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Message from our President

The smell of Spring, the sounds of bird song, the greening of our course and surroundings, longer days - Golf Season is upon us! We all anticipate those days, soon to arrive, when the course is full and active with members from sunrise to sunset. With the arrival of Spring we are planning our annual clean-up day, now scheduled for April 4th due to that ever changing weather. Those few hours always give a real jump start for Matt's team to be able to get our course in premier playing conditions - even given the complexity of Oswego's version of spring weather. Thank you to everyone who offers up a few blisters by assisting in the annual cleanup day this coming Saturday. There is still time to sign up, or just show up. It really helps get our course up and going!

The course maintenance team, lead by our superintendent, Matt Bednarski, is raring to get after our grasses to shape them into the finest greens, tees and fairways that we can enjoy. Their hard work over the winter months - tree cutting and trimming, bunker work, equipment upkeep and maintenance, required filings of fertilizer and pesticide accounting - result in a change over to course maintenance, manicuring and upkeep. When you're on the course give a wave or hello to Matt and his team and offer a sincere thank you to each of them as they strive to bring us the very best golfing conditions we could expect and dream of.

Hoagie is back in town!! The ProShop has been open since March 15th and, not to rush to the end of the season, will close November 15th. That new schedule was discussed last year and memorialized into a new agreement with Hoagie and the Oswego Country Club prior to his start in March. This allows for his presence when, although the course may not be full of golfers, it is used regularly by a growing number of golfers as the seasons change to generally warmer days.

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This also is welcome by our club pro, Mike Hogan, to allow for a smoother open and close of the ProShop. Make sure you stop in and say hello, buy some new 'merch' and proudly display Oswego Country Club logo attire and clothing.

The American flag is back up on the top of the hill designating that we are 'Open for Business.' Just a note about our flag etiquette at OCC. First, I thank long time member, Bill Price, who, for years, has taken it upon himself to be our flag tender and serves to safeguard our flag display -when that changes and why. Some may have observed that as our flag is displayed for the first few days of spring, we raise it to full staff and then immediately bring it to half staff for the first few days for all members who we have lost during the winter months when our flag was not regularly displayed. Thereafter, our flag will remain at full staff continuously, lit at night and on open display during the day. When one of our members passes we will recognize that individual by lowering our flag to half staff for three days at which time a notice will go out to our membership as to why the flag has changed from full staff. This is able to occur as a private club and provides notice and recognition to our members as to why. Enjoy and recognize our flag as a symbol of this great of this great nation and beautiful golf course and country club.

When our new Board convened this past November, there was a piece of business that was left undone that was discussed but not completed until our March meeting. That change to our ByLaws included a new fee structure for single riders when members determine to ride with multiple single carts during a round of golf and not ride two golfers to a cart. It would seem logical and fraternal, as golf is a game of camaraderie and friendship - cultivating old and new relationships, alike. To that point, please read the golf report below and refer to the ByLaws in the coming weeks. The ProShop will administer this infrequent situation and address the matter accordingly.

As our season advances to consistently warmer and even hotter days, we have, for many, many years, opened our pool for families to use at their leisure. After decades of maintenance by Jeep Dewey and his family, most recently Jenn 'Dewey' Treasure - we thank sincerely for this service to our club. At this time, we are in need of further assistance with limited maintenance and safety responsibilities. A call to action to any member or family that would be interested to be a lifeguard or provide additional maintenance and lifeguard supervision for the summer months including the end of June, July and August. Contact me or the office to discuss.

Leagues will be up and running in the next month, so finish up your paperwork and buy some new golf balls (sale on!!) at the Proshop. Thanks to all our league administrators for assisting with this fun and enjoyable experience at our club. Tournaments and championships will follow, so stay tuned for the next piece of competition and enjoyment.

Finally, we are making a few improvements to our Century Tavern, partly out of necessity and also due to opportunity. You may have noticed that the TVs behind the bar are faded and one has no sound. We will be replacing all of them in early April with new monitors. Additionally, we have had very poor WiFi in that same general area for quite some time. A special thank you to Kevin Dorsey for offering his expertise to research the new monitors and in working with Spectrum to have better connectivity throughout the entire first floor of our clubhouse, the putting green and fire pit areas. The bartenders can assist with WiFi passcodes, Also, the new Rich Godden monitor in the dining room is available for regular viewing by members who may wish to watch a game in table seating or with a meal. Simply let the bar tender know and she will assist in getting it set up for your enjoyment.

As always, I welcome your thoughts and comments. Find me around the Club or drop me a note, call or text... president@oswegocountryclub.com or (315) 591-4172.

Bill Crist
President OCC

FACILITIES

Mark Brunschweiger

We finally made it to the opening of the Golf Season after a challenging winter. Some of us (not me) have already played a few rounds, and it's amazing how well the course has fared over the winter months. Soon the blossoms will be blooming and the Humminbirds will be back.

First off, I need to make a correction to last month's report. In the report I stated a thank you to Tammy and Nick for cooking up the wonderful weekly comfort food. I'm sure most of you caught this error as I meant to say thanks to Sandy and Nick for the weekly comfort food, especially Sandy's wonderful chocolate cake. Sorry for any confusion that this might have caused.

And that brings us to this month's special thanks winner. I would like to thank Bill Price for taking precious time from his morning routine in providing me with a needed second hand while re-aligning the kitchen's 3 bay sink drain line that needed to be disconnected while I installed a new sprayer/faucet. Thank you, Bill, your help is much appreciated.

Last year I developed and wrote an Emergency Action Plan for OCC. We are advised to have such a document from our insurance carrier. In order to make everyone aware of its contents I will be publishing a section from this document each month. The first section of our plan is the Purpose and locations of this document. It states:

Purpose:

An Emergency Action Plan (EAP) has been developed by the Oswego Country Club to define the actions to be taken prior to and immediately following a major incident or disaster. The objectives in an emergency are to protect the staff, members and guests from serious injury, property loss and/or loss of life.

For the purpose of this plan, a major incident or disaster could be defined as any of the following:

- Fire
- Tornado
- Earthquake

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- Bomb Threat
- Hazardous Chemical Spill
- Flood
- Firearms
- Power Failure
- Automobile Accident

Location of EAP

A copy of the EAP will be maintained at the Business office, Clubhouse Dining area and the Pro-Shop.

Please reach out to me if you have any input you would like to see covered in this document.

Thanks, and I hope everyone has an enjoyable golf season.

Mark G. Brunschweiger
mbrunsc@yahoo.com

GREEN

Paul Kunzwiler

Flowers are sprouting and the course has been open for a few days in March. Pretty remarkable considering the winter we experienced.

As you have read in the President's opening message, the Board has decided to adopt a post-Covid cart usage policy. Hopefully this will help consolidate the cart traffic around the course. Every little bit helps.

On that note, I'd like to discuss a nasty habit that our members (and their guests) seem to have concerning tobacco products. PLEASE quit throwing cigarette butts on the golf course and around the clubhouse grounds. That includes golf cart cup holders. The cart cleaners shouldn't have to clean up your mess. This also includes the Zyn nicotine packets. Those things are even more disgusting. Matt finds them on the greens and the tee boxes. I hate beating up on our Marlboro Man tobaccoists, but let's try to do better. Again ... Every little bit helps.

Thanks to all that make it out for Clean Up Day. ELBH!!!

Paul Kunzwiler
Green Committee Chairman

Zack Farden

I am doing my best to remain optimistic about the upcoming golf season as we experience 3rd winter in Oswego. It will be great to be back with you all on the course sometime soon. Our efforts to have a member chairperson for all our tournaments has gone well. A few tournaments remain without a chairperson: Couples Member-Member/Member-Guest, The Adult Child and The Pro/Super Appreciation Par 3 tournament. If you have interest in chairing any of these events please reach out to me.

Outside tournaments and events continue to be an important source of revenue for the club, helping to support course maintenance and overall club operations. As we look ahead to the upcoming season, there are a few changes to note. We will no longer be hosting the Will Barclay Tournament, as he is not seeking reelection. Additionally, the Buc Boosters Tournament has made the decision to move to a different venue this year.

On a positive note, we are excited to welcome back an NCCGA Tournament, which will likely be held on September 19th and 20th. The NCCGA, a collegiate club golf association, is a group we have partnered with in the past, and their events have been well-organized and a great fit for our course and facilities. We look forward to building on that relationship and hosting another successful tournament experience for both participants and our club. Additional details will be shared as they are finalized.

To continue providing high-quality course conditions and services, the Board of Directors have updated our golf cart fee structure to better reflect operational costs. The standard cart rental fee remains unchanged at \$9 for 9 holes and \$18 for 18 holes when riders share carts within their group. However, golfers who prefer to ride individually will see an adjustment. An additional \$3 per nine holes will be applied for single riders, bringing the total to \$12 for 9 holes and \$24 for 18 holes. This change reflects the increased cost to the club associated with additional carts on the course, including maintenance and wear and tear. By passing along this cost only when extra carts are used, we aim to keep standard shared cart rates as affordable as possible for all members. There will be no additional charge in situations where the number of carts used is necessary based on group size (for example, a threesome requiring a single rider). The proshop will have final determination regarding cart usage.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we work to balance member experience with responsible course and equipment management. Please reach out to me with any questions.

Zachary Farden
Golf Chair



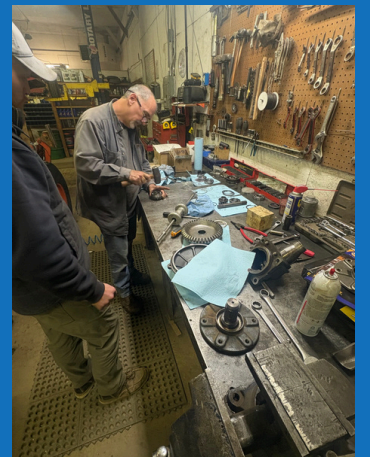
THE COURSE

Matthew Bednarski – Golf Course Superintendent

I was told after the last time that I said spring was here that I was full of it. Granted we did receive a few inches of snow that night, but sooner or later if I keep saying it enough I'm bound to be right aren't I? Whether or not I am right in my estimations, the crew and I have been able to complete quite a few tasks that have been lingering about for months now, curtailed due to snow cover and freezing conditions. With days above freezing (however few there have been) we have been able to address quite a few projects on our list including digging and installing new drainage in 11 fairway. Replacing drainage and adding new sand to the bunkers on the first and third holes, and edging the new bunkers on 6.

Ground conditions have been a mixture of wet loamy clay and frozen clumps of earth, but boy did it feel good to be outside working hard to complete tasks we have been thinking about since December. All stumps that were accessible in wet conditions have been ground and cleaned as well. We have wrapped up the last of our mechanical work for the winter, and are well prepped to start the season. Neal was even able to take a week of vacation to end the month of March, only showing up once during his entire 5 day break. We were able to get our first greens mowing of the year in, as well as tees and approaches and as always, the new grind on our mowers cut beautifully.

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THE COURSE – CONT.

Considering the severity of the winter that we have just come out of, our playing surfaces are in really good shape. We did have a little bit of damage in some fairways due to snow mold, although that is to be expected and can recover quickly with fertility, soil temperatures, and cultural practices like verticutting on our side. For those interested, the reasoning for snowmold on fairways and not greens is multi faceted. Longer turf in fairways tends to lay over more and reduce airflow, and better root structures on greens makes for a healthier plant that is more resistant to infections. Furthermore the fungicides that we use are different and guided by primarily by budgetary restrictions.

On greens, which we have slightly less than three acres of; we are able to use a four-way mix of fungicides offering multiple different modes of action. On fairways, which we have 22 acres of; we have to use a singular systemic fungicide. Fairways too can recover quicker as we don't treat them with growth regulators that keep them from outgrowing damage.

As we move into the month of April we have many things to look forward to. Employees are starting to come back, new and repaired course accessories are going out on the course, there is a full season of golf ahead of us, and possibly most importantly, we have Member Cleanup Day just a few days away! I imagine you're all tired of hearing this by now, but Member Cleanup is a huge advantage that we here at OCC have. It helps us in the maintenance facility focus on larger tasks, gets members out to see old friends, and gives us better playing conditions earlier in the season. Please feel free to pre-register in the link provided and come out to help start our year off with the best playing conditions around.

We've got some pretty good growing conditions coming to start the month of April so I might as well say it one more time. Looks like spring is here OCC!

[Member Clean-up Day Link](#)

Matthew Bednarski
Golf Course Superintendent

SNAP ME



CENTURY TAVERN & DINING

Tammy Murphy-Morgia - Concessionaire

We are getting excited to be kicking off our season soon! This April we will be getting the kitchen, restaurant, shed and bar ready with a deep spring cleaning, stocking up and prepping new menu and bar specials for this upcoming season.

We have kept all the fan favs in our menu and have also added everyone's requests in as well.

If there was something you are looking for, feel free to reach out to us, and we would be happy to run it as a special! Don't forget to stop in the bar and see what's happening for ***the Masters!***

Century Tavern Hours
Closed Mondays
Tuesday-Friday
3- close
Saturday & Sunday
12-3
Easter Sunday 11-3



SOCIAL

Maureen Donovan & Heather Vashaw - Social Co-Chairs

Happy April! As previously mentioned, the social committee is looking for member input on social events at OCC. Please take a moment to complete the survey linked below and you'll be entered into a raffle for a \$25 gift certificate to the pro-shop.

Take Survey - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/OCCSocial2026>

Best,
Mo and Heather

SNAP ME



MEMBERSHIP

Greg Lavery - Membership Chair

Happy Spring! Looking forward to seeing everyone out on the course very soon. With the weather turning, we are starting to see more membership applications roll in. As of right now we sit at 332 golfing memberships, which is just short of our 335 cap.

If anyone is thinking of joining this year, please tell them to submit their application ASAP because we will have to start a waiting list once we hit 335.

As always, please reach out with any questions regarding membership.

Greg Lavery
Membership Chair
315-402-6538

BUSINESS OFFICE

Marilyn Magner & Jennifer Boalt

If you should have changes to your contact information- email address or phone number please email us so that we can update your account.

Please be aware- any dues not paid by April 1st will cause a suspension of your membership.

We can always be reached by email: office@oswegocountryclub.com or voicemail: **(315) 343 - 1941 Ext. 4**

PRO SHOP

Michael Hogan - OCC Pro

Zach Bowden- Assistant Pro

Welcome back everyone. We are glad to have the golf shop open again. The golf shop will open at 8:00AM every morning in April. You will see your morning reports of the golf course delays or closures come from the golf shop now instead of from Mr. Bednarski. We will have someone in the golf shop from 7:45 am every morning. Our shop will close 2 hours before sunset, but we will have a staff member on site until all carts are in from the golf course. All carts are rented at the golf shop along with any guests you may be checking in. You must make a tee time for play. If you have trouble making a tee time, just call the golf shop and we will make one for you. All carts are due in at dusk nightly.

The range grass tee will be open once it has been top dressed and treated along with landing area being dry enough to not lose all of the balls to plugging. We do have balls scattered around the range area you are more than welcome to gather and bring in front of the grass tees to hit. Please remember any shots veering out of the range area must have "fore" yelled for the protection of all of the golfers. This may be embarrassing but could save a life.

The golf shop will have the return of the PGA pool and driver raffles. A quick description of the PGA pool. The cost is \$100. This runs for 16 weeks (\$5 per week paid in full, double payout for majors). We draw a number from a deck of cards 1-40 Thursday or Friday. We write the number on the board. We take the name of the player in that place after the cut and fill-in Saturday. That is your player for the week. This pays out \$100, \$60, \$40. This board fills fast thank goodness because the Masters is the first tournament. You may bring money to the golf shop or Venmo @hoagiepro. This Venmo will have a picture of my daughter Teagan and myself. If the board is over filled, we will take your name down for a second board at which time people will be allowed to get second spot once interested people have stopped replying. I will communicate through email if second spots are available. Our driver raffle is \$20 per square. We sell enough spots to cover the price of a new driver. If you win you may pick out a new driver or take the money in Proshop credit. This raffle is repeated after every winner until late September when play slows down. This raffle can be paid in cash at the golf shop or by Venmo @hoagiepro.

We are looking forward to a great season.
Please feel free to contact the golf shop if you have any questions or need any help. Can't wait to see you soon.

Michael (Hoagie) Hogan
Head PGA Professional



MARKETING

Meaghan Primm

Do you own a business? Your logo could be advertised on our website! We offer three levels of participation- please contact me for more information at:

Marketing@oswegocountryclub.com

Meaghan Primm
Marketing Chair



UPCOMING EVENTS

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View the 2026 Golf Calendar on our website by going to the “What’s Happening” tab on our homescreen at oswegocountryclub.com Click the “Add to Google Calendar” on your mobile device. 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.

GOLF LEAGUES

Applications are found on our website or hardcopies on the bulletin board in the Century Tavern. Please make sure to return your league registration form to the appropriate party- Instructions for submission should be stated on the form- they should not be sent to the business office or dropped off at the Proshop. Thanks everyone!



OCC Women's Kick Off

GOLF

TOURNAMENT

THURSDAY, MAY 7TH

Join us for a 4-woman blind draw
SCRAMBLE to kick off the 2026 season!

NOT JUST FOR THURSDAY
NIGHT GOLFERS - OPEN TO
ALL FEMALE MEMBERS

Please indicate your
earliest availability
at registration -
teams/tee times will
be set accordingly

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Registration will be through Golf Genius and posted when open in April