Newsletter

President Message

Alan Bajkov, Board Chair

As we welcome the vibrant colors and renewed energy of spring, I hope each of you is as excited as I am for another fantastic golf season. Course conditions are outstanding for this time of year—making it the perfect opportunity to dust off your clubs and get back out on the course.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to our club. Together, we've built a welcoming and vibrant community, and I'm excited about the opportunities ahead for camaraderie, competition, and continued growth.

Our Board Committees have been hard at work over the past few months, focusing on key initiatives to enhance your overall experience. These include:

- Strategic planning for the future of the club
- Tournament and event programming
- Facility improvements
- Member engagement initiatives

We encourage your feedback as we continue working to improve and evolve.

A reminder that our **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** will take place on **May 13**. This is an important opportunity to reflect on the past year and discuss the future direction of the club. To help ensure a productive meeting, please submit any questions in advance to Bryan at bryan.ewart@golfosoyoos.com.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Wishing you a fantastic spring filled with memorable rounds.

OGC Insider Newsletter

Welcome to the inaugural edition of the OGC Insider — the official quarterly newsletter of the Osoyoos Golf Club.

A key theme from our recent member survey was the desire for improved communication, transparency, and regular updates from the Club. We heard you, and the OGC Insider is one of the ways we are responding to that feedback.

Our goal is to provide members with a clear understanding of what is happening across the Club — from golf operations, league play, course maintenance, food & beverage, tournaments, and capital projects, to Board initiatives and strategic priorities.

We are proud of the momentum at Osoyoos Golf Club and believe strong communication plays an important role in building a connected club culture. This newsletter is intended to keep members informed, celebrate successes, and provide insight into the work happening behind the scenes.

Thank you for your continued support, feedback, and passion for Osoyoos Golf Club. We hope you enjoy the OGC Insider and welcome your input as we continue to enhance the member experience.

Thursday Night Ladies

The Thursday Night Ladies League at Osoyoos Golf Club is off to a fantastic start, with 74 members registered and strong weekly participation since opening day. A warm welcome event in March set the tone for a fun and social season.

For just $25, members enjoy weekly games, skill contests, door prizes, and a season-long points race leading to the year-end banquet and Super Size Night. The April 23 scramble kicked things off with great energy, and Thursdays continue to be lively and well attended.

A dedicated volunteer committee works behind the scenes to ensure a smooth and enjoyable experience each week. Tee times run from approximately 1:30pm to 5:00pm, with social time and prize presentations wrapping up by 8:00pm.

New members are always welcome, with a strong focus on inclusion and integrating players of all skill levels.

Men's Night League Report

The OGC Men's Night League kicked off April 7 with an impressive 86 players, with weekly participation holding strong at 60–70 golfers.

Each week delivers great competition and value, with approximately $1,200 in prizes, plus 50/50 draws, deuce pots, and a growing double deuce pot still waiting to be claimed.

Monthly Scramble Schedule

- May 5: Two-Man
- June 9: Three-Man
- July 14: Four-Man
- August 18: Five-Man
- September 29: Season Finale (TBA)

These shotgun events include a meal, enhanced prizing, and a popular putting contest led by Head Professional Matt Vincent. The jackpot has now reached $875.

A sincere thank you to our Golf Shop team—Matt Vincent, Tyler Badger, and Carter Sapach—for their continued support and efforts each week and of course to our incredible sponsors:

WK Group-Jeff Duguid, BMO-Gordie Sidhu, Aurora Roofing-Justin Fortin, Joe's Plumbing–Dave Harfman & Brian Zakall Spirit Ridge-Mark Nichols & Penticton Toyota.

If you haven't joined yet, now's the time. Whether it's competition, camaraderie, or a great evening at the course, Men's Night has something for everyone.

Matt Vincent, Head Professional
Tim Alder, Player Rep

Senior Men's League

The OGCC Senior Men's League is off to a strong start, with over 60 members registered and more than 40 golfers participating each week. Players are enjoying a mix of new games, friendly competition, and great camaraderie—highlighted by our popular monthly luncheons.

This season, we've introduced both 2-man and 4-man scramble formats into our Monday events, adding variety and excitement to weekly play.

League fees remain great value at $20 for the season and $10 per weekly event, with most participants earning winnings that are credited directly to their club accounts each month.

Our monthly luncheons continue to be a highlight, featuring multiple prize draws thanks to our primary sponsor, Mountain Warehouse, along with 50/50 draws and logo'd ball giveaways.

If you haven't signed up yet, we encourage you to join the fun—contact Paul Dube at sales@annemar.ca to get involved.

General Manager Update...

Welcome to the inaugural edition of the 2026 **OGC Insider** newsletter. A key focus for us this season is continuing to build a strong, engaged membership community. We remain committed to keeping members informed about club operations, events, and initiatives, while fostering an environment where everyone feels connected to the ongoing success and direction of Osoyoos Golf Club.

Following a very successful 2025 season, we are excited to report that 2026 is already off to an outstanding start. Membership engagement remains strong, rounds and participation continue to trend positively and the energy around the Club has been tremendous. We are optimistic about the season ahead and look forward to building on this momentum throughout the year.

I would also like to remind all members that the **Osoyoos Golf Club Annual General Meeting** will take place on **Wednesday, May 13 at 6:00 PM** in the clubhouse. Please mark your calendars. The AGM is an important opportunity to hear updates on the Club, review our progress, and engage with the Board and management team. We would love to see as many members as possible attend. Thank you for your continued support of Osoyoos Golf Club. We look forward to a fantastic 2026 season together.

2026 Hole in One Club

Dawn Rosa - April 27, 2026

If you record a hole in one, please notify the admininstration office.

The 2026 Rattlesnake Open at Osoyoos Golf Club was a tremendous success, welcoming a strong field of players. A sincere thank you to our dedicated volunteers—your time and commitment played a vital role in making the tournament such a success.

Welcome New Members!

Welcome to Osoyoos Golf Club—we're excited to have you join our community and look forward to sharing great golf, memorable experiences, and lasting connections with you.

Executive Members:

Billy Medwid
David Pearce
David Riley
Dean Morgan
Doug Kostrosky
Gary Rowand
Gordon Bennett
Jeannette Kostrosky
Jeff Streifel
Jesse Palmateer
June Morgan
Kevin Aldridge
Mike Leon
Nick Nickolau
Rob Julien
Suzanne Pearce
Trina Ballard
Wes Ballard

Intermediate & Juniors:

Adam Parker
Alexa Agostinho
Andrew Farnsworth
Avery Lockerby
Ben Doucet
Bikrampartap Sandhu
Blake Aldridge
Blake Vrabel
Brayden Aldridge
Brier Farrell
Brody McLean
Charlotte Currie
Colton Cahley
Connor Dowell
Elias Dumerton
Ethan Fedrau
Hunter Dumas
Jackson Sabo
Jared Stene
Jasper Wood
Jazmyn Wood
Jesse Pyatt
Joel Parker
Kade Hektner
Lyncoln Medwid
Mathew Hanson
Max Keller
Reece Rezka
Riley Dumerton
Rome Humphries
Rory Antonello
Ross Farnsworth
Troy Stene
Zane McLean

Dream Team....

At Osoyoos Golf Club, we are incredibly proud of our talented and diverse kitchen team at the Greenside Bar & Grill. Our culinary team, lead by Herman Subaru, brings together passionate individuals from around the world, including Indonesia, Thailand, the Philippines, Mexico, and Peru. Their unique backgrounds, experiences, and flavours help create the warm hospitality and outstanding dining experience our members and guests enjoy every day. We are fortunate to have such a dynamic group working behind the scenes to deliver great food, great service, and a true sense of community.

Long Range Planning Committee

The Long Range Planning Committee at Osoyoos Golf Club has been established to develop a comprehensive five-year strategic plan to guide the continued success and sustainability of the Club.

This plan will provide clear direction to both the Board of Directors and management, while giving members greater visibility into our long-term vision. It will be supported by annual business plans and financial forecasts grounded in sound and prudent practices, all aligned with our mission to deliver a first-class golf experience for members and guests alike.

On April 9, the Board, staff, and management team participated in a full-day strategic planning retreat facilitated by golf industry consultant James Cronk. Following a comprehensive review of operations, prior plans, and industry trends, three key priorities were identified:

- Strengthening long-term financial sustainability
- Addressing the balance between cost, value, and access
- Developing a focused, measurable action plan

The strategy will be built around five core pillars:

1. Financial Stability
2. Course Conditions & Capital Improvements
3. Member Experience
4. Community Partnerships
5. Governance

Each pillar will include clearly defined initiatives, assigned responsibilities, and targeted timelines to ensure accountability and progress.

Our goal is to complete the plan and present it to the membership this summer.

"More Local, More Choice, Better Experience" - Doug Booth, F&B Chair

There's strong momentum building within food and beverage at Osoyoos Golf Club, and I'm pleased to share an update on what Chef Subaru, Alana, and their team have been working on—both behind the scenes and on your plate.

A key focus has been strengthening relationships with local suppliers. This approach enhances quality, freshness, and consistency, while helping keep pricing aligned with member expectations. You'll begin to see—and taste—more local influence across our menus.

On the beverage side, we've introduced several exciting additions:

Our own club wine label | A custom lager in partnership with a Penticton brewery | Back Nine Blonde, brewed exclusively for OGC by Firehall Brewery | Branded "birdie juice" mickeys and shooters in collaboration with Tumbleweed Distillery

Behind the scenes, the team continues to focus on the fundamentals—improving consistency, increasing service efficiency, and strengthening overall performance. While these changes may be subtle, they have a meaningful impact on your experience.

We're also expanding event-driven and shoulder-season opportunities, while continuing to support leagues, tournaments, and club events. The new sound system in the Greenside Bar & Grill has already enhanced our ability to host multiple functions seamlessly.

And of course, some favourites remain as strong as ever—Fish & Chip Fridays, Thursday Laksa Soup, and our popular wing nights continue to draw great crowds.

If you haven't stopped by recently, now is a great time. Whether it's a post-round bite, a patio drink, or a feature night, there's plenty happening—with more to come.

We appreciate your continued support and look forward to seeing you at the clubhouse.

Club Captain Report

Alan Gow, Club Captain

The season is off to a strong start, with positive feedback from both members and guests. Thanks to Ryan and his crew, course conditions continue to improve daily. The rough is lush and challenging yet fair, and the greens are progressing well and will only get better.

We've already hosted several successful events, including the **Iron Man Tournament, the first mixed Divorce Open, and the return of the full Rattlesnake Open**, which welcomed 115 golfers from across the region and the U.S. These events require significant effort, and I'd like to thank Bryan, Matt, the Pro Shop team, and all staff for their professionalism and organization. The banquets and meals were excellent, with the kitchen and service teams playing a key role in the overall success.

A sincere thank you as well to the organizing committees and volunteers—your efforts do not go unnoticed. We're already hearing from participants eager to return next year.

Up next is the **Spring Mixed Scramble on May 24**. Registration is filling quickly, so be sure to secure your spot.

A reminder that we are now playing full summer rules, and all scores should be entered through Golf Canada to ensure fair and consistent play. Golf is a game of integrity, and accurate score posting helps maintain that standard.

With leagues now underway, I encourage everyone to get involved both on and off the course. Thank you to all league committees for their ongoing dedication. Wishing everyone a great season ahead.

Tuesday Ladies League

The Tuesday Ladies League at Osoyoos Golf Club is off to a great start, with 48 members currently registered following a joint sign-up with the Thursday Ladies League. New members and guests are always welcome throughout the season.

Each week features a different game format, and our shotgun starts allow everyone to finish together and gather at the Greenside Bar & Grill for refreshments and social time—an important part of what makes this league so enjoyable.

Season milestones are celebrated at the September AGM, including breaking scores of 100, 90, or 80, as well as eagles and hole-in-ones. Congratulations to Dawn Rosa for recording the league's first hole-in-one of the season on April 27 on Meadows #13.

A weekly Toonie Pot for chip-ins and birdies adds an extra layer of fun, with payouts distributed the following week.

We look forward to another fun, social, and rewarding season ahead.

Women in Golf Growth

"Women and girls have quietly become the driving force behind golf's post-pandemic resurgence, accounting for 60% of growth in on-course participation since 2019. "(NGA website article, under Short Game)

So, I do not know that women at our course account for this same type of growth, but looking around I see more women playing (members and guests), more women signing up for lessons and clinics, more women in the leagues and more women socializing at our restaurant supporting our course with their enthusiasm and pocket books.

Bravo.

In addition to all you already do to make our club a fantastic place to spend time playing the game you love and celebrating your successes with friends, I am hoping that some of you will consider running for the Osoyoos Golf Club board this fall.Your skills and your time are invaluable to our club. Please consider it. Thank you.

Anne Phillips, Vice Chair, OGC Board

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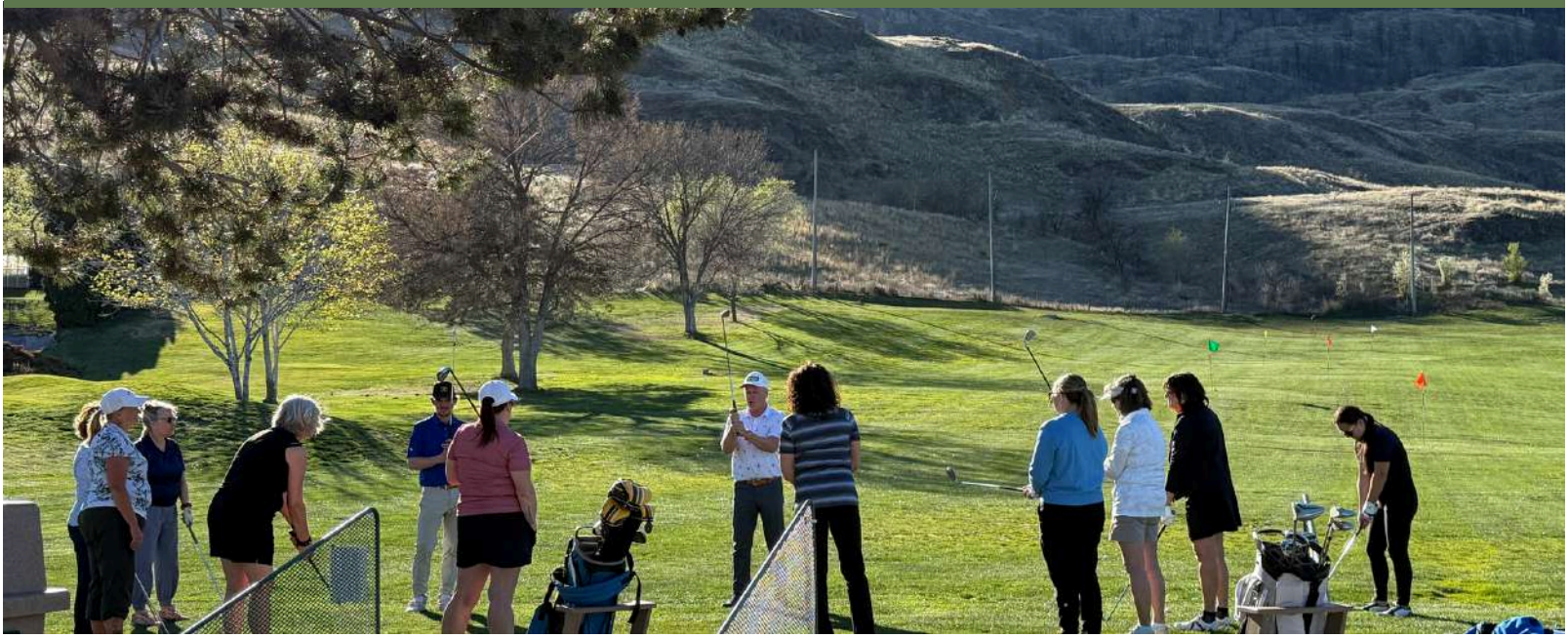

Join Us: Board of Directors Nominations – 2027 Season

As we look ahead to 2027, the Nominations Committee at Osoyoos Golf Club is seeking candidates to fill three positions on the Board of Directors.

Serving on the Board is a meaningful opportunity to contribute to the future of our Club while developing valuable experience. As a Board member, you will:

- Shape the Club's future by contributing to key decisions and strategic direction
- Build connections with fellow members and community leaders
- Develop skills in governance, planning, and financial oversight
- Give back by supporting initiatives that enhance the member experience

If you are passionate about the Club and interested in making a difference, we encourage you to consider putting your name forward.

For more information or to express your interest, please contact:

Alan Bajkov, Chair – Nominations Committee
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Thank you for considering this opportunity to support and strengthen our golf community. We look forward to hearing from you.

Warm regards,
Alan Bajkov
Chair, Nominations Committee
Osoyoos Golf Club

New AED Coming Soon

Osoyoos Golf Club will soon be adding a third Automated External Defibrillator (AED) to enhance on-site safety and emergency preparedness.

A sincere thank you to Sherry Chamberlain and Debra Hauptman for their efforts in submitting a successful funding application to the Town of Osoyoos. The Town has generously contributed $1,100—approximately 50% of the total cost of the unit.

Additional details, including placement and availability, will be shared in the coming weeks.

Closing Note...

There is tremendous momentum across all areas of the club—from course conditions and events to food & beverage and long-term planning.

Thank you for being part of the Osoyoos Golf Club community. We look forward to a fantastic 2026 season.