

Welcome To The



2023

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### *Message from the Head Golf Professional*

It is with great pleasure and appreciation that I would like to welcome you as a member of the Owosso Country Club. The Owosso Country Club was founded in 1923, and has a rich tradition and history. Many legends of the game have played here, including Arnold Palmer and Walter Hagen. Significant tournaments in the state have been played here as well. That tradition continues today with the club hosting major statewide events each season. That is a testament to the quality of our course, although it is not long by modern standards, the fairways are proportional to the length of the course, making it a challenging test for players of this era. I appreciate you choosing to be a member at The Owosso Country Club. Please do not hesitate to let me know if there is anything I can do for you to help you enjoy your time with us more!

Sincerely,

Steve Wakulsky, PGA  
Head Golf Professional

### *Message from the Clubhouse Manager*

Greetings, welcome to the Owosso Country Club.

My name is Dianne Rodgers and I am the Clubhouse Manager at the Owosso Country Club. On behalf of the clubhouse staff I would like to welcome you as a member.

The Club offers a range of culinary arts to fit your needs. Our grill room is open to members to enjoy during the golfing season. Our dining room and banquet facility is open year round and holds up to 200 people for any events you may be planning. My staff and I would be happy to help you plan any event.

Sincerely,

Dianne Rodgers  
Clubhouse Manager

# *Memberships*

As a **Stockholding, Junior** or **Corporate** member you have access to all the amenities of the club. You have full access to the golf course, club tournaments, handicapping and the driving range. You also have full access to the clubhouse, locker rooms, bag room and grill room.

**Stockholding members** may serve on the Board of Directors, they have the ability to vote-giving them a voice in the future of the club. Eligible family members include dependents living at home thru age 21 or enrolled in college thru age 23.

**Social Members** have the ability to use the restaurant facilities for the season.

**Social Golf Members** also have the ability to use the restaurant for the season. They are however also allowed to play three 18-hole rounds of golf during the season, one complementary and two paid. They are allowed to play with a guest in our Men's Invitational. They are not allowed to play on Wednesday's, Thursday's or Saturday mornings.

## **2023 Guest Rates:**

### **Stockholder, Corporate and Junior Members Guest:**

\$49.00	18 holes walking or w/cart
\$24.50	9 holes walking or w/cart

### **All memberships, Children Guest Rate (18 years and younger):**

\$18.00	18 holes walking
\$9.00	9 holes walking

### **Outing Rate:**

\$58.00	18 holes and cart per player
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### **Holiday Weekend Play Rate:**

\$60.00	18 holes and cart per player
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### **Cart Fees per player:**

\$20.00	18 holes
\$10.00	9 holes

# *Billing*

## **Statements:**

- Statements are prepared and emailed the first of the month
- We receive payment by cash, check, credit card or ACH payment (*automated clearing house*)
- Payment is expected by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. A 1.5% late charge fee on the outstanding balance will be applied for accounts where payment is not received by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.
- If you wish, we can automatically charge your credit card on the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month. Ask for details at the business office. Note: there is a 3% processing fee applied to credit card transactions.
- Checks may be left at the Pro Shop or at the office door's drop box during off hours.
- Payments not received by the 1<sup>st</sup> will not be reflected on your next statement.
- Check with the business office manager who can provide you with an explanation if you have any questions about a specific charge.

## **Pro Shop Billing:**

- The pro shop merchandise is owned and operated by our Golf Professional, Steve Wakulsky.
- You may choose to pay for pro shop items by cash, check or credit card during the time of purchase.
- Steve sends out separate bills for pro shop merchandise to the members.
- Please make checks payable to **"Steve Wakulsky's Golf Shop."**

## **Newsletter/Calendar:**

- Along with your statement you will receive a monthly newsletter with a two month events calendar
- Each newsletter will have a report from the Clubhouse Manager Dianne Rodgers, Grounds Superintendent Don Hartman and the Head Golf Professional Steve Wakulsky.

## *Services of the Pro Shop*

The pro shop and the staff offer many resources for you, to make your time at the OCC as enjoyable and rewarding as possible.

**Bag Storage:** All members are welcome to store their golf bags or golf trolleys for the season for a fee of \$80.

**Golf Instruction:** The professional staff are very knowledgeable about the game of golf and always excited to help you improve your game. Lessons are available for members and non-members. See the golf shop for more information.

**Tournament or Outing Organization:** The pro shop puts together several games and tournaments for our members. The professional staff also have the ability to help you create an exciting outing for you, your business, charity or any other function.

**Golf Club Fitting & Repair:** The professional staff can help you get your clubs to the right specs for you and are always ready to help you when any of your clubs need work, from new grips to broken shafts.

**Golf Merchandise:** The pro shop is stocked with exciting new golf apparel and equipment.

**Demo Day's:** The Head Professional arranges demo days during the golf season. Please check the **golf calendar** for dates and times.

**Practice Range:** As a golfing member of the OCC you have unlimited, complementary use of the driving range and practice facilities.

## *Services of the Clubhouse*

The clubhouse and staff offer some great amenities and activities to enhance your time at the OCC.

**Grill Room:** Our grill room is a classic country club experience, supported by a fantastic kitchen with a delicious menu.

**Covered Patio:** Just off the grill room we have a comfortable covered patio, where you can enjoy the outdoors with views of the golf course while you enjoy your favorite food or drink.

**Dining Room:** Our dining room is a terrific place to host any type of party or event. And our staff is always excited to help you create a memorable day.

**Trophy Room:** There are several groups that put card games together throughout the season.

**Men's Locker Room:** As a member you can get a locker through the business office. The locker room also includes showers, dressing areas and a shoe shine station.

**Ladies Locker Room:** As a member you can get a locker through the business office. The locker room includes a pleasant sitting area.

# *Golf Games, Leagues, & Tournaments*

## **Handicap**

In order to play in any of the club games, leagues, or tournaments, you must first establish a handicap through GAM. This is very easy to do, simply stop by the pro shop and the staff can set up an account in less than five minutes.

## **Weekly Games**

**Tuesday Game:** This is a 1 of 2 best ball game that runs all day with skins. You come out and play with a group of friends and at the end of the day. The Pro Shop will blind draw the 2-man teams and compute the scores.

**Thursday Game (pre and post Men's League):** This is a variation of the Tuesday Game that takes place before the Men's League season starts and again after the league ends.

**Saturday 10:00 am Game:** This is a 2 of 4 best ball game with skins. The starting time is at 10:00 am. Those that wish to play, show up to the pro shop 30 min before and the pro shop blind draw 4-man teams.

**Friday Night Couples Golf:** Couples come out to play 9 holes around 5:30 pm during the summer months. The pro shop staff will devise a game each week for teams to play. We will send an email to the membership letting them know when we will begin for the season.

## **Leagues**

**Ladies League (Wednesdays)** The ladies League is a 9-hole league playing every Wednesday at 5:30, from early May to Late August. The teams are of two players and you pick your partner. The league always enjoys a delicious meal and drinks after golf. Sign up through the Ladies League or Pro Shop.

**Men's League (Thursdays 18 holes):** The Men's League is an 18 hole, 2-person, league played on Thursday afternoons. Members may choose their partner or enter as an individual and use a blind draw. Teams play a sixteen-week season from early May through the end of August. Schedules are prepared by the pro shop and teams play matches against one another and gain points which are tabulated throughout the season. There are weekly skins games for the participants as well as "fun nights" where the pro shop creates a special format to go along side regular league matches.

**9 and Wine League(9 holes):** This a Stableford format individual golf league, teeing off around 4:30. It is \$10 per week which goes to the season ending payout and a skins pot for the evening.

## Tournaments

**Presidents Cup:** This is the club's match play event where you play head to head against an opponent with your handicap. Sign up is in May, the brackets are done in early June. You arrange for you match with your opponent within a specific time frame. If you win you advance on to the next round. The event is completed by the end of summer, with prizes for the finalist!

**Men's Guest Day:** Members may bring up to three guests to play on this day. The pro shop will create a game for teams to play in. Greens fees for guests are complimentary, cart fees are not.

**Opening Scramble:** The Pro Shop forms teams using an A, B, C, D draw format based off handicap. Everyone on your team will tee off and then decide which shot was best. Once the best tee shot has been determined, all teammates will hit their second shot from this position. The process continues until the ball is holed out. Prizes are awarded to the lowest scoring teams!

**Flag Day Event:** This is an individual tournament. You are given a flag when you register. For this tournament you are given a total number of strokes, which is calculated by adding your handicap to par (par is 71). The challenge is to tee off on hole 1 and see how far you can get around the course, using the number of strokes given to you. Once you hit your final stroke, you place you flag in the ground were your final shot lands. Whoever makes it the farthest wins, with prizes for those that make it the farthest!

**Men's Invitational:** This is our premium showcase event of the year! It is a three-day event, including the practice round on Thursday. It is a two person event as you need to bring a non-member guest as your partner. The event includes golf, favors for you and your guest, lunch for you and your guest on Friday and Saturday. A heavy appetizer party on Friday night for you, your guest and spouses. Followed by and a sit down formal awards dinner on Saturday night for you, your guest and spouses. It is a fun filled party for 3 days. Truly the event of the year!

**Men's Member-Guest:** This is a new event on our calendar for this season. It is similar in format to our Men's Invitational except that it is a one day event. Two-man teams in four ball (best-ball) format.

**Harrelson Net Championship:** The club's NET Championship. This is an individual event with a very simple format. You will play 18 holes and subtract your handicap from your score. The lowest net score wins!

**Mid-Season Classic:** This is a two-day event where you choose your own partner as long as they are also a member and have a handicap. The format for the event is a combined Stableford point system. Stableford points are points earned for your score – For example... making par is worth 2 points. A birdie is worth 4 points. An eagle is worth 8 points etc... In this format the team with the highest score wins!

**Haas Best Ball:** This event is a popular one-day "best-ball" or foursomes event using your handicap. It is in honor of one of our beloved members, Harold Haas. You pick your partner or the pro shop staff can assist in finding you one. Prizes are awarded to the winners!



**Senior Club Championship:** This is an individual stroke play event. There are gross and net divisions for men, and net division for women. The Men's Champion is determined by a sudden death playoff between the low net and low gross player. You must be at least 50 years old to be able to compete.

**Parent/Child Tournament:** This is a new event this season. Parents can play in a fun event with their child. Details of the event will come as we get closer to the event being played.

**Intra Club:** This is a team event where members are given the opportunity to compete in a Ryder Cup style event using their handicap. Two nine hole matches are played, best-ball, and alternate shot are used. The team with the most points at the end of it all is determined the winner!

**Club Championship:** This is an individual two or three day stroke play event. Handicaps are not used in scoring the event. Flights are established by handicap. You can play in any flight your handicap allows. The lowest score of each flight wins their prospective championship!

**OCC Tour Championship:** This is a team event where you play a 2 of 4 net best ball (based on the amount of entries). It is played near the end of the season and allows members the opportunity to play in an event along the lines of the PGA Tour's year end "Tour Championship."

**Cup Matches vs Eagle Eye GC:** This is a team Ryder Cup style event where you must qualify to make the team. The way to qualify is by finishing in the top 9 in the Championship Flight of the Club Championship Tournament. The event is played over two days, one day to be played at the competing club and one at Owosso. Best ball, alternate shot and individual matches are played. No handicaps are used in this event.

**Tree Fund Event:** The purpose is to raise money for winter projects at the club such as the trimming of trees. This is usually a team event, played with a partner and using the "Wakulsky" handicap formula. Guests are normally welcome to play. We have used "big holes" and also played the event setting up the course in a "toughest day" style.

**Cross Country Scramble:** The pro set's up the course in a different manner than usual. As an example, you will play from the first tee to the number eight green and so on. It gives you a whole different perspective of our course!

# *Rules*

## **DRESS CODE**

The Owosso Country Club has adopted a dress code that adapts to today's more casual living and is consistent with the expectations to maintain a sense of professionalism, sophistication and class of a country club. It is the responsibility of each member to be aware of the dress code and to inform his/her family and guests prior to their arrival at the club. This includes all reoccurring or returning outside events, tournaments and other special events.

Staff shall have the sole authority to determine if dress complies with the dress code. Should a dress code violation occur, staff will politely inform the member of the violation and may choose not to admit the party to the club without remedying the violation. Subsequent violations will be reported to the Board and may result in disciplinary action of a member.

Themed events will be exempt at the discretion of Club Management or the Board. Management will provide sponsors of all reoccurring type events with the dress code and direct them to inform their guests and participants. The sponsors will be held responsible for dress code infractions by their guests.

The Club urges all parents to keep their "Little Members" within the dress code as much as possible. All children 6 years and older are expected to comply.

**I. GOLF COURSE:** Proper golf attire and appropriate non-metal golf spike footwear are required on the golf course, driving range and practice areas. Gentlemen are required to wear collared shirts or "mock" collared shirts, slacks or golf length shorts.

Ladies shall wear appropriate golf attire, golf slacks, shorts or skorts, non-graphic or dark colored leggings. Ladies shirts must have either a collar or sleeves or be specifically made for golf. Midriff, backless attire and tank tops are not permitted.

Items NOT allowed on the golf course include:

- Tee shirts
- Torn or ragged clothes
- Athletic (jogging) Shorts, Short Shorts, Cutoff Shorts
- Bare midriffs or beach cover-ups
- Workout clothes, men's tank tops or muscle shirts
- No denim is allowed on the golf course between Memorial Day and Labor Day

**II. CLUBHOUSE:** The clubhouse is designed to offer both a casual and a formal dining venue that is appropriate and complementary of the location.

**A. Patio, Grill and Trophy Rooms:** These areas of the clubhouse offer casual dining areas.

Items allowed include:

- Golf attire allowed on the golf course, including hats with bill facing forward
- Dress blue jeans

**B. Dining Room / Golf Events:** When hosting golf related events such as leagues and large outings in the dining room, also known as the banquet room, the dress code rules will be tempered to match that of the Grill Room.

**C. Dining Room / Formal Events:** For all formal, non-golf related events or reoccurring events, the Dining Room will be designated as a formal dining area where members and guests are asked to dress in a manner appropriate with “business casual”. Gentlemen should be attired, at a minimum, in slacks and a tucked in collared shirt. Ladies’ pants, dresses and skirts should be no more than 6 inches above the knee with an appropriate top. Appropriate shoes for “business attire” are required.

Items not allowed in the dining room during formal / reoccurring events includes the following:

- Hats
- Golf attire
- Shorts of any kind
- Beach or Pool Sandals (flip-flops)
- Blue jeans for both men and women, with the exception before Memorial Day and after Labor Day

The dining room rules may vary due to the Club booking private events. If needed, there will be designated areas for both casual and formal dining.

### **Golf Carts**

1. All drivers of golf carts must be at least 16 years of age and have a valid driver’s license.
2. Players are subject to cart fees when they have their clubs on a cart and go out on the course.
3. Players may play three additional holes *after* their first nine without charge. Beyond that amount, players are subject to a nine hole cart fee.
4. Cart fees are per person, not per cart.
5. Riders are subject to cart fees.
6. Golfers are expected to pair up on a cart with another playing partner to prevent extra wear from cart traffic.
7. Keep carts at least 30 feet away from the edges of the greens. This helps to prevent damage and reduce wear to some of the most important turf on the course, near the edges of the greens.
8. Obey any ropes and signs that are in place on the course.
9. Keep your carts on the paths when provided near the teeing grounds to prevent wear marks and soil compaction to the turf in those areas.
10. Watch where you are driving, avoid puddles or soggy areas which can damage the turf.
11. Avoid making sharp turns which can damage turf.
12. Remain off of steep slopes to prevent injury to yourself and your riding partner as well as the golf cart.
13. As a consideration for staff, please return the carts to the Pro Shop by sunset.

## ***Golf Etiquette***

### **The Spirit of the Game**

Golf is played, for the most part, without the supervision of a referee or umpire. The game relies on the integrity of the individual to show consideration for other players and to abide by the Rules. All players should conduct themselves in a disciplined manner, demonstrating courtesy and sportsmanship at all times, irrespective of how competitive they may be. This is the spirit of the game of golf.

## **Safety**

- Players should ensure that no one is standing close by or in a position to be hit by the club, the ball or any stones, pebbles, twigs or the like when they make a stroke or practice swing.
- Players should not play until the players in front are out of range.
- Players should always alert grounds crew staff nearby or ahead when they are about to make a stroke that might endanger them.
- If a player plays a ball in a direction where there is a danger of hitting someone, he should immediately shout a warning. The traditional word of warning in such situations is "fore."

## **Consideration for Other Players**

- Players should always show consideration for other players on the course and should not disturb their play by moving, talking or making unnecessary noise.
- Players should ensure that any electronic device taken onto the course does not distract other players.
- On the teeing ground, a player should not tee his ball until it is his turn to play.
- Players should not stand close to or directly behind the ball, or directly behind the hole, when a player is about to play.

## **On the Putting Green**

- On the putting green, players should not stand on another player's line of putt or, when they are making a stroke, cast a shadow over the line of putt.
- Players should remain on or close to the putting green until all other players in the group have holed out.

## **Scoring**

- In stroke play, a player who is acting as a marker should, if necessary, on the way to the next tee, check the score with the player concerned and record it.

## **Pace of Play**

- Players should play at a good pace and keep up. The Committee may establish pace of play guidelines that all players should follow.
- It is a group's responsibility to keep up with the group in front. If it loses a clear hole and it is delaying the group behind, it should invite the group to play through, irrespective of the number of players in that group.
- Players should be ready to play as soon as it is their turn to play. When playing on or near the putting green, they should leave their bags or carts in such a position as will enable quick movement off the green and towards the next tee.
- When the play of a hole has been completed, players should immediately leave the putting green.

## **Lost Ball**

- If a player believes his ball may be lost outside a water hazard or is out of bounds, to save time, he should play a provisional ball.
- Players searching for a ball should signal the players in the group behind them to play through as soon as it becomes apparent that the ball will not easily be found. They should not search for five minutes before doing so.

- Having allowed the group behind to play through, they should not continue play until that group has passed and is out of range.

### **Priority on the Course**

Unless otherwise determined by the Committee, priority on the course is determined by a group's pace of play. Any group playing a whole round is entitled to pass a group playing a shorter round. The term "group" includes a single player.

Starting from the 10th tee is only allowed with permission from the pro shop staff.

### **Bunkers**

- Before leaving a bunker, players should carefully fill up and smooth over all holes and footprints made by them and any nearby made by others.
- If a rake is within reasonable proximity of the bunker, the rake should be used for this purpose.

### **Repair of Divots, Ball Marks and Damage by Shoes**

- Players should carefully repair any divot holes made by them and any damage to the putting green made by the impact of a ball (whether or not made by the player himself).
- On completion of the hole by all players in the group, damage to the putting green caused by golf shoes should be repaired.

### **Preventing Unnecessary Damage**

- Players should avoid causing damage to the course by removing divots when taking practice swings or by hitting the head of a club into the ground, whether in anger or for any other reason.
- Players should ensure that no damage is done to the putting green when putting down bags or the flagstick.
- In order to avoid damaging the hole, players and caddies should not stand too close to the hole and should take care during the handling of the flagstick and the removal of a ball from the hole.
- The head of a golf club should not be used to remove a ball from the hole.
- Players should not lean on their clubs when on the putting green, particularly when removing the ball from the hole.
- The flagstick should be properly replaced in the hole before the players leave the putting green.
- Local notices regulating the movement of golf carts should be strictly observed.

### **Conclusion; Penalties for Breach**

If players follow the guidelines in this section, it will make the game more enjoyable for everyone.

If a player consistently disregards these guidelines during a round or over a period of time to the detriment of others, it is recommended that the Committee considers taking appropriate disciplinary action against the offending player. Such action may, for example, include prohibiting play for a limited time on the course or in a certain number of competitions. This is considered to be justifiable in terms of protecting the interests of the majority of golfers who wish to play in accordance with these guidelines.

***Ref. USGA, Rules of Golf, Section 1, Etiquette; Behavior on the Course, 2016***

# *Board of Directors and Staff*

## **2023 Board of Directors**

President ..... Glen Merkel  
Vice President ..... Tim Shaw  
Treasurer ..... Steve Sobak  
Games Chairman ..... Tim Shaw  
Greens Chairman ..... Greg Kilbourn  
Clubhouse Chairman ..... David Hood  
Membership Chairman ..... Rick Bonkowski  
Board Director ..... Ken Peterson

## **Professional Staff**

Head Golf Professional ..... Steve Wakulsky, PGA  
Assistant Golf Professional ..... Matthew Harrison  
Grounds Superintendent ..... Don Hartman  
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## **Hours of Operation**

Business Office: Summer: Tuesday to Friday 8:30AM-2:30PM  
                         Winter: Tuesday to Thursday 10AM-2PM

Grill Room:        Tuesday, 3-8PM  
                         Wednesday, Thursday, Friday Noon-9PM  
                         Saturday 11AM-6PM  
                         The Grill Room is closed on Sunday and Monday  
                         Sunday (Memorial Day - Labor Day) 12-4PM

Pro Shop:	Monday: 1PM to Last Golfer	Range:	Monday: 1:pm to last golfer
	Weekday: 8:30AM to Last Golfer		Tuesday – Saturday: 8am to last golfer
	Weekend: 8:00AM to Last Golfer		Sunday: 8am to between 4-6PM