



OGC Newsletter

September 2011



President Letter

It's hard to believe I'm writing this letter at the end of the summer golf season, but we deserve an extended fall to enjoy our beautiful golf course.

2011 was an excellent year - we finished the year with a full membership while also accomplishing one more major milestone - as of August 15, 2011 the long term bank debt on our entire golf course, clubhouse and maintenance facility is now below \$1,000,000!!!! This low leverage allows us to keep our membership dues below the average of all Wisconsin Country Club Association members and reaffirms the board's position that our club will be run conservatively, profitably and within the confines of our current revenue streams - not anticipated revenue streams.

Membership remains a full time focus for all of us - our board will be holding a special meeting later this month to review our membership plans to make sure we are meeting the needs of our existing and potential members. Look for the details in early September.

Thanks again for your support.

Mike

Directory Changes: Judy Probst new email:
J.probst@comcast.net

Clubhouse News *by Larry*

September 21st marks the end of Wednesday dinners for the 2011 season. Lunch will continue to be served until the end of October.

Wednesday, September 7th, Chef Bob will once again be in the dining room creating pasta dishes to order for our 4th Pasta Buffet of the season. We will serve from 5:00pm to 8:00pm and reservations are greatly appreciated.

Summer seems to go by so quickly, September is already here and we are planning ahead for the holiday season. We still have some good dates available for your office Christmas party but they won't last long. Give us a call to reserve your date and let OGC dazzle your friends, family or associates this holiday season.

Lastly, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the club house staff for a great season, a job well done and to say goodbye to most of our college students. We greatly appreciate your dedication and hard work. This is the time of the year we lose many of our wait staff, so reservations for dinner become very important for us to plan accordingly. Please help us to give you the best service by making reservations and keeping to your reserved time.

Green Side Up *by Dustin*

Thankfully, July and its stressful weather has passed. For two consecutive seasons, high temperatures coupled with excessive humidity has stressed the turf throughout the golf course. With the help of cool nights and hopefully some timely rain, the turf throughout the golf course will begin to recover.

A lot has happened over the last several weeks. First, the new Short Game practice area renovation went extremely well. Demolition of the old chipping green began August 3rd. All drainage, irrigation and finish work was completed by the Grounds and Greens staff. Seeding and sodding was completed August 16th. Plugs from our core aeration were also scattered across the new putting surface. As the plugs re-establish, they'll mature and spread and eventually create a putting surface similar to that found across the golf course. Hopefully, this new green develops into a good representation of our 1916 greens. The crew performed remarkably as the extent of hand work was much greater than anticipated. The new turf is off to a good start and everyone is excited to the potential of this new area.

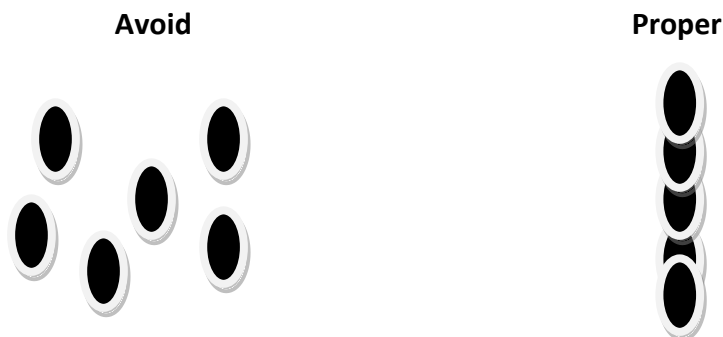
Core aeration of the greens was completed August 22-23rd, just minutes before our first August thunderstorm. The timely rain should help the turf recover from the aeration stress and speed the healing process. Performing our aeration at the end of summer is extremely beneficial in helping maintain our bentgrass stand. During this period, soil temperatures are typically too warm for *Poa annua* seed to germinate. The warmer temperatures also speed the germination of the interseeded bentgrass, variety 007. As the new seed germinates and the existing bentgrass closes the aeration holes, recovery is expected to occur in approximately 10 days.

Over the last several weeks, National reports have alerted the public of the negative effects of a new turfgrass herbicide. Over the last year, Dupont Chemical introduced a new turfgrass herbicide called Imprelis. Imprelis created an excitement for turfgrass managers as

this new chemical was extremely effective against weeds. What made this product so exciting? There was a very low application rate (4.5 oz/Acre). A turf manager could apply the product any-time and get great control. Rain, sun, hot or cold temperatures were to be safe on turf and harmful to the weeds. Unfortunately, it has been discovered that Imprelis also injures certain species of trees. Over 7000 reports across the country have been filed with Dupont indicating damage to White Pines and Norway Spruce. Oconomowoc Golf Club is one of those reporting tree injuries as a result of Imprelis. We have approx 60 trees injured to varying degrees. At this time it is unknown as the fate of the trees. Some will hopefully recover, but injury to others appears to be fatal. At this time, Dupont and the EPA have imposed a stop sale and recall of any Imprelis. Dupont is developing a strategy and will soon be investigating the reports. I will be keeping the Board of Directors informed of any updates regarding this issue. Here is website if you are interested in learning a little more about Imprelis and the damage caused to certain trees: <http://www.imprelis-facts.com/>

Finally, as summer comes to an end, here are a few reminders that can assist in the summer recovery and help ensure enjoyment to all members and guests.

Practice Tee Divot Management: Divots on the Range Tee are filled 4-5 times per week with a special sand and seed mixture. The seed mix will speed the recovery time of divots (2-3 weeks). In order to maximize our limited hitting area, please group your practice divots in a linear pattern. A linear patter will impact less turf, requires less sand & seed mix and will heal much quicker.



Please refrain from practicing outside of the designated area (white station boards). These stations have a specific rotation around the practice tee to maximize our limited hitting area. Practicing outside of the designated area interrupts the healing process of a recently used area or disrupts the areas next in rotation.

Golf Course Etiquette:

- Please replace your divot or replace with divot sand.
- Please repair your ball marks.
- Please rake the bunker sand after your golf shot.
- Please follow cart signs and utilize paths around greens and tees.

Thank you and congrats to all of the 2011 Champions.

On the Tee Box by Chuck

Kevin Pagenkopf & Doug Laak Win Invitational

The intensity of three 9 hole matches in one day, capped off with the 9 team shoot to determine the Invitational Overall Champion, made for a lengthy day as well as an exciting championship test. Team Pagenkopf\Laak, sporting the vivid yellow Srixon Tour golf ball, won all three flight matches and were very steady on the first two holes of the shootout. After a solid Doug Laak drive and greenside bunker shot at the ninth (3rd hole of the Shoot Out), Kevin Pagenkopf rolled a side hill, down hill 10 foot putt to within inches. When the Brian Hagmayer\Steve Cary team and the Steve Blashke\Pete Jefferson team failed to convert, Laak holed “the longest tap in of his life” and victory was in hand for team Pagenkopf \Laak

36 two man teams were divided into eleven flights of four. Each team played a nine hole match against every other team in their respective flight.

Flight winners advanced based on overall win-loss record within flight. Participants received a stylish Donald Ross OGC logo shirt, Titleist Pro V golf balls, a hearty breakfast, grilled burgers and brats for lunch and a spectacular dinner. Champions Pagenkopf and Laak were presented framed Invitational flags commemorative of their triumph and \$250 dollars in golf shop credit at the post dinner awards ceremony.

A fabulous turn out, delicious food, ample beverages and an intense shoot out made for a very successful event. Flight results are as follows:

1st Flight

Champions: Steve Blaschke and Pete Jefferson

2nd Place: Phil Holland and Marc Holland

2nd Flight

Champions: Steve Palmert and Bill Engibous

2nd Place: Eric Geraldson and Scott Hernke

3rd Flight

Champions: George Simos and Dan Simos

2nd Place: Steve Johnson and Mike Gallagher

4th Flight

Champions: Sean Carmody and Todd Reimer

2nd Place: Herman Fillinger and Dennis Finnigan

5th Flight

Champions: Rick Hills and Doug Bayerlein

2nd Place: Carl Geraldson and Taylor Geraldson

6th Flight

Champions: Bill Faber and Al Augustine
2nd Place: Charles Osborn and Mark Schwellinger

7th Flight

Champions: Kevin Pagenkopf and Doug Laak
2nd Place: Mike Warden and Tom Harwood

8th Flight

Champions: Bryan Hagmayer and Steve Cary
2nd Place: Dan McCarthy and Tom Moen

9th Flight

Champions: Jack McKenzie and Hoye Robinson
2nd Place: Terry Frederiksen and Ray Miller

September Events

Keierleber Shoot Out - Monday, September 6

2011 qualifiers and past Keierleber Shoot Out champions participate in a nine hole shoot out to have his or her name engraved on the Keierleber Labor Day Shoot Out trophy. 1:00pm start.

Mr. & Mrs. Club Champ, Sunday, September 11

Who will take top honors in the Mr. & Mrs. Championship?
Low gross and low net champions will be crowned!

Men's Hole In One, Saturday, September 17

Celebrate the aces! Henry Krier was the latest! A perfectly struck 210 yard 3 wood that found the bottom of the 17th hole!
Breakfast from 8am to 8:59. Golf at 9:00am. Format: 2 Best of 4 with a twist. Golf Shop pairs field: A-B-C-D. Event is no charge. Call the golf shop to sign up.

Ladies Closing, Wednesday, September 28

Annual Ladies wrap up event will begin at 1:00pm.

Ladies only after 12:00 noon.

Chip Shots...

Tuesday, September 7 – (Day after Labor Day) Treat as a Monday.

Member and guest play after 2:00pm.

Friday, September 9 – Ladies Milwaukee District Field Day

First tee opens for member and guest play at 1:00pm

Monday, September 12, and 19 – Private Outings

Course and range closed to member play.

**Senior Club Championship
Thursday, August 18, 2011**

Overall Gross Champion: Charley Johnson

Overall Net Co-Champions: Ted Hansen, John Yokley, Howard Uecker

Gold Tee Open Gross Champion: Paul Schmidt

Gold Tee Net Champion: Don Blatnik

55 – 59 Flight

Gross Champion: Kris Holm 77

2nd Place: Mark Jones 84

Net Champion: Ted Hansen 68

2nd Place: Greg Erickson 74

60 – 69 Flight

Gross Champion: Charley Johnson 70

2nd Place: Jim Bauer 75

3rd Place: Dave Johnson 77

Net Co-Champions: Howard Uecker & John Yokley 68

3rd Place: Tim McCarthy 69

Tie 4th Place: Bill Faber, Tom Packee, John Godfrey 71

70+ Flight

Gross Champion: Bo Budny 82

Net Champion: Steve Peterson 72

Gold Tee Open

Gross Champion: Paul Schmidt 91

Net Champion: Don Blatnik 65

A Toast to the OGC Champions

Rick Bauch drilled a 15 foot birdie putt on the first hole of the 36 hole Men's Club Championship final to go 1 up in the match and never looked back. Mr. Bauch was 3 under par through 30 holes and defeated Jeff Knudtson 6 and 5. For the 10th time since 1987, Mr. Bauch's name will be engraved on the Championship trophy!

Men's Club Championship Flight match results:

Francis Mayhew defeated Bob Boex to capture the First Flight Championship.

Doug Buske defeated John Godfrey to win Second Flight. **Tom Schweda** bested Herman Fillinger to claim the Third Flight honors. **Jim Grimstad** outdueled Don Blatnik to hoist the Gold Tee Championship trophy.

In the Ladies Championship finals, **Molly Geraldson** defeated Nancy Simos 2 and 1 in a hard fought match.

Congratulations to all of our Champions!

Meet Mr. Ham and Mr. Egg

During the qualifying rounds of the July Cup, Dan Beers and Joe Pecor were labeled Speed Limit and double nickels for the opening round net 55. By competition's end we will refer to the duo as Mr. Ham and Mr. Egg. Every match, including the championship, when one partner was out of the hole, the other was in – usually, making pars and birdies. The perfect ham and egg combination. The championship match was no different. On the front nine, Mr. Pecor shot 44 – net 32.5. Mr. Beers watched. On the back 9, Mr. Beers shot 41 – net 32. Mr. Pecor watched. Their opponents, Tom Packee and Dan Gaumond, fashioned fine four under par round themselves. In the end, however, Beers and Pecor ham and egged their way to the July Cup Championship 3 & 2. **Congratulations Dan Beers and Joe Pecor – July Cup Champions!**

Runners Up – Tom Packee and Dan Gaumond

Junior Wrap Up Rocked

3:28 on a glorious Saturday afternoon the range was packed. With two minutes until final announcements, juniors were rapid fire swinging from their heels while their adult partners merely tried to find the ball on the clubface. Bolstered by the confidence of every shot landing in the range, the 30 adult-junior teams descended on the OGC front 9 with the hopes of securing low score bragging rights in the annual Wrap Up alternate shot event. An opportunity for the juniors to show their stuff; an opportunity for the parents and grandparent partners to demonstrate how it should be done...what followed was extremely entertaining! An outing in the purist sense. And when the group hit the buffet table after golf, all the miscues were forgiven...the four putts, the shanks, the leave it in the bunker shots...and the great shots were lauded: the long drained putts, the unbelievable par, the gloriously long drive. Then, when the cookies and brownies plates were discovered, plans were being made for next year...

As for the “Bragging Rights:”

18 Hole Group: 46 – Collin Howie and Kevin Pagenkopf

9 Hole Group: 46 – Jim Yost and Alex Yost

6 Hole Group: 47 – Ashley Johnson and Dave Johnson

3 Hole Group: 48 – Lily Giles and Scott Todd

Great work juniors!

Thank you for your support parents and grandparents!

**Calendar included with the newsletter is always an update
to printed directory calendars**

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

September 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5 Keierleber Shootout 1:30pm 1 st Tee Lunch 11am - 4pm	6 Clubhouse Closed Member Golf after 2pm Range & Carts Open	7 Pasta Buffet 5 to 8	8	9 Ladies District Field Day 8:30am Shotgun Member/Guest Play after 1	10 Private Party Club Closed 5pm
11 Mr. & Mrs. Club Championship 1pm shotgun	12 Private Outing	13	14	15	16	17 Men's Hole In One Event 8:00am Breakfast 9:00am Shotgun
18	19 WPGA Stroke Play Club and Course Closed - Fairway Aeration after event	20	21 LAST Wednesday Dinner	22	23	24
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25	26 Clubhouse Closed Member Golf after 2pm Range & Carts Open		28 Ladies Closing Day (Ladies Only after 12:00 noon)	29	30	