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*"The best little golf club in the world where good folks get together and enjoy each other"*

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Greetings OCC Members and Supporters,

'Happy New Year' and welcome to the 2021 OCC season! Even though we had a green Christmas this year, with most of us waking up to pouring rain, we now have a blanket of snow on the course and folks are out enjoying snow shoeing, cross country skiing, and sliding. Hopefully we'll be on the course in April, loosening up and getting into the swing of the 2021 golf season.

Included in this mailing are the 2021 Membership Application, the 2021 New Member Application and the Member Benefits for 2021. These forms are also available on our web site, [www.orleanscc.com/memberhip/](http://www.orleanscc.com/memberhip/). Our 'New Member' offer remains available to anyone who was not a member of OCC in 2020. We are also continuing the 30-Mile 'as the crow flies' Membership. Please read the restrictions closely for details on this offer. This membership was new last year and proved to be a creative and successful strategy to enhance our bottom line.

Membership Fees can be paid by check or credit card in full, or in 2, 3, or 4 installments, with early bird rates in effect until May 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have questions, please call either 754-2370 (Irene) or 617-833-0258 (Carol) for clarification. Please take time to review the Member Benefits for 2021 to check out the numerous special offers and discounts for Members Only.

Our website, is a great resource, offering a wealth of information about the course, a calendar of leagues, tournaments, and events, membership forms, and what we offer our members and the community. Make sure to check out the website, recommend it to friends, and give us your feedback.

Despite COVID, OCC experienced a positive year in 2020. Adapting to the State's COVID requirements became everyone's responsibility. We ended the season with 300 members! Josh Olney, PGA Pro/General Manager, board members, members, volunteers and OCC supporters all played a role in addressing health and safety concerns both inside and outside and helped keep the operations on track.

The Board of Directors extend their thanks and appreciation to the outside and inside OCC staff for their efforts in promoting a welcoming environment and ensuring the course offered the best play conditions and customer services, regardless of the challenges that we were presented with. We are very fortunate to have such dedicated, hard working and creative individuals on staff.

Frank Barsalow, Course Superintendent and his limited outside crew provided members and guests with top-notch conditions for play. Inside, Megan Campbell, Kitchen Manager, and her staff offered a tasty menu and Allison Labor, Bar Manager and the wait staff provided valuable customer service in a variety of ways to address the COVID restrictions. Josh and his Pro Shop staff also took additional steps to insure the safety of members and guests. We are extremely pleased to announce that Josh, Frank, Megan, and Allison will be returning for the 2021 season!

This year we anticipate one (1) vacancy on the Board of Directors as Jamie Barron steps down after serving 11 years on the OCC Board. Jamie has served as President for the past 9 years. Jamie's contributions to OCC are hard to adequately describe. His leadership and dedication to OCC are very much admired and appreciated. We are pleased he will remain available to support the Board and OCC in any way he can. This past season a 'Board Appreciation Fund' was initiated by a lifetime member in recognition of Jamie's contributions to OCC and planned departure from the Board. Please consider making a donation to show your appreciation for his and others contributions to the club.

The Annual Meeting of the Corporation is scheduled for Tuesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in running for a seat on the Board at the Annual Meeting of the Corporation, please let us know. We are working on setting up remote access for the meeting. A small committee has revised the OCC Articles of Incorporation and By-laws and they will be voted on at the meeting. The Corporation Certificate Holders list is being updated as well. Please make sure we have your correct email and contact information in our database.

There are endless ways you can contribute to OCC ..... join a committee, bring on a new member, help with a tournament, help with a fund raising event, volunteer, offer feedback and suggestions. Whatever you can offer will benefit OCC. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact a Board member or Josh.

This is your club, a very special place, a jewel of the kingdom that we want to encourage others to experience and one we all want to see thrive. Please continue to promote OCC at every opportunity. Building our membership and creating memorable golf experiences contributes to our financial health and is a goal we all hope to achieve. COVID has significantly changed our daily lives over the past year. As we plan and prepare for the upcoming golf season let's stay positive and pull together to make our 93rd year a memorable one!

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our combined efforts and the success of Orleans Country Club!

*Mark your calendars....(tentative dates)....check website and e-blasts for confirmation*

- **Volunteer Day – Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, (rain date) April 24<sup>th</sup>**
- **Opening Day – Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup> (tbd)**
- **Annual Meeting of the Corporation and Board of Director elections – Tuesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM**

Sincerely,

Carol Boucher, (Secretary) on behalf of the OCC Board of Directors