



# OGC Newsletter

## August 2010



**Please Welcome our New Members!!**

**Lee and Maggie Palmer**  
*sponsored by Steve Johnson and Dave Beck*

**On The Tee Box** *by Chuck*

***August is here and the matches are in full swing!!!***

The intensity, the angst, the grinding...it's match play and the Men's Club Championship matches and the July Cup matches are moving forward mano a mano. You will be able to follow your favorite players work their way through the brackets via weekly Golf Shop email updates. August will be an active month with a variety of instruction and event activities... hopefully a little something for everybody!

**Mark your calendars and call or email to sign up:**

**Men's Invitational – Thursday, August 12**

Member-Guest teams are grouped by flight are proud to be Americans! Pick up your flag at the first tee and play away.

Add your handicap to par and where that shot ends up, plant your flag. Individual who plants his\her flag furthest around the golf course wins the competition. All those flags...a beautiful sight! Optional game will be run from 6:30 am to 11:00 am.

***Note: This event is sold out, but we do have an Alternate List!***

**Men's Senior Championship – Thursday, August 19**

Annual 18-hole stroke play for senior men. Sign up at the first tee.

Gross and Net Champions crowned in the following divisions:  
55-59; 60-69, 70+ and Gold tee open.

### **Men's Club Championship - Round 2 matches**

**Deadlines:** Round 2 - Sunday, August 1 Round 3- Sunday, August 15;  
Finals: Sunday, September 5

*Thank you for respecting the deadlines.  
Deadlines will continue to be strictly enforced.*

### **Friday evening, August 20 - Couples Golf**

Open to 12 couples. 9 hole Alternate Shot format. 5:30 shotgun start.  
Fish Fry dinner at 7:45.

### **Saturday, August 21 – Junior Golf Wrap Up**

Junior Golf Program participants and their adult playing partners (mom, dad, grandfather, grandmother) will play a 9 hole alternate shot. Golf will be followed by a buffet dinner, awards and prizes. Call the golf shop to reserve your spot.

## **Instruction Opportunities**

### **Ladies Golf Schools**

**Tuesday, Tuesday, August 3**

**Time: 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm**

**Fee: \$25**

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

### **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 program to meet your needs:

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

### **Private Group Lessons**

Want to learn the game with friends? Arrange for your group to take a lesson. We can design a program to fit your needs. One-hour minimum. Fee: \$50 per hour (minimum of 2 participants)

### ***Chip Shots...***

### **Monday Play**

**Monday, August 2, 16 & 23 Course closed due to private outing**  
**Monday, August 9 & 30 – Course open to Member and guest play at 2:00 pm.**

**Men's District Golf**  
**Tuesday, August 3**  
**11:00 am to 3:00 pm – First tee closed**  
**No Junior Golf Tuesday, August 3**

**Men's Senior District**  
**Friday, August 20th**  
*(This is a tentative date change from directory)*  
**8:00 am Shotgun Start**  
**Open play off #1 tee at 11:30 am**

### GREEN SIDE UP *by Dustin*

It is very difficult to maintain high standards and consistency across the golf course, when Mother Nature keeps disrupting our momentum and progress. Mother Nature delivered 9.55" of rain in June. So far in July, she delivered 9.7 inches of rain, high humidity and mosquito attacks that warrant legalizing DDT again. High winds knocked down trees and branches. Heavy rainfalls keep washing out bunkers and flooding #13 fairway. Although, it has been frustrating, I am honestly not complaining. OGC is located on a wonderful piece of land, and while most courses in our area have been closed for several days due to weather, we've just lost several hours of cart usage. All in All we are doing pretty well.

The heat has chased away some of the earthworm activity and many of the areas of the new fairway turf are beginning to tighten up. The higher temperatures and humidity are weakening some of the annual bluegrass interspersed throughout the fairways. This is a good thing. As the Poa weakens, the new bentgrass can overtake it. When the summer heat starts to subside, I'll fertilize the new fairways to accelerate its aggressive growth and continue the conversion. One area that has struggled through the summer heat and rains has been the low pockets on #13 fairway. The heat and repeated rains were hindering the recovery rate of the weak areas. I decided to replace these pockets with bentgrass sod from our nursery. Unfortunately, immediately following the sod installation, we received 3-inches of rain and upper 80-degree temps. This high stress situation was not conducive to maintaining healthy sod. Saturated conditions on a hot day will "boil" the turf. Bentgrass is fairly resilient, but not indestructible. I am monitoring these areas on #13 as they recover and will replace the necessary rolls of bentgrass.

Throughout the year, I've been asked several times for clarification on the proper procedure for filling divots and also for proper golf car etiquette. I can understand that since policies vary between other golf courses. Therefore, I'd like to use this newsletter to address these questions. I have located a few educational videos produced by the USGA. These video cartoons portray the exact same message that works best for OGC.

### **Divot Etiquette: "When in doubt...Replace the divot and give it a chance to grow."**

At Oconomowoc Golf Club, the preferred method is to replace the divot following a golf shot. Location (tee, fairway or rough) does not matter. If the divot has been destroyed and cannot be replaced, then fill the depression with the green sand provided. Bentgrass spreads

laterally and it is very important to fill the divot depression completely with the green sand. The surrounding bentgrass can then spread evenly across the depression, resulting in a smoother surface. The green sand is best used on tees and fairways. There is no seed within this mix and will not cause any problems if used in a rough area. Seed is not included within the mix due to the ongoing fairway conversion program. A variety of conversion products will harm or kill any new bentgrass seedlings and therefore would be a waste of money. In addition, any divot mix containing bentgrass seed could result in rough contamination, as bentgrass is suited for greens, tees or fairways.

On average, studies have shown a bentgrass divot requires 16-24 days to recover 50%. In other words, a normal divot will shrink one-half its size every 2-3 weeks. Divot healing is not a fast process and could take months if the growing conditions aren't favorable (hot, dry). The quickest route to a healed divot is to replace the grass that was just removed by your golf club.

Please visit the USGA educational video regarding proper divot etiquette.

### Divot Etiquette

If the link does not initiate the video, copy the following address to your web browser: [http://www.usga.org/turf/articles/video/divot\\_etiquette.html](http://www.usga.org/turf/articles/video/divot_etiquette.html)

### **Golf Car Etiquette: "Follow directional sign, directly to the paths".**

Golf car traffic significantly impacts the health of the turf. Repeated traffic patterns bruise and wear the turf, causing areas to thin. Any thinning of the turf reduces the quality of the playing surfaces. Cart directional signs, white stakes and ropes are used to help guide the golf cars away from sensitive play areas such as green banks, bunker mounding or narrow fairway bottlenecks. The most effective method to reduce the wear and tear in key areas is to direct traffic away. Directional signs are re-located weekly to disperse traffic throughout the 50 yards approaching each green. Please follow the directional arrows and proceed directly to the cart path. It is very important that the entire golf car remain on the path. Parking with tires on the grass will wear out the turf that lines the paths. Please avoid driving up or down our steepest hills (#8, 13, 15 or 16). The severity of the slopes is conducive to the carts spinning tires, skidding and or sliding sideways, all of which damages the playing surface. Please understand the goal is not to reduce cart usage. The goal is to protect and provide a high quality-playing surface.

Please visit the USGA educational video regarding proper golf car and pull cart etiquette.

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Every year brings different challenges, however I am very excited that members are looking out for the best for the golf course. Good luck to all in your matches.

Blog Updates: [Ocongolclubgrounds.blogspot.com](http://Ocongolclubgrounds.blogspot.com)

July 19, 2010

Divot Etiquette

July 9, 2010

New Range Mat

## CLUBHOUSE NEWS *by Larry*

### **Saturday, August 7th is our sixth annual "Festa OGC" Party.....**

This is a party you don't want to miss. We'll start the festivities at 5:00 pm with passed hors d'oeuvres and time to mill about outside, enjoy a glass of Chianti and try your hand at our now infamous couples Bocce Ball tourney. At 7:00 pm we will sit down to dinner featuring beef tenderloin and lobster tail. After dinner the evening will continue inside with music and dancing performed by "Groovy".

### **Saturday, September 18th is our Annual Fall Wine Dinner.....**

This event is extremely popular and will sell out fast. Chef Bob will tickle your taste buds with a culinary delight and Cindy Gorlick from Lef't Bank wine company will once again be here to do the wine pairings. The evening will begin:

6:00 pm with light hors d'oeuvres and a reception wine

7:00 pm Dinner

***So make your reservations early and join us for an evening of fine wine, great food and good friends.***

### **Going Green.....**

More and more of you are going green and reusing your Styrofoam cups. The club does go through approximately 30,000 of those cups a year and they don't readily break down in the landfills. So, to help you and the environment out, we have brought in a hard plastic, insulated cup with a screw on lid and our logo. The cup is on display and available for purchase at the bar for \$8.00.

## **Membership Update *by Jeanette***

### ***Directory Changes:***

Ron Kurtis Email: rkurtis@wi.rr.com

Michele Larsen: add email: Michele@churchandchapel.us  
and cell: 414-416-0690

Emil and Ellen Pfenninger: W353 N6314 Marina Dr., Oconomowoc, WI 53066

Mike Radichel: email: mradichel@gmail.com and  
business phone: 262-649-9205

Maureen-Burke Thompson: email: mburkethom@aol.com

Howard Uecker email: howard.uecker@gmail.com

### **Reminder of OGC Cell Phone Policy**

**Cell Phones are banned in the bar, dining room, grill room  
and on the golf course.**

*The Board of Directors appreciates your cooperation.*

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<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>  Golf Outing	<b>3</b>  Men's District Tee Times #1 from 11am – 3pm	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>  Fiesta OGC 5:00 pm Hors d'oeuvres 7:00 Dinner
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>  Member Golf after 2 pm Range & Carts Open	<b>10</b>  Junior Program 8 to 12	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>  MEN'S INVITATIONAL All Day	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>  Golf Outing	<b>17</b>  Junior Program 8 to 12	<b>18</b>  Pasta Buffet Night 5:00 to 8:00	<b>19</b>  Men's Senior Club Championship	<b>20</b>  Tentative Men's Sr. District 8:00 shotgun <hr/> #1 open @ 11:30 am <hr/> Couples Event 5:30 pm	<b>21</b>  Junior Wrap Up 3:30 shotgun 6:30 Buffet
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>  <u>Golf Outing</u>  Aerate the Greens	<b>24</b>  COURSE CLOSED FOR AERATION	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>  Member Golf after 2 pm Range & Carts Open	<b>31</b>				