OCC Membership:

The wording of the Governor Cuomo’s Executive Order on Essential Business has been amended with respect to golf courses.

(The exact wording is available on the Empire State Development website in the Essential Business clarification at item number 13 Recreation)

According to the wording of the Executive Order the facilities must remain closed

We are allowed to open the course up once again for play to members. No Guests and No Reciprocals.

The course only will be open for walking play, weather permitting, tomorrow Sunday 4/18/20.

**Effective immediately, members must arrange a Tee Time by contacting Hoagie via cell phone at 315-730-4797 groups no greater than four per tee time.** (We are currently working on a tee time system that will be available through our website. More information on access and use will be distributed when the site is available.)

(This requirement while temporary will allow all of us to help police social distancing at the club. Provide for tracking who played with who on what day to help with tracking should someone contract the virus. It will also make it clear to officials, we are in compliance with the Executive Order guidance.)

We have confirmed with the Mayors office that they are in support of our opening the course, we must strictly adhere to the conditions of the Executive Order.

**The conditions are as follows:**

1. The Club facilities are to remain closed
2. The course is open for walking play only.
3. Play will be controlled through a temporary tee time protocol.
4. Social Distancing is an absolute requirement.

**To address other questions:**

1. Carts are not available. In accordance with NYSPGA, carts are not allowed.
2. In order to maintain the mandatory social distancing policy we are implementing a temporary tee time program that will be accessible to members. *Details TBA when site is complete, see above for immediate instructions*
3. If you require access to club storage to retrieve your clubs you can contact a board member to arrange access.
4. All other limitations that were in place prior to closing the course remain in place.

**Please Note:**

Many individuals are not being allowed to enjoy their leisure activities. This means golf and the Club will be under a microscope. This will likely bring about complaints from the public in general.

**We all, must remind each other to maintain our social distancing at all times.** Prior to having the course closed to play the Mayor’s Office and OPD were getting complaints from individuals about members inability to maintain social distancing guidelines. Many of these issues were noted as individuals were driving by the club. It was also noted many of the complaints were about our younger members.
To all of our younger members it is absolutely imperative that you adhere to social distancing requirements. I am asking parents, grandparents of our younger members, and for the younger members themselves to remind each other of the necessity for strict adherence to the policy.

To those of you that, pre or post round, hang out having a beverage in the parking lot or around the picnic table. This activity is not in adherence to social distancing guidelines, this is not allowed. These actions put the limited ability to play golf in jeopardy and is not appreciated. Make other arrangements.

If you notice folks not in compliance with social distancing guidelines remind them, that’s our responsibility.

Respectfully,

Paul Kemper
President Oswego Country Club