



OGC Newsletter

June 2011



Please Welcome our New Members!!

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*Sponsored by Mike Holland and Mike Fleming
They moved to Oconomowoc from Redding, CT*

Directory Changes

Emil and Ellen Pfenninger have changed their email to:
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Directory Calendar Correction: June 22nd..Pink Ribbon Day says all day..but this year only Pink Ribbon Day will only be a Ladies Event with no mixed event in the evening. The 9th Annual OGC Pink Ribbon Day. Golf is a 9:00 shotgun, Lunch & raffle at 12:30 pm. Don't want to play golf? Please sign up for lunch and the raffle. Cost is \$40.00 for lunch and PRD donation. Sign up for golf in the locker room. Lunch only Reservations please call the club at 262-567-9972. If you have any questions, please call Kathy Beers at 262-646-2376.

CLUBHOUSE NEWS *by Larry*

Well June is finally here and let's hope Mother Nature starts bringing us some consistent warm weather. June starts off with our annual wine tasting and **Sadie Hawkins golf event on Saturday June 4th**. This is a 9-hole event that shotguns at 3:30 pm. After golf at 6:00 pm, we will have several wine reps here to sample their wines with you and Chef Bob will have a light hors d'oeuvre display available. If you find any wines you like you can purchase them for a special reduced price. This was a very popular event last year, so make your reservations early. Remember, guests are more than welcome to attend our special events. There is a \$10.00/person entry fee for golf and the wine tasting is \$25.00/person

Wednesday, June 8th is our first "Pasta Buffet" night for 2011. As usual, Chef Bob and his whirling pans will create a dish of your personal choice. A salad bar and eggplant parmesan will round out your dinner all for \$15.95. A limited menu will also be available that evening.

June 17th is our first Friday night 9-hole couples event of the season. This is a 5:30 pm shotgun start and the format for this event will change each month. The evening is limited to the first 24 people to sign up and is followed by a family style fish fry in the grill-room. Reservations are required for this event.

Saturday, June 25th is our first Seafood Buffet of 2011. There will only be one seating at 6:30 P.M. Reservations are required for this event and it normally sells out fast, so get your reservations in early to avoid any disappointment. The buffet is \$50.00/person and worth every penny!!!

Lastly, something new at OGC, **"Family Friendly Sundays"**. One Sunday a month we will put away the menu and break out the "Betty Crocker" cookbook. Starting on Sunday, June 19th (which happens to be Father's Day) you can bring out the whole family for specially priced "Family" styled entrees. The menu will change each month and feature items like; sliced turkey breast, meatloaf, stuffed green peppers or baked pork chops.

Watch your e-mail for flyers on all our upcoming events!!

On The Tee Box *by Chuck*

The green speed is up, the temperature is trying to go up, the wind is always up, the spectacular golf course conditions have morale up and now it's time to sign up! From golf events, to instruction opportunities to fashionable men's and women's apparel choices June is here and so is the season!

Mark your calendars and call or email to sign up:

Sadie Hawkins\Wine Tasting – Saturday, June 4

Ladies select your golf man! Two person teams – one male, one female will play a nine hole alternate shot format. Ladies may ask any male who is not their spouse to partner up. Shotgun start at 3:30pm.

Wine tasting follows golf.

The Aberdeen

Draft Night: Thursday, June 9

Event Day: Saturday, June 11

Three man teams: A, B and C players.

Format: count the one best net score of team front; 2 best net scores on back.

8:30am shotgun start. Golf fee: \$35 per player

Breakfast available at 7:30

Men's Club Championship Sign Up

Sign Up deadline: Wednesday, June 15

Matches posted Thursday, June 16

Annual individual match play format to determine overall men's club champion as well as flight champions. Sign up deadline is 6:00pm Wednesday, June 15.

Matches will be posted Thursday, June 16.

All matches will be 18 holes with the exception of the 36 hole Championship Flight final match.

No strokes given with the exception of the Third Flight (18+ handicap)

All matches will be played from white tees.

Flights

Championship Flight: All male club members with 6.5 index or lower as of 6\15\11 will play in Championship Flight.

First Flight: Handicaps 8 to 12

Second Flight: Handicaps 13 to 17

Third Flight: Handicap 18+

Match Deadlines

Round 1 (16 to 8 players) – Thursday, June 30; Round 2 (8 to 4) – Thursday, July 14;

Round 3 (4 to 2) – Thursday, August 4; Finals by Sunday, September 4.

Event Courtesy Note: If you are going to be out of town or unavailable for an Extended period of time please do not sign up.

Deadlines will be strictly enforced.

Couples Friday Night Golf and Fish Fry – June 17

Open to 12 couples. 9 hole alternate shot format.

5:30pm shotgun start. Fish fry dinner at 7:45pm

Divot Day – Tuesday, June 21

Fantastic one day member guest event!

Members make their own foursome. Field is limited to 24 groups.

Format: 2 BB (net) of 4. Flag events galore. Giant raffle!

Registration and lunch begin at 11:00am with a golf event shotgun start at 12:30.

Fabulous dinner and awards follow golf. \$500 per foursome fee includes tee favors, lunch, golf, dinner and prizes. Call the golf shop to sign up!

Pink Ribbon Day – Wednesday, June 22

Annual event to help fund breast cancer research.

Calendar “Heads Up” as OGC proudly hosts the following events:

Tuesday, June 7 – WSGA Senior Tour Event.

The event is a double shotgun (8:30 and 1:30) with over 200 players. Course will be closed for the day. Range will open to the members after 1:30pm.

Golf Shop will make arrangements for reciprocity for those who wish to play on this Tuesday.

Friday, June 10 – Ladies Milwaukee District Matches

Course will open for member and guest play after 1:30pm.

Tuesday, June 28 – Men’s Milwaukee District Matches

First tee open for member play prior to 11:00am and after 3:00pm.

Thank you for your support!

The Assistant’s Raffle prizes will be drawn at the conclusion of the Aberdeen event Saturday, June 11.

There is still time to participate! To become a PGA Member, OGC assistants Chris Hoff and Rus Lyons must invest time and money – a minimum of 3 years time and a minimum of \$7000. The raffle will help offset the cost of the PGA required schooling. Thanks to John Meunier and Cleveland Srixon, the raffle prizes include a Cleveland Launcher driver, a Cleveland Mashie and a Cleveland CG16 wedge. Tickets are 1 for \$10; 5 for \$25; 25 for \$50 and 100 for \$100.

Contact Chris Hoff in the golf shop.

Instruction Opportunities

Ladies Golf School

Tuesday, June 14 & Tuesday, June 28

Time: 5:30pm to 7:00pm

Fee: \$25 per session

The perfect opportunity to learn the golf swing basics. Watch, learn and execute the swinging stroke from putting to full swing. The format: group lesson interspersed with individual attention. Maximum 6 participants.

Ladies Clinics

Wednesday June 1, 8, 15

Time: 10:00am to 11:00am

Fee: \$10 per session

Just learning? Ladies Wednesday clinics are a great way to enjoy the game.

Low key and no men around (except me!), learn the game and enjoy!

Topics: June 1 – short game; June 8 – full swing;

June 15 – short game – pitching and bunkers

Private Lessons

Prefer a one on one session to work on your game? Individual private lessons will help you accomplish your goals. Whether you are a beginner looking for direction or a skilled player in need of a little refinement, we can design a lesson to meet your needs:

Fees:	1\2 hour	\$40 – Chuck	\$35 – Chris
	Hour	\$70 – Chuck	\$60 – Chris

Private Group Lesson

Want to learn the game with friends? Arrange for your group to take a lesson.

Customize to your needs! One hour minimum. Fee: \$50 per hour (two person minimum).

GREEN SIDE UP *by Dustin*

Believe it or not, summer and the golf season are upon us. Weather has definitely subdued everyone's desire to get out and play. Hopefully, the days will warm and provide some fantastic weather for golf.

Spring and early summer is an extremely important period for turf as it recovers from any winter stress as well as prepares for the upcoming summer. Although, everyone sees and plays golf on the green grass on top of the ground, it is the plant activity underground that's critical for surviving a difficult summer. Without roots, the turf cannot extract water, minerals or oxygen from the soil. Without a healthy root system, there isn't a place to store all of the food created during photosynthesis. Mowing too short and too often during prime root growing weather could negatively impact the health and quality of the turf when it matters in July and August. As summer approaches, the mowing heights will be slowly lowered and the green speeds will begin to quicken. Current mowing heights and green speeds mirror that of prior years. It is important understand that the weather in July and August is unknown. This could be the season that we see a return of 90-100 degree days. If this happens, our spring root growth and patience should be rewarded as the turf is better prepared to withstand these stresses.

The 2011 season marks the start of the second season with the renovated fairways. Although we killed all of the old turf a couple years ago, we did not sterilize the soil. Therefore, we will be in a constant battle with *Poa annua*. *Poa annua* is a very prolific weed and its success is directly attributed to its ability to produce significant amounts of seed. *Poa annua* flowers and produces seed heads in the spring. Due to the cooler than average spring, the seeding process is occurring several weeks later than typical years. The seed is shed from the plants and can reside in the soil for many years, waiting for the just the right opportunity to germinate. Although there are chemical tools that can help control *Poa annua*, it is an unrealistic goal to maintain 100% bentgrass on such an old golf course as OGC. These tools can however be util-

ized to help maintain lower populations of *Poa annua*. One of these tools is an herbicide called Velocity. Repeated applications of Velocity will injure and kill *Poa annua*. Bentgrass is also injured from these applications, however it is a temporary injury. As the weather warms, I will begin our late spring/early summer Velocity applications. Approximately 4-5 days following each application, the turf will “flash” and lighten to a lime green color. This “flash” is the injury period and will last for approximately 4-5 days. During the “flash” period, the turf will be extremely sensitive to vehicle traffic. Directional signs and the white traffic stakes will be moved daily to help distribute any traffic injury. 90-degree crossing cart restrictions may be implemented to lessen any further injury during this period. A 2nd application of Velocity will occur 14-days after the 1st application. Following the second application, the weakest *Poa annua* plants will begin to die and fade away, leaving the surrounding bentgrass to fill in. This process will be repeated in late summer/early fall. In between the spring and fall Velocity applications, plant growth regulators will also be used to restrict *Poa annua* and promote bentgrass. The combination of these products as well as the stresses that summer could put forth should continue to reduce our *Poa annua* throughout the new fairways. Managing against *Poa annua* will be an annual concern, but the goal is to maintain high populations of bentgrass and high quality playing conditions.

A repair project is underway. The bank along #13 fairway is experiencing significant damage. Muskrat tunneling and erosion has caused the bank to collapse and slough off. As long term repair options are investigated, the playability of the right intermediate rough cut needs to be improved for the 2011 season. Therefore, 6-8 feet of the 1st cut of rough along the right side of the fairway will be removed. Soil will be installed in the collapsed muskrat tunnels and slough off areas. Then bluegrass sod will be installed. Barring weather delays, the process should only take a few days to complete and will make the right edge of #13 fairway much more playable.

The summer staff is beginning to return from high school, college or some other winter hideaway. I can finally begin checking off tasks from my “to do” list and focus on the details deserving of Oconomowoc Golf Club.

Recent Maintenance Blog Updates: [Oconomowoc Golf Club's Turf Care and Golf Course Maintenance blog](http://ocongolclubgrounds.blogspot.com) at ocongolclubgrounds.blogspot.com

May 4, 2011

It's Too Early for Too Short and Too Fast!

**Our newsletters, calendars and event flyers are posted
on our website at www.ocongolclub.org for easy reference.**

June 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 Sadie Hawkins 9 hole event 3:30 <u>Shotgun</u> Wine Tasting 6pm
5	6 Clubhouse Closed Member Golf after 2 pm Range & Carts Open	7 WSGA Senior Tour 8:30am shotgun 1:00pm Shotgun	8 Pasta Buffet 5 to 8 pm	9 Aberdeen Draft 6 pm	10 Ladies District 8:30 am Shotgun	11 Aberdeen 9 am Shotgun
12	13 Private Outing	14 Junior Golf <u>8 am to 12 noon</u> Ladies District Rain Date	15 Men's Club Champ Deadline	16 Men's Club Champ Posted	17 Couples 9 hole & Fish Fry 5:30 pm Shotgun	18
19 Father's Day Dinner <u>5 to 9 pm</u> Family Friendly Sunday	20 Clubhouse Closed Member Golf after 2 pm Range & Carts Open	21 Divot Day 11am Lunch 12:30 pm Shotgun	22 Ladies Pink Ribbon Day Morning Golf & Lunch Only	23	24 Junior Golf 8 am to 12 noon	25 Seafood Buffet 6:30 pm Seating
26	27 Private Outing	28 Men's District Golf Tee times 11am to 2:30 pm	29	30		

**Please join us on Saturday June 4th
For golf and wine!!!**

SADIE HAWKINS GOLF EVENT

3:30 SHOTGUN

Women may ask any golfing male other than their own spouse to play in this two person 9 hole event.

The format will be 3 holes 1 best of 2;
3 holes scramble and 3 holes alternate shot.

\$10.00/person entry fee



Then, from 6:00 to 7:30

Wine tasting ala OGC

Members and guests may join us for an evening of fine wine and tasty hors d'oeuvres.

Chef Bob will tempt you with his homemade pizza, fresh bruscheta, assorted cheese tray and silver dollar sandwiches.

Also enjoy 20 to 30 different wines presented by our local vendors.

\$25.00/person



**Sign up for either event or
Join us for the whole day!!!**