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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 **2023 OCC season**, our **95<sup>th</sup> year!** This season will mark some special anniversary dates; 50<sup>th</sup> Ladies Best Ball, 40<sup>th</sup> Monique Dudley Memorial, and our 20<sup>th</sup> Fun Nite Cash Calcutta! Stay tuned for more celebration updates.

Most of us in the NEK greeted the holidays with snow on the ground, although it was nip and tuck with the rain showers, winds and storm that blew through. We do have some extra cleanup in store on the course as the recent storms left many branches down, along with a few trees. Fortunately no major damage occurred and many hands will make light work of cleaning the course up.

We rang in the New Year with green grass and are now awaiting a new blanket of snow on the course so folks can get out and enjoy snow shoeing, cross country skiing, and sliding. We know many of you are keeping your swing in shape in warm and sunny areas of the country. The green grass in the NEK is quite a tease right now and makes us really look forward to being on the course in April, loosening up and getting into the swing of the 2023 golf season! We think you will be especially pleased to see the new renovations to the dining room, bar room, kitchen, and trimming on the left side of the 1<sup>st</sup> fairway! Key volunteers and staff were busy this fall and you will enjoy the fruits of their efforts!

We are delighted to report OCC experienced a positive year in 2022. We ended the season with 326 members, just shy of last year's high and closed out the year in a positive financial position. We are pleased to report the 2023 rates have remained the same and we have set aside some funds to help continue to prepare for necessary course and club needs to ensure our future. Everyone's efforts to contribute to our success are much appreciated. Continuing to build our membership and increasing play and inside sales, all help support our financial health. Along the way, we are also building new friendships, having fun, improving our game, and spreading the word about how special OCC is!

The Board of Directors extends their thanks and appreciation to the outside and inside OCC staff for their efforts in 2022 to promote a welcoming environment and ensure the course offered the best play conditions and customer services, regardless of any challenges that arose. We are extremely fortunate to have dedicated, hardworking, and skilled professionals on staff in all departments.

Josh Olney, our PGA Pro and General Manager continued to help lead OCC to further success and stability. He and his Pro Shop staff maintain a solid focus on supporting the membership, marketing the club and keeping the flow of daily play running smoothly.

Frank Barsalow, Course Superintendent and his outside crew take great pride in their work and are committed to providing members and guests with top-notch conditions for play. They strive to accommodate members' needs and greatly appreciate the numerous compliments they receive.

Inside, Ann Barron, Restaurant & Bar Manager and the wait staff provided friendly, welcoming and professional customer service to all. Their attention to detail and customer satisfaction supported the bottom line, bringing in additional successful outside events and assuring members and guests professional services.

Paul Merrill, Kitchen Manager, provided us with a tasty menu, timely meal preparation, and managed to cover all of our daily food needs and club events with minimal assistance. As we plan for next season, we will be using his valuable feedback and suggestions for our events building on our success.

We are extremely pleased to announce that Josh, Frank, Ann, and Paul will be returning for the 2023 season! We are also happy to report that most of their staff will be returning as well. As we become aware of potential staff vacancies, we will reach out to you for your support in our recruitment efforts.

We remain focused and are striving to provide everyone with a great place to work and play. Our continued goal is to keep costs for members in check while supporting our dedicated and hardworking staff and offering top-notch play. Investments in our course, clubhouse, staff and facilities are necessary to ensure success into the future. We continue to be fortunate to have so many generous donations from members of time, resources, and money, all necessary to supplement unmet needs that arise.

Included in this mailing are the [2023 Membership Application](#), the [2023 New Member Application](#) and the [Member Benefits for 2023](#). These forms are also available on our web site at [orleanscc.com](http://orleanscc.com). Our 'New Member' offer remains available to anyone who was not a member of OCC in 2022. We are also continuing the 30-Mile 'As The Crow Flies' Membership. Please read the restrictions closely for details on this offer.

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 through Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup>**. If you have questions, please call either 802-754-2370 (Irene) or 617-833-0258 (Carol) for clarification. Please take time to review the Member Benefits for 2023 to check out the numerous special offers and discounts for [Members Only](#).

Thanks to Irene (Farrar), our website, [orleanscc.com](http://orleanscc.com) continues to be an invaluable resource, offering a wealth of information about the course and our activities. Membership forms, a calendar of leagues / tournaments / events, along with special offerings, tournament results, historical information and updates for everyone can be found there. Check out the website, recommend it to friends, and give us your feedback.

The **Annual Meeting of the Corporation** is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>**. We will offer the opportunity for remote access for the meeting, with the link being sent out prior to the meeting. We have 4 Board members up for re-election this year: Pam Smith, Michelle Faust, Sylvain Gagnon and Carol Boucher. If you, or someone you know, is/are interested in running for a seat on the Board at the Annual Meeting of the Corporation, please let Carol know so that the names are on the ballot.

Please keep contributing to the success of 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, have ideas, or need assistance, please 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 continue to 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 can join together to achieve. As we plan and prepare for the upcoming golf season, let's keep our focus on the future and make our 95<sup>th</sup> year a successful and memorable one!

We hope everyone had Happy Holidays and that the year ahead is a great one for you and yours. We look forward to seeing everyone back at OCC for the 2023 season, enjoying play on our beautiful course, socializing in our facilities and spending special times with friends and family.

Thank you to all our members, staff, patrons and volunteers who help us continue to provide a rich and enjoyable experience year after year! Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our combined efforts and the success of OCC!

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

- **Volunteer Day – Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, (rain date) April 22<sup>nd</sup>**
- **Opening Day – Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup> after Volunteer work (tbd)**
- **Annual Meeting of the Corporation and Board of Director elections – Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM**

Sincerely,

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