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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'! Welcome to the 2026 OCC season!**

Hoping all of you enjoyed your holidays and are enjoying yourselves in the OCC off season! Snow is covering the ground here in the NEK and we are braving very cold temperatures, envying everyone who is spending the winter in warmer areas of the country. The 2026 spring golf season is right around the corner and we expect the course to be ready and welcoming when you return. This winter we have a major tree removal project planned. You will surely notice the change and most likely be pleased with fewer branches on the course to contend with!

2025, our 97<sup>th</sup> year was a positive year for OCC! We ended the season with 470 members, and closed out the year in a positive financial position. We were successful in 2025 with several projects designed to support and improve both the inside and outside operations. Projects included: replacing the roof over the entrance, tiling the floor in the kitchen, additional resurfacing of the dirt side of the parking lot; surfacing of a couple more cart paths; installation of netting on the driving range; and equipment purchases for the grounds crew. Plans are in development to renovate the porch and the porch roof, and paint the clubhouse prior to our 100<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2028. While we budget for materials and some labor, we very much appreciate the on-going donations of materials, expertise, and time provided by volunteers and OCC supporters to complete the various projects undertaken.

The Board of Directors extends their thanks and sincere appreciation to the outside and inside OCC staff for their efforts in 2025 to promote a welcoming environment and ensure the course offered the best play conditions and customer services, regardless of any challenges that arose. We continue to be extremely fortunate to have the dedicated, hardworking, and skilled professionals on our staff in all departments!

Josh Olney, our PGA Pro and General Manager continues to help lead OCC in building membership, increasing play, and securing staffing to further build on our success and future stability. He and his Pro Shop staff were attentive to supporting the membership; marketing the club and keeping the flow of daily play running smoothly. In 2025 the club saw increased play, increased use of the practice range, increased volume inside, along with providing support for 3 high school golf teams. The 'starter' position continued this past season and will continue in 2026 to support smooth play and keep the tee times on track.

Frank Barsalow, Course Superintendent, and his outside crew continue to take the utmost pride in their work and are committed to providing members and guests with top-notch conditions for play. They are always facing challenges due to weather or equipment and attend to those with positive attitudes and a desire to insure that the course is in optimum condition on a daily basis. Frank welcomes and greatly appreciates members' support of our annual clean up day. This year he will be looking for additional member support to help the course crew clean up the results of the tree removal project.

Alayni Miller successfully moved into the Restaurant & Bar Supervisor position this past season and along with her wait staff provided professional, friendly, and welcoming customer service to members, guests, and the public. Private events continue to positively market OCC to the public and contribute to our success. The staff's attention to detail, service delivery, and customer satisfaction significantly supported the bottom line, while bringing in more visitors, and assuring members and guests first-rate service.

Paul Merrill, Kitchen Manager, continued to provide us with an inviting menu, timely meal preparation, and ongoing support in all of our daily food needs, club activities, and events. In 2026 we are hopeful we can recruit additional staff to support his 'one-man' kitchen operations.

We are looking forward to the 2026 season and the return of many staff. As staff rosters are confirmed we will reach out to you for your support in helping with recruitment efforts for any potential staff vacancies.

Our focus remains on striving to provide everyone with a great place to work and play. Continuing to keep costs for members in check remains a priority, while acknowledging that it is imperative to support our course, clubhouse, facilities, and staff, thus insuring our success into the future. The generous donations of members' time, money, and resources all help to supplement unmet needs and we have been setting aside funds, whenever possible, to address ongoing equipment and facility needs over time. 2026 rates reflect some slight increases; all included on the membership forms. Our rates continue to remain below neighboring courses and we are confident you will not see the increases for 2026 prohibitive in any way.

The 2026 Membership Application, the 2026 New Member Application, and the Member Benefits for 2026 are included in this email. These forms are also available on our web site, [www.orleanscc.com](http://www.orleanscc.com). Our 'New Member' offer remains available to anyone who was not a member of OCC in 2025. We are also continuing the 30-Mile 'as the crow flies' membership (not included in this notice). Please read the restrictions closely for details on the 30-Mile offer and contact the Pro Shop in the spring to apply.

\*\*\* We will be continuing the surcharge (convenience fee) of 3% on all credit card transactions to cover processing costs. This surcharge is not greater than our total cost of accepting credit cards. The fee does not apply to cash, check, or debit card payments. We appreciate your understanding and support to help us best manage rising operations costs.

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 802-754-2370 (Irene) or 617-833-0258 (Carol) for clarification. Please take time to review the Member Benefits for 2026 to check out the numerous special offers and discounts for Members Only.

Thanks to Irene (Farrar), our website, [www.orleanscc.com](http://www.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, photos, and updates for everyone can be found there. Check out the website, recommend it to friends, and give us your feedback. Irene also expertly manages our 'Holiday Sales', a task that she does with a professional flair, and one that offers great holiday gifts and gives the club a significant financial boost in the off season!

The **Annual Meeting of the Corporation** is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>**. We will offer remote access for the meeting, with the link being sent out the day before the meeting. We will have 4 Board members up for re-election: 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 me (Carol) know so that your/their names are on the ballot. You can email me at [cbe Carol@msn.com](mailto:cbe Carol@msn.com) or call/text 617-833-0258.

Planning for our 100<sup>th</sup> birthday year in 2028 is on our horizon. With that being said, we do have some exciting news as we will be hosting the Vermont State Women's Golf Association's three major tournaments to have the VSWGGA Amateur Championship coincide with our 100<sup>th</sup> year. The VSWGGA Senior Championship will be this coming summer in July and the VSWGGA Mid-Amateur Championship will be in 2027.

OCC's success depends on you ..... Please keep contributing ..... 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 make sure to contact a Board member or Josh.

This is your club, a very special place, a jewel of the kingdom. Please continue to promote OCC at every opportunity. Building our membership and creating memorable golf experiences contributes to our financial health and we are seeing our membership and daily play increasing as a result of our efforts together.

We hope the year ahead is a great one for you and yours. We look forward to seeing everyone back at OCC for the 2026 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!

Sincerely,

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