



Fairway News

The Newsletter of the Oneonta Country Club

APRIL 2011

President's Message: Bruce Carroll

What a winter!!! I'm writing this newsletter on Wednesday, March 23rd, and I was making a comment to my wife on March 21st that this would be nice weather if it were December 24th (if you have forgotten, it snowed both days!). We did have a couple of nicer days just before the start of spring, but I think spring, summer and fall just left us. Well, enough of that - I hope you all had a nice winter! I haven't heard any bad weather reports from Florida like I heard last year at this time, so at least it must be nice there.

I hope that all of you had a good, safe winter, and I can't wait to see you at the Club this spring. We have scheduled a clean-up day at the Club on April 16th, but in case of bad weather we will do the clean-up on the 23rd.



Greens Committee - Kurt Schulte

I'm watching the snow fall as I write this and the forecast calls for highs in the 30's the next four or five days. So much for Punxsutawney Phil and his prediction for an early spring...see if I believe a woodchuck again.

Todd and Ken have been busy this winter cutting down and removing damaged or dead trees throughout the course. There were quite a few. They also dug out the drainage ditch at the bottom of #15 hill and installed a drain pipe under the cart-path in an effort to improve the wet area at the base of the hill. There used to be ditch there but over the years had filled in and was not working.

John worked on his regular winter projects which include sharpening mower reels, tearing apart equipment, replacing worn bushings, bearings and miscellaneous other parts, and generally doing his best to stay ahead of the mechanical problems before they happen. The club benefits greatly from his philosophy of preventative maintenance.

We were fortunate to acquire two Club Car Utility Carts for use by the grounds crew at an auction held by the West Point Golf Course. Ron Whipple's son Steve, who is the Golf Course Superintendent at West Point, let us know they were going to be auctioning off some of their equipment. Prior to submitting a bid, I did some internet research and found the asking retail price for similar make, model and year carts to average about \$3200 each. We successfully bid a total of \$1400 for both so we feel we made out quite well. Thanks to Steve and Ron for making us aware of this opportunity.

Members will be anxious to get out on the course as soon as the weather breaks. To date, Todd has been unable to get onto the course to do any kind of clean-up and based on the forecast, it doesn't look like he will be able to start until sometime in April. The course recently flooded, there is silt in areas and it is still very wet, all of which has not allowed Todd to get any equipment on it. Prior to allowing any play, Todd wants to remove all the debris (especially pine needles) from the greens. After the greens, he will work on the tees and then fairways. He also plans to roll the course. Please respect Todd's efforts to get the course ready and play only those holes that have been opened for play.

Tuesday Night League - Dick Miller

IT'S TUESDAY AGAIN

As I sit here and watch the snow fall, it is hard to realize that it is time to get ready for the Tuesday Night Men's League. However, it is that time of year.

You will see that the league is scheduled to start the first Tuesday in May and go until the last Tuesday in August. Starting times are 2:30-4:30 for the Early Division and 4:30 to 6:00 for the late division.

Many of the players from last year have already received an email regarding the sign-up procedures. It is easy to do. Either send an email to Dick Miller, millerym@verizon.net or fill out the attached entry form and return it to the Administrative Office. These need to be turned in no later than April 27th so the schedule can be made up and distributed.

For those of you new to the club, this is an excellent way to meet many of the members. We play on two man teams each Tuesday during the season so you would constantly be playing with different people. The handicaps are based on your league performance once you have played four times.

The fee for this year has not been finalized yet but will be \$60 or less. We are looking forward to another great season. Last year, each league had a total of 24 teams.

WGA - Joan Martin and Diane Terry

Monday Night League will begin May 2nd at 4:00. The first WGA play will be May 5th at 9:00 (sign up at the WGA board at the Golf Shop). We are in need of members to volunteer to run the following events: Luncheon May 26th after Captain and Crew, June 2nd Grandmother's Tournament, June 23rd Beat the Pro, June 30th Regular Play, Member/Guest July 21st and September 29th Fun Day. WGA members you need to stand up and do your part. Hope everyone had a great winter, looking forward to a great golf season. See everyone soon!

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Takis & Walter**

For 2011, the Club Restaurant & Bar hours will be:

Mon thru Sat..... 10:00 am thru 10:00 pm
Sun..... 10:00 am thru 5:00 pm

The Window Starting at 7:00 am
(For Coffee, Pastries and Breakfast Sandwiches)

Lunch and Dinner specials will be offered daily, and we will be scheduling BBQ Days, Fish Fry Days and International Days as well.

Happy Hour in the Lounge

* * * Drink and Appetizer Specials * * *
Mon thru Sat..... 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

We look forward to meeting and serving you at the Club. We will strive to provide the best food, beverages and service in the Oneonta area, and hope that you have a great season!

Club Manager - Bruce Milavec

ANNUAL OCC MEMBER CLEAN-UP DAY

The annual clean-up day is scheduled for **8:30 a.m. on April 16th**, with a rain date of April 23rd. The grounds crew usually has plenty of tools, but bring your own if you'd like (rakes, shovels, brooms, etc.) and sturdy gloves. We usually concentrate our efforts around the entranceway, the parking lot and buildings, but we also work out on the course itself. We may also need help cleaning the men's locker room. An hour (or two or four!) of your time makes a big difference in the appearance of our club and frees up the grounds crew to concentrate on other work. If the weather is iffy, call the golf shop (432-8950, X2) to find out what's happening. Coffee and doughnuts will be provided.

See you there!

Reminder:

**Contributions can be made to the
ONEONTA COUNTRY CLUB FOUNDATION
Contact Larry Leahy for additional information**

**Member Guest Tournament -- July 28-30, 2011
Eric Hansen, Chair
Member Guest Committee**

The rumors are true! The MG committee, after much contemplation, has changed the format of the MG tournament. The field in the past several years has been shrinking, as has the membership itself. Change, though not always comfortable, can be a path to renewal.

The new format is known as Four Ball (match play) competition, which differs from our Tuesday night match play. In Four Ball, a team of two, matched by flight, plays -- over three days -- every team in that flight for nine holes and nine points. One point is earned per hole, best ball net score of each team; winner gets one point, loser zero, ties one-half point each. The field will be limited to 80 teams, ten flights of eight teams each. All flight winners will then compete to be the Grand Champion.

Having played this format myself, let me assure you that the camaraderie and competition is heightened in this style of play. One bad hole does not end your chances of victory as it can in stroke play. The rules and format will be spelled out more fully in the upcoming months.

Marie Frey, Office Manager

**A WARM WELCOME BACK
TO ALL MEMBERS !**

We would like to remind each of you that you may choose to receive your monthly Statements via e-mail. If interested please contact the office to be set up with our paperless E-mail Statement Option.

Enclosed is our 2011 Membership Handbook, which includes a calendar for the various Events and Tournaments scheduled at the Club. Handbooks will be mailed to those of you who receive e-mail Statements.

Hope you all have an enjoyable Golf Season!

