



# Fairway News

*The Newsletter of the Oneonta Country Club*

*September 2009*

## **President's Message: Bruce Carroll**

This article is being written August 19<sup>th</sup>, so some things may happen between now and month's end that are missed. Well, we had some nice warm days so far this month and some dry ones as well, but it didn't last too long. The Tuesday night league got rained out at about 6:00 P.M. on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Some of you finished. We had some tree damage during that storm. One tree came down by the 11<sup>th</sup> tee, and probably others. Todd and his small crew will be taking care of them along with the grass mowing, which has been nonstop this year.

Marie tells me that some of our members are using the credit card payment plan, which makes payment easier for them. The board will be taking a closer look at this in the future and will hopefully make credit card payments a way to do business. We may also require that everyone will supply their credit card information, and a policy will be put in place that will allow us to use that card if your account balance goes unpaid more than 60 days. We will have more on this in the future. We will always accept payment by check or cash.

I want to thank the members who showed up for the Semi-Annual Meeting, along with those who filled out the proxy cards that allowed us to pass the Bylaw changes. I believe that with these changes the Board can now conduct elections and fill officer positions in a timely manner.

I would like to take a moment to thank our Pro, Paul Jaycox; his assistant, Mitch Milavec and their entire staff for the outstanding job they have done this year. They have put in countless hours coordinating regular play, tournaments for both the men and women, stag days, club cleaning, etc. They are also on the front line for each and every outside event; arranging play, setting cart assignments, and getting tournaments started according to course rules. In addition, a pro shop full of merchandise is maintained.

September is close, and a lot of golf is yet to be played. I can only hope for a long, long fall season. Please continue to enjoy the Golf, and the Club as a place for friends to gather and have fun. For those members who have to go back to work this fall I will be thinking of you, and of course look forward to seeing you on the weekends.

## **Paul Jaycox, Head Golf Professional**

September should prove to be another busy month for the club. The weather should (hopefully) be in our favor for the rest of the season. Here is a quick reminder of upcoming events:

Thursday 9-10: Rotary Tournament, 1:15 Shotgun  
Saturday 9-12: Frank Microni Tournament, 1:30 Shotgun  
Sunday 9-13: Couples Tournament, 1:00 Shotgun

Wednesday 9-16: STAG Day, 12:30 Shotgun  
Thursday 9-17: NYS Bar Association (24 Players), 12:30 Shotgun  
Sunday 9-20: OHS Booster Club, 1:00 Shotgun  
Saturday 9-26: Red Sox v (1<sup>st</sup> Place) Yankees Tourney, 1:30 Shotgun  
Sunday 9-27: Rich Couch Memorial Tournament, 1:00 Shotgun  
Thursday 10-1: OHS Alumni Tournament, 9:00 Shotgun  
Friday 10-2: Hartwick Alumni Tournament

Still plenty of golf left in the 2009 season – don't winterize the sticks yet!

## **Greens Committee, Kurt Schulte**

Well summer finally arrived, at least for one week, and just in time for Labor Day.

Contrary to what one might think, warm temperatures and high humidity can be a bad combination when it comes to golf courses (and I'm not talking about the thunderstorm that ripped through the club last Tuesday night). Todd advises that turf grass diseases thrive in these conditions. He has been busy spraying fungicide in an attempt to keep the diseases in check.

You may have noticed evidence of digging near the bridge. A main line for the irrigation system ruptured and our guys had to excavate to get to the damaged pipe. The line has been repaired at minor cost to the club (not counting the hours expended to complete the work).

Todd will be arranging to have the greens deep tine aerified in September (we currently hire an outside company to do the work, and the exact date will depend on their schedule). Deep tine aerification differs from the core aerification that takes place in the spring in several respects. Compared to a core aerifier, which pulls plugs with hollow tines (4 to 6 inches in length), a deep tine aerifier drives solid tines (10 to 14 inches in length) into the ground. When the tines are at their maximum depth, the machine causes the tines to "kick", which breaks up the compacted soil below the surface. No cores are pulled, and the putting surfaces are left with smaller holes than in the spring. The deep tine process is especially good for our greens, as many of them are built on a clay base which becomes hard and impermeable, causing poor drainage and overall poor conditions for satisfactory root growth.

And on a final note, our grounds crew numbers continue to change. Jim, our part-time seasonal employee, quit after the week of the Men's Member-Guest. Our high school summer employee left as of August 17 to start football practice, and the workers from the CDO Workforce program will be finished by the time you read this. So, our crew is

down to four.

### **WGA, Diane Terry and Joan Martin**

Right now the ladies are finishing the Club Championship and competition for the winner of the Margaret Bunn Cup. We will publish the results in the next newsletter.

The weather was in our favor on August 6, and we were finally able to have the Flag Day competition. Here are the results:

#### 18 Hole Players:

- 1<sup>st</sup> : Kathy Holmes
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Julie DeLaurentiis
- 3<sup>rd</sup> : Heidi Hofbauer-Buzzy
- 4<sup>th</sup> : (Tie) Chris Mitchell, Karen Bulow, Carolee Riddell, Emmy Gaisford, Sue Nesbitt
- 5<sup>th</sup>: Betty Schulte
- 6<sup>th</sup>: Gail Hess
- 7<sup>th</sup>: Sandi Collins

#### 9 Hole Players:

- 1<sup>st</sup>. Bonnie Smith
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Laurie Zimniewicz
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: Net: Diane Iandiorio
- 4<sup>th</sup>: Low Net: (Tie) Phyllis Gunther, Diane Terry

### **Social Committee - Laurie Zimniewicz**

Rain, rain, go away... we had to postpone our Moonlight Golf fun night to another day! Our apologies to those who were set on winning the great prizes. Unfortunately, the weather is not one of those things we have control over...yet. Thanks to Diane Terry, Emmy Gaisford and Paul for all their planning for this event. We are thinking that we will try to pull Moonlight Golf together for the Welcome Back Reception in the Spring. Think Full Moon and Dark and Starry Night.

Because of the many end of season banquets scheduled for September there are no other special social events planned. Please remember that our restaurant is a great place to enjoy a meal with friends.

### **Board of Directors**

The Board of Directors of OCC meets at least once a month. At every meeting all Department heads make a short report to the board. Following department reports the board looks at current membership issues and then hears reports from the following committees: Finance, Greens, Building & Grounds, Membership, and House. These reports are followed by any Old or New Business.

**The next Board of Directors meeting is September 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in the clubhouse. Any member may attend.**

#### Reminder:

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

## ***Corfu at the Country Club***

**Serving Lunch**  
**7 days a week**



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***RESTAURANT HOURS:***  
*(Effective September 1)*

**Monday through Sunday**

**10:30AM to 5:30PM**

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***To schedule evening dinner groups  
(20 or more) and Special Events  
call 432-3840***