it all contribute to increased green speeds with very little input. This works out perfectly for us as we have the ability to focus on other aspects of golf course maintenance. Early order chemical programs, chemical and water reporting, fall fertilizer applications, leaf blowing, Green and tee aeration, budget planning and meeting with our architect were all in progress this past month and we have come into November in great shape.

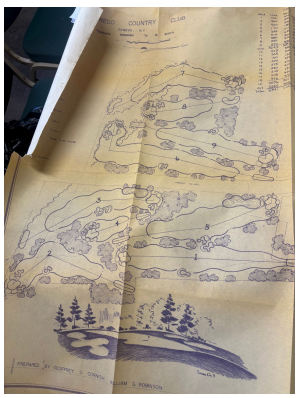






The new tees were installed and covered with our germination blanket as opposed to sodding in an attempt to save funds and time, and should turn out very nicely. The crew did an amazing job and all have such a keen eye for detail that it is really a pleasure to work with them. The tees were built with a base layer of topsoil and covered with three to four inches of an engineered root zone mix that will promote healthy roots and provide ample nutrition, while simultaneously allowing excess moisture to run off. Tee surfaces were seeded with Barracuda bent grass, a new drought and disease resistant variety out of Rutgers University, and tee banks were seeded with a mixture of rye, bluegrass, and fescue. We then fertilized with a high phosphorous fertilizer and drove the seed into the soil. The only parts of the equation missing are warm soil temperatures and water.

Moving forward into the month of November we plan to winterize our irrigation system, to dress tee surfaces, begin with some of our tree work for the winter, continue to blow leaves and pick up debris, and possibly address some more bunker work that we have been planning. I am hoping as much as you are that these great golfing and working conditions will continue and that we will have a temperate month of November so that we can continue to check tasks off our list, and get in as much golf as possible before winter hits. It's been a great golf season OCC, and there is still more to come!



Matt Bednarski-Golf Course Superintendent

CARTS - Starting November 1 please sign out carts using the book on the back bar in the dining room. Follow the link below to read an interesting article about carts and their impact on golf courses.

The Hidden Cost of Golf Carts

GREEN

Paul Kunzwiler- Green Committee Chair

It's a great run of weather we're having. Hope you've had a chance to get out and play. Matt and his crew have been doing a lot of leaf removal and will soon be cutting down some trees on the backside. We are trying to stay under budget when it comes to this type of work. Most of the tree work that is being done in the back has been approved by the Board and our golf course architect, Barry Jordan. Barry will soon be providing us with some drawings regarding changes to hole 14. The Green Committee and Superintendent have concluded that we need to start doing improvements from the Master Plan on the south nine. 14 is definitely a hole that needs improvements. I will post the drawings online as soon as get them in our hands.

As you can see the crew did a great job building our new forward tee boxes on 5 and 17. They will quickly become green and be ready for play in the spring. .

PK Kunzwiler
Green Committee Chair

MEMBERSHIP

Greg Lavery - Membership Chair

We've reached the end of the fiscal year, hopefully there is still plenty of golf to be played before the snow flies. Applications for next golfing season are coming in bunches already and that is a testament to the amazing course we have thanks to Matt and his crew. If anyone is looking to join the club in the future, please have them put in an application now as there is a high chance that a waiting list will need to be formed very soon.

The Board is still evaluating membership numbers to make sure we find the right mix of tee time availability and maximize our club's membership. As always, please reach out with any questions regarding membership.

Greg Lavery
Membership Chair
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GOLF

Zack Farden- Golf Committee Chair

As we wrap up another golf season at Oswego Country Club, I would like to thank everyone who helped make this year's tournament schedule a success. We had a great season of events, and it was encouraging to see our members continue to participate and support the golf program.

One of our goals this year was to be more selective with the number of outside events hosted at the club. While these events provide valuable revenue that benefits the club, we also recognize the importance of protecting member access to the course and ensuring that our membership has ample opportunities to enjoy it throughout the season. Finding the right balance between these priorities will continue to be an important consideration moving forward.

I would also like to recognize the members who stepped up to chair our club tournaments this season. Their involvement made a meaningful difference, not only in the success of their respective events but also in helping Hoagie and the pro shop staff manage the many responsibilities that come with running a busy tournament schedule. Having members take ownership of these events helps distribute the workload, improves the overall experience for participants, and allows our staff to focus on the many other needs of the golf operation.

Looking ahead to next season, I would love to see even more members get involved in helping organize and chair our tournaments. You do not need extensive experience to make a difference, and your participation is greatly appreciated. A strong tournament schedule is an important part of the Oswego Country Club experience, and it is even better when it is supported by the members themselves.

Thank you to everyone who played, volunteered, organized, and supported our events this season. I would also like to extend a special thank-you to Hoagie and our Pro shop staff for their hard work and dedication throughout the year. Their efforts are a big part of what makes our golf program successful.

I hope everyone enjoys the offseason, and I look forward to another great golf season at Oswego Country Club in 2027!

Zack Farden

BUSINESS OFFICE

Marilyn Magner & Jennifer Boalt

2026-27 Season Dues
will be in your next monthly statement
delivered next week.
Total dues paid by December 1st receive 5 free greens fees and
by January 1st, 3 free greens fees.

NOTABLES

In Remembrance of Joe Doviak
Anyone who would like to honor Joe's memory please read below:

The family kindly requests that memorial contributions be made to the Joe Doviak Memorial Scholarship Fund, which will provide a scholarship to a graduating senior on one of the Oswego High School golf teams. Checks can be made payable to the Oswego City School District, with "Doviak Scholarship" written in the memo line. Checks can be mailed to Michelle Baroody PO Box 2036 Liverpool, NY 13089.



Our own Kayla Young completed her first marathon! Congratulations!



Reunion with Jim Dorval







Congratulations for an amazing season to Barbara Harrison
OCC's
2026 Ladies Club Championship Winner
also
2026 SWDGA Championship Winner
2026 SWDGA Player of the Year
2026 SWDGA Super Senior Tournament Winner

CENTURY TAVERN & DINING

Tammy Murphy-Morgia - Concessionaire

Comfort Food is back!!
Tuesdays
Please call ahead to place your order-
343-1941 extension 2

Coming in December
Holiday
Sip & Shop
December 20th
Keep an eye for
upcoming
Trivia and BINGO

PRO SHOP

Michael Hogan - OCC Pro
Zach Bowden- Assistant Pro

I can't believe how fast the season flew by. The staff had a great season this year. I would like to thank everyone for their patience, kindness and respect they showed the staff this year. I myself would like to thank all that supported the golf shop this season. It was brought to my attention not all of our members knew that my family owns the golf shop. We do our best year after year to bring in quality merchandise. I have always made sure our member prices are less than any retailer. My members deserve this. I also take suggestions on new product. I have catalogs available to any members that would like to peruse through them to pre order things for the upcoming season. I will take any advantage I can get to have as much sell through as possible on the stock that we carry. I have been up for merchandiser of the year for four of the last five years but have failed to land the award. This would not have been possible without such a supporting membership that allows me to put out such a selection. Thank you for your support.

A few house cleaning items moving into November. Your cart keys and guest fees will now be handled just inside the back door of the restaurant on the back bar. If you are taking a cart or have a guest, you must fill out the appropriate sheet for the charges. We ask that all members keep each other accountable in this process. There are no more tee times. The tee time system will be turned off until April 1st of next year. If you are taking a cart, you are in charge of cleaning out your cart of any debris and parking it when you are done. This area will not be staffed in the off season. We will move into pick what you want to hit on the range. You are welcome to walk down on the range to retrieve balls that you would like to hit to warm up. Matt will have a designated area mowed in front of the actual tee for you to hit from. We will have the tee box top dressed and fertilized to give us a great product in the spring. The barn is officially closed for the season. Matt has full use of that until we open in April. I will be wandering in and out through the 14th of November. Please stop me if you have any questions.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to be your PGA professional. There is no place I would rather be!

Michael (Hoagie) Hogan
Head PGA Professional

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It is hard to believe that the 2026 golf season is already over. It seems just like yesterday that I was sending out daily course condition emails regarding cart availability during a wet spring.

While I have gotten an early head start to make my way to Florida to work the busy season down at The Club at Quail Ridge in Boynton Beach, I wish to take a moment to thank you all for a great season. I honestly had never even been in Oswego before I started, but I'm glad I took a leap of faith as I have gotten to know a diversified membership that has been great to me and also great to get to know.

I came to Oswego Country Club to develop more as a professional, as a player, and as I've been reminded recently; as a person. And I look forward to using my time in Florida to develop more in order to better service you. I want to say thank you to Hoagie for his mentorship this season, as it's been a big part of my development. A big part of development is having hard conversations. With Hoagie that is no doubt assured, but I know it comes from a good place with the goal of helping me develop and be better. And I needed that.

I would like to give a special thank you to members that were very supportive of me playing in Assistant Events this season. A lot of you offered a lot of encouragement. It meant a lot to me as this was my 1st year playing competitive events and was a big area of development for me. The best piece someone told me was after my first major tournament in June. The scores weren't great, I won't hide from that, but a lot of tough lessons were learned as playing competitive golf is a big learning curve that some people don't think about or might underestimate. But this member told me that I could've easily withdrew, but I stuck it out and still posted. The member complimented that it said a lot about me and that there are a lot of people that would've packed it in (like the one player that withdrew midway through) or are unwilling to put themselves out there to improve. And that stuck with me as I went on my journey for improvement. Is the improvement enough for what I want? Not quite yet. But there is improvement that I see.

So I share that as encouragement for all of you that might be in a similar spot, golf or life related. I won't lie (and remember, you can't lie to yourself, no matter how hard you try), it is scary to put yourself out there for improvement. But I will encourage you to embrace the challenge (and the fear that is always associated with challenge in general) and go about putting in the time to conquer that challenge. The same way I will do so this winter.

Enjoy the winter and hopefully Oswego isn't dumped on with too much snow. And see you soon.

Zach Bowden, Assistant Pro