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President's Message

As we reach the midpoint of another golf season, I want to take a moment, on behalf of the Board of Directors, to thank each of you for being part of the Osoyoos Golf Club community. Whether you're a regular golfer, a volunteer, or simply enjoy the camaraderie that makes our club so special, your support and enthusiasm continue to make Osoyoos Golf Club a wonderful place to gather.

This season has been filled with many reasons to celebrate. Our golf course continues to receive outstanding compliments from members and visitors alike. The exceptional course conditions are a testament to the dedication, skill, and hard work of our Superintendent Ryan Dunkley and the entire grounds crew. Their commitment to excellence, often beginning long before the first tee time each day, ensures that we can all enjoy a course that is among the finest in the region.

One of the Board's key priorities this year has been the development of a comprehensive Strategic Plan. This plan establishes a clear vision and direction for the Club over the coming years, identifying priorities that will help ensure we continue to provide an exceptional golfing experience while strengthening the long-term sustainability of the Club. (continued...)

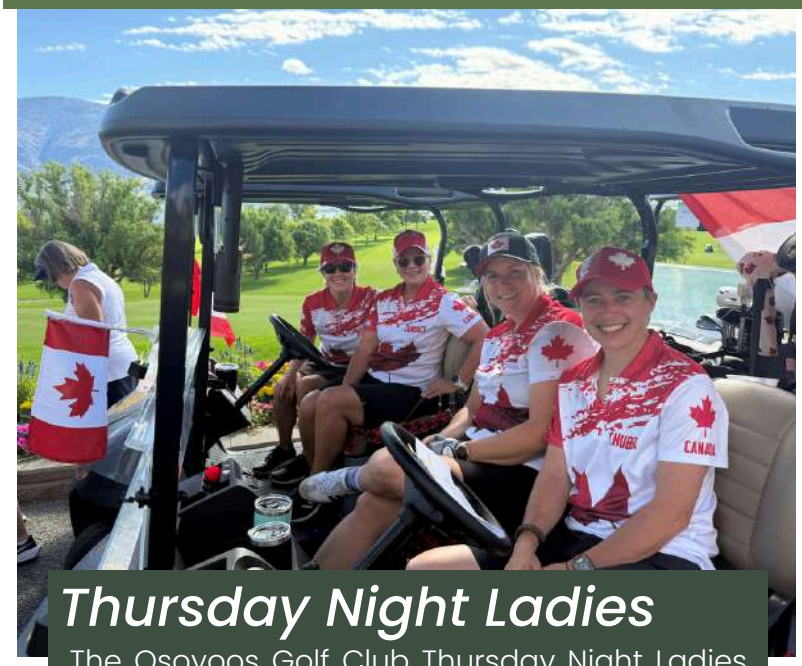
OGC Insider Newsletter

Welcome to the second edition of the OGC Insider — your quarterly newsletter from Osoyoos Golf Club.

We hope you've been enjoying the newsletter and that you're having a fantastic golf season. As we move through another busy summer, we remain committed to keeping our members informed through open, timely, and meaningful communication. We appreciate the positive feedback we've received on the OGC Insider and are pleased that so many members are finding it valuable.

Our goal continues to be providing members with a clear understanding of what's happening throughout the Club—from golf operations, course conditions, league play, tournaments, food & beverage, and capital projects, to Board initiatives and our long-term strategic priorities.

Thank you for your continued support, feedback, and enthusiasm for Osoyoos Golf Club. We sincerely appreciate your membership and hope you enjoy this August edition of the OGC Insider. As always, we welcome your comments and suggestions as we continue to build an exceptional Club together.



Thursday Night Ladies

The Osoyoos Golf Club Thursday Night Ladies League (TNLL) has had a great season so far, averaging 50- 60 members plus guests. We charge a fee at the beginning of the year for a season membership to the TNLL.

Value of your $25 Membership:

- Early Bird draw in April.
- Year-end Dinner night invitation
- Pre-scheduled tee times.
- Voting rights
- Participation Points year end prize draw.
- Bonus games participation like the blind draw, beat the pro etc.
- Newsletter communications

TLL continues to offer great value, with new members welcome to join at the $25 fee until the end of July. This allows participants to collect points throughout the season, leading up to the much-anticipated year-end banquet and Super-Size Night. The final game of the season remains a highlight—a celebrated day that brings together competition, camaraderie, and a shared love of the game.

Monthly scrambles continue to attract most members, and we look forward to the Mexican Scramble August 13th.

The dedicated TNLL committee, consisting of Monica, Maria, Sharon, Bev, Kim, and Sherry, works diligently behind the scenes, meeting regularly to plan games, organize prizes, and ensure smooth league play. Tee times begin around 1:30 p.m., with final 9-hole tee times running until approximately 5:00 p.m.

TNLL warmly welcomes new members, and every effort is made to integrate new players into teams each week—making it a friendly and inclusive league for golfers of all levels.

President's Message Continued...

We are pleased to share that the Strategic Plan will be posted on the Members' section of our website in late August. We encourage every member to take the time to review it. It reflects thoughtful input and careful planning and will serve as a roadmap as we continue to build on the many strengths of the Osoyoos Golf Club.

Membership and club operations continue to be strong. It has been encouraging to see so many members participating in tournaments, leagues, social events, and volunteer activities throughout the season. The energy around the club reflects the welcoming spirit that has always defined Osoyoos Golf Club. We are equally grateful to our management team, food and beverage and clubhouse staff, golf professionals, maintenance team, and the many volunteers whose efforts keep the club operating smoothly every day.

While there is still much of the season ahead, the Board is pleased with the positive momentum we have built together. We recognize that none of these successes happen without the commitment of our members, staff, and volunteers. Your continued support, constructive feedback, and pride in our club help shape the decisions we make as we work to ensure Osoyoos Golf Club remains a place we can all be proud to call our home course.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, thank you for your continued support and for contributing to another successful season. We look forward to enjoying the remainder of the golf season with you and to building on this momentum in the months ahead.

Wishing you great golf and an enjoyable remainder of the season.

Alan Bajkov, Board Chair

Men's Night League Report

Tuesday Night Men's League Continues to Grow!

The Tuesday Night Men's League continues to be a great success, with an average of 60 participants joining us each week! We're always happy to welcome new members, so if you've been thinking about joining, there's still plenty of time to get involved.

For just $25, you can become a league member, with a minimum weekly entry of $20. Each week, players have the opportunity to win cash skill prizes through our flighted competition, along with KP and Long Putt prizes, Deuce Pots, and plenty of door prizes.

We also offer our popular Lucky Partner competition, where your score is randomly paired with another player. The three lowest combined scores win cash prizes! Each Tuesday night also features a 50/50 draw and a card draw for a Pro Shop prize package.

Monthly Scrambles

Once a month, we switch things up with a fun scramble event. Our most recent four-person scramble was a huge success, with 100 players taking part and more than $2,500 in door prizes up for grabs!

Looking ahead, we'll be hosting a five-person scramble in August, followed by our season-ending scramble in September. The September event will feature a special dinner, additional door prizes, and plenty of fun as we wrap up another great Men's League season.

Our scramble evenings feature shotgun starts, and the entry fee includes dinner.

Don't have a team but want to participate? No problem! Reach out to Matt, Carter, or Tyler in the Pro Shop, and we'll do our best to find you a team and get you into the action.

Whether you're a regular Tuesday night player or someone looking to join for the first time, we'd love to have you!

Meet the Team....

Behind every great day at Osoyoos Golf Club is an incredible team of dedicated professionals.

From Golf Operations, Course Maintenance, Food & Beverage, Administration, Teaching Professionals, and Turf Care to our Kitchen, Events, and Guest Services teams, every outstanding member and guest experience is the result of their passion, teamwork, and commitment to excellence.

While you may only see a few staff members during your golf, it takes the collective effort of our entire team working together behind the scenes to make Osoyoos Golf Club the special place it is.

To every member of our OGC family—thank you. Your hard work, professionalism, and dedication are the foundation of our success. We are proud of all that you do and grateful for the positive impact you make every day.

2026 Hole in One Club

Dawn Rosa - April 27, 2026
Dan Rosengeren - May 18, 2026
Rolf Melby - June 1, 2026
Jack Perri - June 21, 2026
Evan Ladubec - July 22, 2026
Christine Jurgenson - July 30, 2026

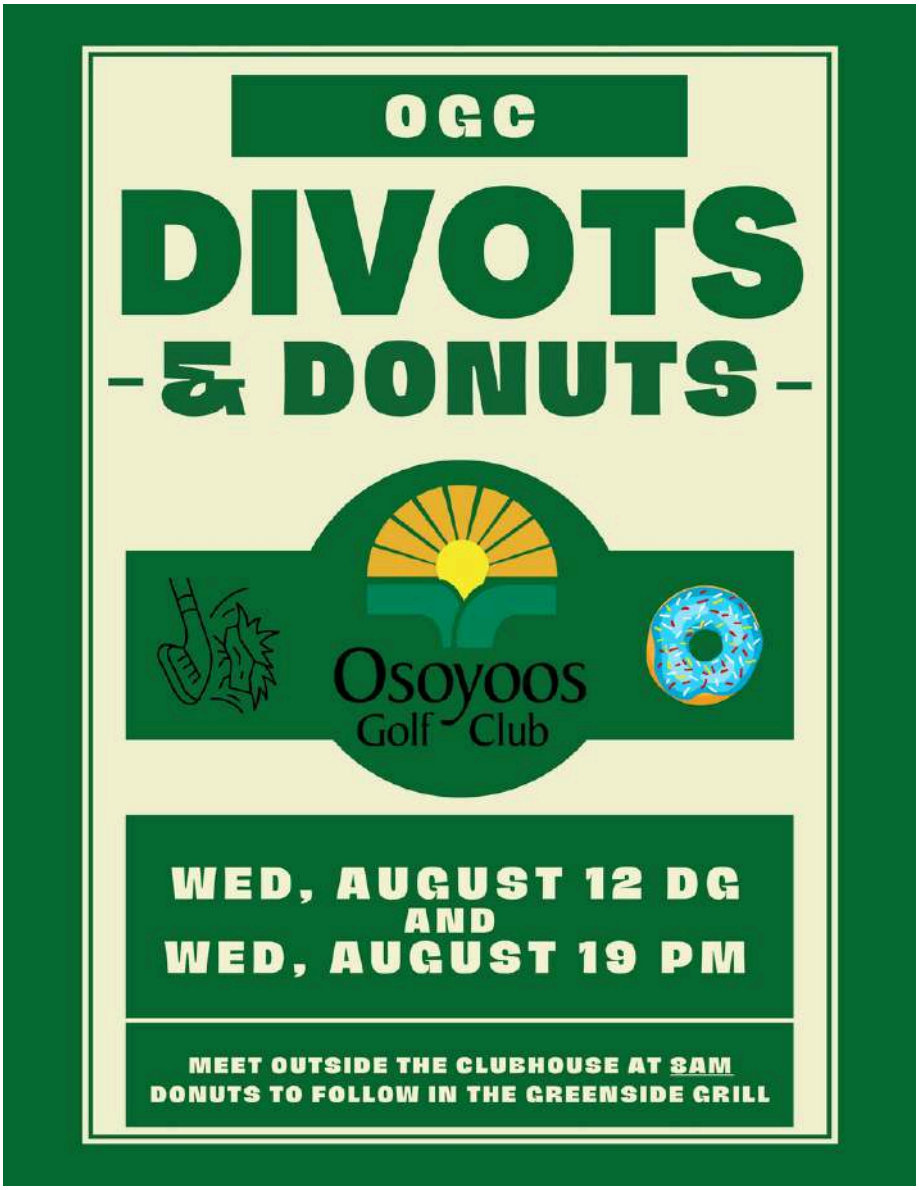
Reminder: please notify the admin office of any recorded hole in ones!

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:
Denise Laronde
David Laronde
Christina Leon
Randy Shier

Junior/Student:
Clark White
Rory Antonello
Troy Stene
Jared Stene
Quinn Lockerby
Chazz Beck
Ben Doucet



Club Captain Report

It is hard to believe we are in August and the season is moving along so quickly. The Club Championship is only a week or so away, and with the courses in excellent shape, I would encourage as many players as possible to sign up for this weekend of competition and fun. Yes FUN. Many of you might feel that entering this type of event is beyond your skill level and indeed competitive golf might not be your "thing". However there is more to this weekend than serious golf. It should be the event of the year for players of all levels, meeting together to enjoy the game we love and the friendship of our fellow members. It also gives us the chance to celebrate with the new Club Champions and help them celebrate their achievements.

To ensure as fair competition as possible, the Captain's Committee have reviewed the rules of play for this event. A new addition to these rules is the provision for the Committee to adjust a player's handicap for the second round, based on their first round score. This would only apply if there is a clear discrepancy between the reported handicap at the start of the event and the player's first round score. For example, a player with a handicap of 20 scoring 80 in the first round – 12 strokes better than their reported handicap.

The weather is great, the in-house staff is doing a great job, the beer is cold, and the grounds crew have provided us with courses that are exceptional. So no excuses put the weekend of August 8th in your diary and sign up now!

The Leagues are active and thanks go to the league Captains and their committees for their time and dedication to make each week enjoyable. The Captain's committee have received and endorsed the financial statements from each league as submitted at the end of June. Play well and enjoy the coming month and all the on and off course events.

Alan Gow
Club Captain

The Osoyoos Coyotes are looking for kind-hearted local families to welcome our players into their homes for the upcoming hockey season (September – March). Contact the team for details: coordinator@osoyooscoyotes.com

The Badger Brief...

Tyler Badger, OGC Assistant Golf Professional

"Swing smooth and easy will get the job done" is more than just a saying—it is a reminder that success often comes from control rather than force. Whether in sports, work, or everyday life, trying too hard can create mistakes, tension, and inconsistency. A smooth, relaxed approach allows you to stay balanced, focused, and confident.

In activities like golf or baseball, players often perform better when they trust their technique instead of swinging as hard as possible. A controlled swing produces better timing, greater accuracy, and surprisingly, more power. The same principle applies beyond sports. When facing challenges, staying calm and working steadily usually leads to better decisions and stronger results than rushing or forcing outcomes.

Patience, rhythm, and consistency are valuable qualities in any pursuit. Progress is often built through repeated, well-executed actions rather than dramatic efforts. By remaining relaxed and trusting the process, you can maintain confidence even when situations become difficult.

The phrase encourages people to avoid unnecessary pressure and focus on doing the fundamentals well. A smooth and easy approach does not mean a lack of effort; it means applying effort wisely and efficiently. In the end, swinging smooth and easy is often the most reliable way to get the job done, achieve your goals, and perform at your best.

Member Tee Times - did you know?

We would like to provide some clarification regarding tee time availability and how our member ballot (lottery) system works.

A common misconception is that the Club holds or blocks tee times specifically for public golfers. This is not the case.

In fact, 50% of all available tee times on both the Desert Gold and Park Meadows courses are initially blocked exclusively for member ballot (lottery) access. These times are reserved to ensure members have priority access during the ballot process.

Before the ballot is run, these member-reserved tee times are released into the system, and the lottery is processed. Members are then allocated tee times from this inventory based on the ballot results.

Once the ballot has been completed, all remaining available tee times become open to everyone—both members and public golfers. From that point forward, any unreserved tee time can be booked by any golfer, regardless of membership status.

From time to time, larger public group bookings may require multiple consecutive tee times to accommodate their group size. These requests most commonly occur on Fridays and Saturdays, although they may occasionally take place on other days of the week. These groups are an important part of the Club's business and help support the financial health of Osoyoos Golf Club, benefiting the Club and its members alike.

You may also notice reservations on the tee sheet listed simply as "Guest." These represent public bookings for paid rounds and are not placeholder reservations or tee times being held for future sale.

We hope this provides a better understanding of how the tee sheet is managed and reinforces our commitment to providing fair and equitable access for all members while balancing the needs of the Club's overall operations.

If you have any questions about member tee time access, the ballot process, or how the lottery is administered, please don't hesitate to speak with a member of our Golf Shop team, our Head Golf Professional, Matthew Vincent, or General Manager, Bryan Ewart. We are always happy to answer your questions and explain the process in more detail.

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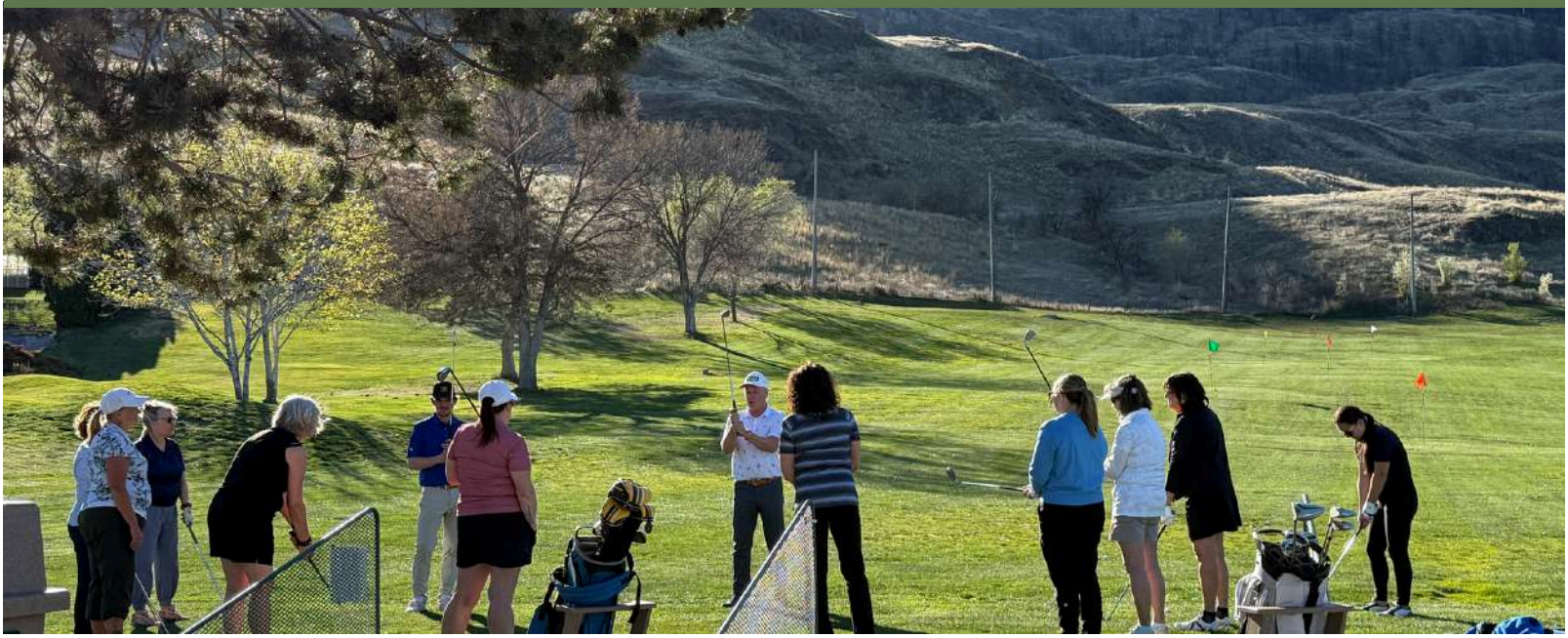

Join Us: Board of Directors Nominations – 2027 Season

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

📧 alan.bajkov@gmail.com | 📞 250-535-0247

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 2nd 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...

As we head into one of the highlights of the golf season, we wish the very best of luck to all of our members competing in the **2026 Club Championship**. Thank you for being an important part of the Osoyoos Golf Club community. We look forward to an exciting finish to the season and continuing to build on the great momentum across our Club.