OCC Newsletter

April Newsletter 2024

President's Message...

Hello OCC

Happy Easter to you all! To those who have returned from the south – welcome back – you missed some great golf days in March (and February, January, December, November). Hopefully you arrived home in time to experience the winter wonderland that swooped in upon us in late March!

Welcome back to our Club Pro Michael Hogan and his able assistant Connor Goss - we are glad to have you back and stocking the Proshop for the member's benefit!

What's next – cleanup day Saturday April 6 (rain date April 7), the full solar eclipse on Monday April 8, followed by lots and lost of golf! Speaking of the eclipse, we will have a limited number (48 pairs) of solar eclipse glasses at the club for your viewing pleasure – won't be a better place to see the to-tality of it all than OCC – I personally hope to still be on the course when it starts.

Many are chomping at the bit to tee it up and play – please recognize that when we are considering opening for play our first priority is to the health of the course and especially the greens. Look for the email notification of course opening from Matt each day that conditions might be playable.

A couple things to keep in mind as the season starts:

- If the "Course Closed" signs are up on the first tee and/or on the way to the tenth tee that means no play or practice (like chipping, putting, etc) is allowed on the front and/or back nine as indicated by the signs.
- If the course is closed due to frost on the greens then the practice green is also closed to protect it.
- Anytime during the year members should not be starting on any hole other than 1 (or 10 with Pro-shop permission).

Question - What has happened since the last newsletter? Answer - quite a bit of work!

The refurbishment of the back nine bathroom is well underway and progressing. The new facility will be much nicer for the members and easier to access – no stairs to climb!

The new irrigation pump that was installed in the fall has been wired and "bumped" successfully – that means we have two brand new pumps and three all together that allows for more efficient watering of the course. We will be looking for to obtain a spare so when the time comes the third can be replaced without much down time.

Our fleet of new golf carts and work carts are here, and we had a few golf days that allowed them on the front nine – they are reported to be more comfortable and "peppier" than the previous ones. Even though they were here *... continued on page 2*



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almost a dealbreaker for some members when the new carts arrived but magnetic devices such as range finders, speakers, etc. would not "stick" to the front upright aluminum supports for the roof. The strife created by this nearly resulted in several resignations on the spot – BUT luckily the vendor indicated they would add something to the front supports that will allow the magnetic devices to "stick". In reality, these should have been added before delivery, but they are sending an individual to the club to make the correction. A crisis narrowly averted!

This is a repeat for those that missed it - We anticipated more tree removal this winter along #4 to the right and along #6 to the left - but the weather didn't cooperate – we never had enough frigid temperatures to freeze the ground solid enough to get heavy trucks on to the course. The two big oaks on #4 were able to be taken down using a climber in the tree and equipment brought through the woods north of #8 green and in front of #5 tee with little damage – this is the start of improvements to the area around #4.

Matt was able to take down several trees on the right of #4 himself and has been working to pick up the fallen trees caused by the significant windstorms we had in late winter. A few of the crew were brought back early to assist.

A couple reminders about dues and charges (important):

• For annual payers or split payers your dues should now be paid in full. Per our By-laws if they have not been paid by April 1 you stand suspended until they are paid in full including any penalties.

If you like what is going on with the course, please let Matt and/or Neal 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

315-591-6103

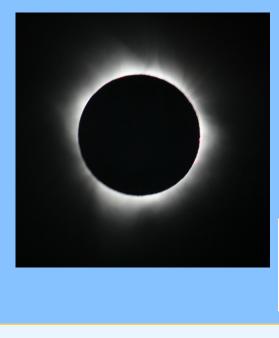




Century Tavern

Closed Mondays Tuesday – Friday 3-close Saturday & Sunday





STOP IN ON THE 8TH! ECLIPSE DRINK SPECIALS AND VIEWING GLASSES AVAILABLE!



From the business office...

Do you need to contact the office? Email us at: Office@oswegocountryclub.com OR Leave a voicemail at:

315-343-1941



The Course...

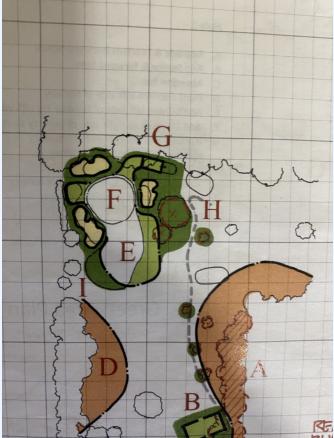
New equipment is here, tested, fueled up and ready for the season to start. Our employees are on standby, and a few have already started to work sporadically. We are well refreshed from the winter, and all that we need now is for the weather to make up its mind.

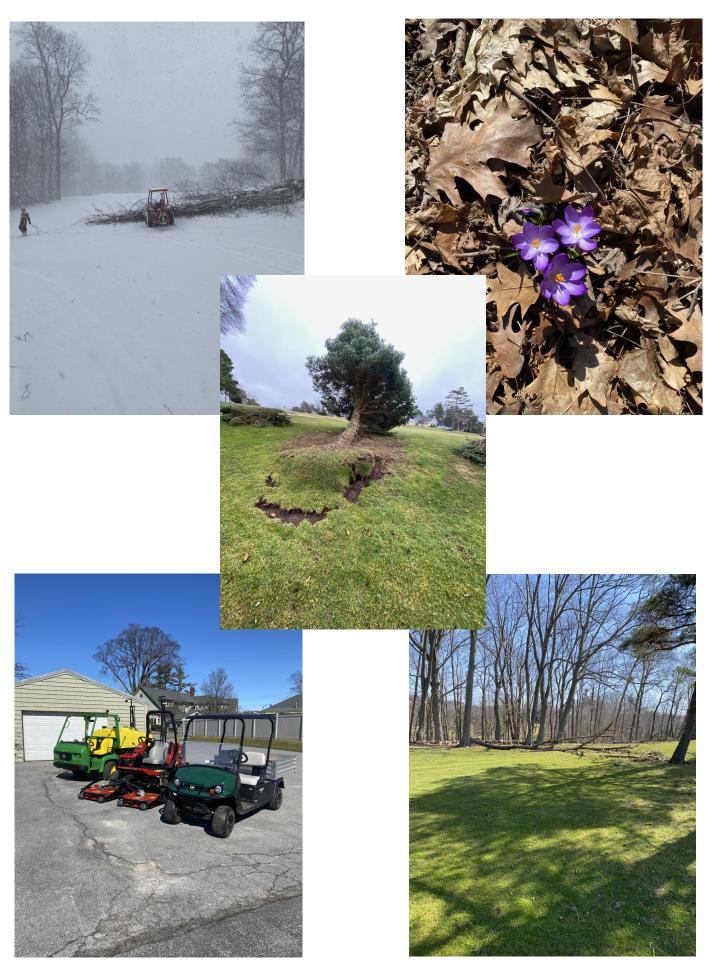
We are still disease free and very healthy coming out of the winter. We have been able to blow and cut greens a couple of times now as well as cutting some of our new fairway lines from last year where the rough grasses still outcompete bent grass. Neal did a fantastic job on our reels this year, as always and our machines are cutting beautifully. Moving forward we have plans to overseed these areas to have more consistent playing conditions. The ninth green is looking healthy and soil temperatures are rising quickly this year. It will not be long before number nine is open for play.

Although we weren't able to have a company come in to take out any dying trees this winter, we have continued to make progress on removal of some trees that we consider to cause unsafe conditions to our members. We also have had a few trees come down due to excessive wind, most notably, the spruce on the back right side of number one green. The cleanup on number four has gone well so far, and we are expecting Timber tree service to come back to grind the remainder of the oak stump shortly. From there we will either seed or sod the left side to prepare for seasonal play.

Member cleanup day is right around the corner, and a list of areas to address has been sent to the membership. We hope that this will give everyone some more direction on the most important areas to work on. Please fill out an area that suits you and we hope to have another great turnout this year.

Matthew Bednarski CGCS Oswego Country Club





Handicaps...

Introduced in January 2020, the World Handicap System was based upon three key principles: Be welcoming, provide a consistent measure of ability, and remain modern. Four years later, with the first revision to the WHS, those same principles apply to the main changes in effect, namely:

1) A lower minimum length for a golf course to obtain a Course Rating[™] and Slope Rating[™]

Before 2024, an 18-hole course had to be at least 3,000 yards to receive a Course Rating and Slope Rating (or 1,500 yards for 9 holes).

With the 2024 WHS Revision, the yardage requirements have been cut in half, to 1,500 and 750 yards, respectively. This is good news for golfers who regularly play par-3 and shorter-length courses and have wanted those scores to count toward their Handicap Index®.

2) A new treatment of 9-hole scores

In 2023 and previous years, 9-hole scores were combined in the order posted to create an 18-hole Score Differential[™]. This meant that a 9-hole score could have been combined with another 9-hole score from days, weeks, or even months before – which at times lead to volatile results.

Today, when a player posts a 9-hole score, it is combined with their expected Score Differential over 9 holes to create an 18-hole Score Differential for immediate use – with expected score based on the player's Handicap Index at the time the round is played as well as a course of standard difficulty.

3) An updated approach for holes not played

Prior to 2024, when a hole was not played (due to darkness, for example), the score recorded was a net par.

With the 2024 revision, when 10-17 holes are played, an 18-hole Score Differential is determined by adding the player's Score Differential from the holes played to an expected Score Differential for the number of holes not played. Since a player's expected score is not specific to a course or reliant upon the course's stroke index allocation (as net par was previously), this will lead to more consistency.

For more information, you may go to the USGA website for more detailed descriptions regarding these new procedures at: https://www.usga.org/content/usga/home-page/handicapping/world-handicap-system/2024-revision.html

Richard Godden Handicap Chair



On the Proside...

April is here at last. The golf shop will now be open daily. The golf shop will open from 9am until 6pm to start the season. As we see an addition of tee times moving earlier in the morning we will adjust the golf shop hours. All cart rentals and guests will now be administered in the golf shop for play.

The driving range grass tee is still closed and we are not currently stocking the range with golf balls. There are many balls out on the range if you would like to grab some and bring them back up to hit. We will start to work balls down to the range as the area dries out more.

Course conditions and cart availability will still be updated via email as conditions change. Please read any signs around the golf course for areas to stay clear.

Connor and I are receiving boxes daily and trying to make the shop look as nice as possible. A big shout out to Mark Brunschweiger for the long awaited golf shop face lift. You will continue to see new additions and a cleaner look as we get through the month of April. We are still actively taking applications for the correct people to make your time dealing with the golf shop staff enjoyable.

Michael (Hoagie) Hogan PGA Professional

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Membership...

Well we are coming into spring and we are starting to see more golf membership applications come in to the OCC Office. At this point we are only a handful of golf memberships short of where we ended last year and I'm sure we will get to that number (or beyond) in the near future, now that we will be officially opened in April.

As a reminder, applications can be found and downloaded off of our webpage. At our last Board meeting the following applicants were approved for membership. Please make sure you make them feel welcome when you see them at the Club.

Richard and Jade Wallace Meghan Anderson

PK Membership Chairman



Facilities...

We made it, opening day is here. March gave us some great opportunities to get out on the course and play a few rounds and see all the great work Matt, Neal and their crews completed over the winter.

I just finished reading an article on how the Polar Vortex rotation has changed direction. Not sure what effect this may have on our spring golf, but I am certain it will not affect our volunteer cleanup day on April 6th. It will be great to see everyone who can make it on that day. Remember it's your course and we need your help.

Our winter weather was kind to our facilities this winter. I didn't even have to turn on the ice melt heaters this winter. The only causality I can think of was the plastic shed that houses the cushions for the fire pit furniture got blown away. I am confident I can figure out a way to put it back together again.

I have spent the majority of March working in the Pro Shop. All the particle board slate walls have been taken down, and new sheetrock installed in some areas. The walls have been primed and painted with an inviting neutral color. New slate boards have been made and installed in a more efficient manner. Stop by on April 1st for the grand re-opening of the Pro Shop. I'll leave it to Hoagie to speak about the many great deals he will have to offer.

As many more of us will be at the club in the coming months, please let me know of any issues that need to be addressed.

Thank you,

Mark G. Brunschweiger mbrunsc@yahoo.com Facilities Chair



Closest hummingbird siting as of today is Fredericksburg, VA

Hummingbird Central: Spring Migration 2024



April is upon us and that means SPRING CLEANING!

Plan to join in the Clean Up Day on Saturday, April 6th, 8a.m. - 12 noon. Many of our eager members have already signed up for the morning event. However, no worries as you still have time to ink the deal, or simply show up on the 6th with a rake, work gloves and an eagerness to make our amazing golf course be in better condition than it was on April 5th!!

This annual clean up day provides a jump start for our professional course maintenance team and superintendent. Our efforts on a Saturday morning will allow for them to attend to the greens, bunkers, fairways and rough that couldn't happen without our commitment to making our golf course in top playing condition earlier than most other golf venues in central NY.

So, if you have a particular spot on the course that you'd like to primp, manicure and spruce up during the morning clean-up, then SIGN UP! If you simply love all of our rolling fairways equally, then arrive prepared to enjoy the morning by greeting fellow golfer friends with a similar interest to do a few hours of SPRING CLEANING.

Food and drink to follow!!

Regards,

Bill

Below is the link to the sign up form. Please copy and paste in your browser to view and sign up. There is also a live link in last week's email sent on Tuesday.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1N2_2P6Em7Qor9WKfZWgdYFHAb3iXSCe0 CbtWcpX594s/edit?usp=sharing



Marketing...

If you are interested in becoming an Oswego Country Club Sponsor, please contact Chelsea Giovo at chelseagiovo@gmail.com for more information. In addition to the Monthly Newsletters, consider following the Oswego Country Club's social media platforms and websites to stay up-to-date on current events and news. As we approach the upcoming golf season, there are several events and opportunities at the club to be on the look-out for. In an effort to mainstream these opportunities, OCC created an all-inclusive link tool that is easily accessible. Linktr.ee/oswegocountryclub is a tool that provides links to current Pro Shop promos, websites, menus, sign-ups, and more. You can share this tool via text message, email, or through social media. You do not need social media or an app to access! This link is also located in our OCC's Instagram Bio.

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Marketing continued....

Oswego Country Club's Social Media Platforms/Website Facebook: Oswego Country Club Instagram: oswegoocc Twitter: @oswegocc_ny Website: www.oswegocountryclub.com Linktr.ee/oswegocountryclub

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



Oswego Country Club Clean Up Day

April 6, 2024 8am-12pm (Rain Date: April 7, 2024) Volunteers Needed

- Refreshments & Snacks to Follow
- Community Service hours may be granted
- Don't forget to bring your rakes and gloves
- Questions: contact OCC Greens Committee Chair, Bill Crist at 315-591-4172



2024 Tuesday Men's Twilight League

Dear Members,

The 2024 Tuesday Men's Twilight League will begin on Tuesday, May 7th and continue through Tuesday September 10th. The League Entry Fee is \$65.00 per player.

This year's league will be co-chaired by Larry Heintz and Tom Rollin.

We must receive your registration form, together with the entry fee for the Twilight League, on or before Friday, April 22nd. <u>*Please</u>* <u>*do not leave them in the Pro Shop.*</u></u>

Please provide your email address, if you have one. I will send emails Bcc for league results and other notifications.

<u>New members are wanted and welcome.</u> If you are new to the club or just don't have a partner, just sign up as a sub and let us know you would like to be on a team. We may be able to help you with a partner. Participants must be golfing members who have reached the age of 18 by May 7th, 2024

Make checks payable to "Oswego Country Club".

Please return entry form and fee to Larry Heintz, 243 Darling Dr., Oswego, NY 13126.

DO NOT DROP OFF CHECKS AT THE PRO SHOP. MAKE CHECKS OUT TO OCC, PLEASE.

For questions and/or comments contact Larry at 315-297-8730 or lheintz4951@gmail.com or Tom at 315-529-9097 tshag-gy63@gmail.com

TUESDAY TWILIGHT LEAGUE

Please indicate your preferred phone contact information to be published with the schedule.

As per many requests, email addresses will not be shared.

Your Name:	
Home Phone	

Email Address	
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Business/Cell Phone_____

Partner's Name	

		Address	Email
		Address	Email

Business/Cell Phone_____

Home Phone

Substitute Only

Name
Home Phone
Email Address
Business/Cell Phone

Check appropriate entry:

\$65.00 per person league entry fee enclosed.

\$65.00 partner's entry fee enclosed.

Cannot play but will sub (no fee required).

If your team is returning from last year and all your information is the same, you can just email Larry at lheintz4951@gmail.com or Tom at tshaggy63@gmail.com and let us know you are returning. You will still have to pay the entry fee by mailing or bring a check the first night of the league. When checks are received a confirming e-mail will be sent out.

2024 Wednesday Men's Twilight League

Dear Members,

The 2024 Wednesday Men's Twilight League will begin on Wednesday, May 8th and continue through Wednesday, September 11th. The League Entry Fee is \$65.00 per player.

This year's league will be chaired by Dave Johnson.

We must receive your registration form, together with the entry fee for the Twilight League, on or before Monday, April 22nd. <u>*Please do not leave them in the Pro Shop.*</u>

Please provide your email address, if you have one. I will send emails Bcc for league results and other notifications.

<u>New members are wanted and welcome.</u> If you are new to the club or just don't have a partner, just sign up as a sub and let us know you would like to be on a team. We may be able to help you with a partner. Participants must be golfing members who have reached the age of 18 by May 8th, 2024

Make checks payable to "Oswego Country Club".

Please return entry form and fee to Dave Johnson, 58 Harvest Dr., Oswego, NY 13126.

DO NOT DROP OFF CHECKS AT THE PRO SHOP. MAKE CHECKS OUT TO OCC, PLEASE.

For questions and/or comments contact Dave at 315-529-5137 djjohnso61@gmail.com

WEDNESDAY TWILIGHT LEAGUE

Please indicate your preferred phone contact information to be published with the schedule.

As per many requests, email addresses will not be shared.

Your Name:	
Home Phone	

Email Address	

Business/Cell Phone_____

Partner's Name	Check appropriate entry:
Home Phone	\$65.00 per person league entry fee enclosed.
Email Address	
Business/Cell Phone	
	\$65.00 partner's entry fee enclosed.
Substitute Only	Cannot play but will sub (no fee required).
Name	
Home Phone	If your team is returning from last year and all your infor-
Email Address	mation is the same, you can just email Dave at djjohnso61@gmail.com and let us know you are returning.
Business/Cell Phone	You will still have to pay the entry fee by mailing or bring a check the first night of the league. When checks are received a confirming e-mail will be sent out.

Tuesday Golf

Ladies 18 hole Golf League All ladies are invited to join the Tuesday morning league We ask everyone to arrive by 8:00 Random drawing of groups Shotgun start at 8:30 am Early bird golfers begin on May 7th weather permitting. Late bird (?) golfers, or those who are unavailable until later in June will join in. New members welcome!

\$25.00 check payable to:

Oswego Country Club

Mail to: Jennifer Boalt 1 Fairview Terrace

Oswego, NY 13126

315-591-0677

Return only the bottom portion with your check- thank you!

Name

Phone #_____Email:_____

Please register me for Ladies Tuesday League

Early bird_____ Late bird

2024 Ladies Wednesday Morning Golf League

Hello everyone! Time for golf...

The league will be starting on June 5th. The golf is a shotgun start at 9:00AM and runs to around 11:30AM. We will be playing a two woman best ball with some other chances for prizes along the way. The early birds can begin on May 31st; just show up to get in some early play. These games will not count for prizes, just for fun.

Dates to remember:

August 7th The Women's 9 Hole Member Guest event

August 28th The end of season luncheon

Price this year will be \$25.00 per person.

Please make checks payable to: Oswego Country Club

Please return information and check to:

Marilyn Magner, 257 Gardenier Rd., Oswego, NY 13126

Phone # (315)342-1780 or Cell (315)374-8919

Email: marilyn.magner@yahoo.com

Anyone interested in helping out with the end of season luncheon or member guest please let me know; I would love your input. I am looking forward to seeing everyone on the course this summer! As always, please don't hesitate with any suggestions.

Name_____ Phone _____

Email Address_____

Partner_____ Phone _____

Partner Email Address_____

If you would like to sub or need help finding a partner please sign up here:

Name_____ Phone _____

ALSO- We are in need of someone to run the Wednesday Member-Guest this year. You will have as much help as you need!

THURSDAY WOMEN'S TWILIGHT LEAGUE REGISTRATION FORM

Dear Members,

The 2024 Thursday Women's Twilight League will begin on Thursday, May 9th and continue through August 22, 2024. The League Entry Fee is \$50/per team (\$25/per player). The Ladies League Kick-Off Party is scheduled for May 2, 2024.

The registration form with the entry fee and Kick-Off Party RSVPs must be received **no later than April 24, 2024**. The registration form can be returned by mail or email, and entry fees can be paid by check or Venmo. My email is chelseagiovo@gmail.com and Venmo is @Chelsea-Giovo. If you choose to mail the registration form, please mail to: Caraccioli Law c/o Chelsea Giovo, 175 East Seventh Street Oswego, New York 13126. Make checks payable to "Oswego Country Club". As a reminder, do not leave forms or checks at the Pro Shop. When the entry form and entry fee are received, a confirmation email will be sent.

New members are always welcomed. Participants must be golfing members who have reached the age of 18 by May 9, 2024. For questions or comments, contact Chelsea Giovo at (315) 877-8056 or chelseagiovo@gmail.com.

Please indicate your preferred phone number(s) and email address(es) below.

Your Name:
Phone:
Email:
RSVP to Kickoff Party:
Partner's Name:
Phone:
Email:
RSVP to Kickoff Party:
Substitute Only
Your Name:
Phone:
Email:
RSVP to Kickoff Party:

2024 Calendar of Events

DATE	DAY	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
Apr-6	Sat	8:00-12:00	Volunteer Clean-up Day
Apr-7	Sun	8:00-12:00	Volunteer Clean-up Day (rain date)
Apr-23	Tue	11:30-3:00	Mizuno Demo Day
Apr-27	Sat	11:00-2:00 1 st tee	SUNY NCAA Tournament
Apr-28	Sun	$10:30-1:30 1^{st}$ tee	SUNY NCAA Tournament
May-1	Wed	9:00-11:30 alternating sides	Women's Early League begins (9)
May-1	Wed	3:00-5:30 alternating sides	Men's Twilight League begins
May-6	Mon	Course closed until 4:00	Greens Aerification
May-7	Tue	Course closed if needed	Contingency Aerification Day
May-7	Tue	8:30 modified shotgun	Women's 18-hole League begins
May-7	Tue	3:00-5:30 alternating sides	Men's Twilight League begins
May-9	Thu	3:00-5:30 alternating sides	Women's Twilight League begins
May-15	Wed	TBD (range only)	PGA Hope
May-18	Sat	9:00 shotgun	Men's Draft Tournament
May-22	Wed	TBD (range only)	PGA Hope
May-29	Wed	TBD (range only)	PGA Hope
Jun-3	Mon	8:00-2:00 1 st tee	Oswego Health Tournament
Jun-5	Wed	TBD (range only)	PGA Hope
Jun-5	Wed	9:00-11:30 alternating sides	Women's 9-hole League begins
Jun-11	Tue	11:30-3:00	Mizuno Demo Day
Jun-11	Tue	8:30 modified shotgun	SWDGA Event
Jun-12	Wed	TBD (range only)	PGA Hope
Jun-17	Mon	11:30-1:00 1 st tee	SDGA Sr Stroke Play
Jun-18	Tue	11:30-1:00 1 st tee	SDGA Sr Stroke Play
Jun-19	Wed	TBD	PGA Hope
Jun-24	Mon	1:00 shotgun	Shamble/Stag Day
Jun-26	Wed	TBD	PGA Hope
Jul-6	Sat	1:00 shotgun	Member-Member
Jul-7	Sun	9:00 shotgun	Member-Member
Jul-8	Mon	8:00-2:00 1 st tee	United Way Event
Jul-9	Tues	8:30 modified shotgun	Women's Informal Member-Guest
Jul-11	Thu	9:30-11:00	Junior League begins
Jul-12	Fri	TBD (Tee Times)	Junior AIM

Jul-15	Mon	11:30 shotgun	V
Jul-16	Tues	8:30 modified shotgun	V
Jul-20	Sat	2:00 shotgun	C
Jul-20	Sat	As required	J
Aug-2	Fri	9:30 shotgun	N
Aug-3	Sat	10:00 shotgun	N
Aug-4	Sun	9:00 shotgun	N
DATE	DAY	TIME	E
Aug-7	Wed	9:00-12:00 both sides	V
Aug-10	Sat	10:00-11:00 1 st tee	S
Aug-11	Sun	10:00-11:00 1 st tee	S
Aug-12	Mon	1:00 shotgun	C
Aug-17	Sat	3:00 modified shotgun	A
Aug-19	Mon	10:00 shotgun	C
Aug-22	Thu	9:00 shotgun	S
Aug-24	Sat	8:00 1 st tee	V
Aug-24	Sat	10:00-11:00 1 st tee	N
Aug-25	Sun	8:00 1 st tee	V
Aug-25	Sun	10:00-11:00 1 st tee	N
Aug-27	Tue	8:30 modified shotgun	V
Sep-3	Tue	Half of course closed (4:00)	C
Sep-4	Wed	Half of course closed (4:00)	C
Sep-5	Thu	Course closed if needed	C
Sep-14	Sat	TBD`	N
Sep-15	Sun	TBD	N
Sep-16	Mon	All day	F
Sep-17	Tue	As required	F
Sep-21	Sat	1:00 shotgun	E
Sep-28	Sat	11:00-2:20 1 st tee	S
Sep-29	Sun	10:30-1:30 1 st tee	S
Oct-5	Sat	1:00 shotgun	E
Oct-12	Sat	10:00 shotgun	S
Oct-15	Tue	Early morning	В

Will Barclay Event Women's Formal M-G Couples Member Guest Ir. Club Qualifying Begins Men's Member-Guest Men's Member-Guest Men's Member-Guest EVENT Women's 9-Hole M-G Sr. Men's Club Championship Sr. Men's Club Championship **Oswego County Democrats** Adult-Child Tournament Oswego-Fulton Chamber Tourney Senior Men's Member Guest Women's Club Champ. Men's Club Champ. Women's Club Champ. Men's Club Champ. Women's Formal 18-Hole M-G Greens Aerification Greens Aerification Contingency aerification day Member Hosted Event-TC Cup Member Hosted Event-TC Cup Fairway Aerification Fairway Aerification **Buc Boosters Event** SUNY Fall Invitational SUNY Fall Invitational Blueline Club Tourney Stableford Tournament Back Nine Aerification