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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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Dear Orleans Country Club Corporation Certificate Holders and Guests,

Spring is just around the corner and so is the opening of "The best little golf club in the world where good folks get together and enjoy each other." I am sure that like me, you all are anxious for warm, sunny days, seeing familiar faces and getting out there to play.

Last year there were several capital improvements in an effort to improve the overall experience for members and guests as well as improving our infrastructure. These were funded out of the funds that the Board set aside over the last couple of years in addition to the generous donations from members for the Paving Fund, thank you all for your contributions. These capital improvements included:

- The purchase of 10 additional carts to meet the increased demand for cart rentals during tournaments and on busy days.
- The replacing of drainage culverts and the restructuring and paving of the major part of the parking lot.
- The repair and restructuring of cart paths after the major rain.

In the Fall, it was discovered that the floor of the freezer room was compromised and needed to be replaced prior to the purchase and installation of the new freezer for the kitchen. Over the winter, Board member Jim Rokuski, and members Bob Green, Bruce Reed and Darryl Davis spent many hours on the complete overhaul of the Freezer room floor cleaning out the basement area, removing debris and clutter, replacing beams, and replacing the flooring. A huge shout out of appreciation goes out to these folks and to the others who also pitched in a hand when they could, for taking on this project and for getting it done in time for opening. Staff will be safer because of their efforts.

Some storm damage over the winter has left major work needed in tree cleanup throughout the course, the course crew will be working on that right off and we will be looking for volunteers on Volunteer Day to assist with the final clean up and readying the clubhouse for opening day. Additionally, we will need to repair/replace the chain link fence on Hole 9 because that was blown down by the wind.

This Spring we will be installing the Driving Range fencing purchased last year and we will also be looking to address the back part of the parking lot to improve that parking area.

We are fortunate to have Paul returning as our Kitchen Manager for the 2024 season as well as Ann returning as the Bar Manager and some of our familiar waitstaff. The restaurant has developed a great reputation and continues to be a strong contributor to the overall financial health of OCC. OCC will be looking to hire more waitstaff and kitchen dishwashers/prep so if you know anyone interested, please let Josh know and he will relay the information to Paul and Ann.

Frank and many of his crew from last year will also be returning to bring our course into top notch playing condition. We have a course that we can be very proud of and that people continue to comment on how much they love playing at OCC.

Josh will be bringing back some of his crew for the 2024 season in the Pro Shop and we are looking forward to Josh providing the best tournament and play experience and Pro service for our members and guests. It is always great to see Josh and the other smiling, friendly faces in the Pro Shop.

It is the OCC Board's intention that OCC lives up to its name as "The best little golf club in the world where good folks get together and enjoy each other", creating the best possible playing conditions, thanks to Frank and his course crew, the best possible dining experience, thanks to Paul and Ann and the OCC waitstaff, and the best possible golfing tournament play and player experience, thanks to Josh and his Pro Shop crew. It is the employees of OCC that create the best possible experience and we appreciate and value their contributions.

I encourage everyone that can, to participate in Volunteer Day to be held tentatively on April 13, 2024- many hands make light work. Come enjoy each other's company and lunch will be provided. I want to thank you all for supporting me over the past year when I stepped in as Interim President to take over after Bob's resignation. They were big shoes to fill and I hope that I did the position justice.

There are two current Board Member positions up for re-election. Bruce Moffitt and Aaron Palmieri, both are hoping to be able to provide another 3-year term of service to OCC. Jim Rokuski stepped in to fill the remaining term of Bob Granfors and is interested in being considered for a 3-year term. We also will be filling the position left vacant by Gary Miller. If you are interested in joining the OCC Board, please reach out to Carol Boucher.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our Annual Meeting that will be held at 6:30<sup>PM</sup> on April 23, 2024 at the Orleans Country Club. If anyone would like to join via ZOOM, please let Carol Boucher know and we will be sure to make the Zoom link available.

Sincerely,

Mark J. Faust  
Interim OCC President