



Currents

ORANGEBURG COUNTRY CLUB

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The Happenings Around the Club



Ring in the
NEW YEAR
AT THE BLACKWATER GRILLE
New Year's Eve Dinner
Tuesday, Dec. 31st | 5:30 P.M.
Call 534-5988 for more information



WINTER MOVIE NIGHT
WITH SMORES!
Thursday, Jan. 9th | 6:00 P.M.
Call 534-5988 for more information



Spring Wreath
Making Class
with Brenda Harley
Tuesday, Jan. 28th | 6:30 P.M.
All supplies provided
Space is limited | **\$65 per person**
Call Kelli at 534-5988 to reserve a spot!

The Greens Report

The beginning of a new year brings the excitement and anticipation of the upcoming growing season. Last year was challenging for us. It was extremely wet during the winter months, and the spring growth was slow until we hit the upper 90s in May. Our summer weather was dry with normal temperatures which lasted until the 3rd week of October. The winter so far has been normal. Weather in the winter can affect the golf course for months because the turf is not growing, therefore we track the daily, weekly, and monthly forecast as close as we can.

We are planning on adding additional irrigation in areas that we are either hand watering or using roller bases during the summer months. These additions will



allow us to use less water by irrigating in more concentrated areas. We are also going to add drainage to a few spots. The improvements we make in the winter will make for better playing conditions during the growing season.

I want to thank everyone for their patience and understanding while we perform our weekly, monthly, or yearly cultural

practices. These are the necessary evils we have to perform to ensure the quality playing surface we all expect.

If you ever have any questions or concerns about the golf course or grass in general, please ask. See you on the course!

Alex Tolbert
Greens Superintendent

The Month Ahead

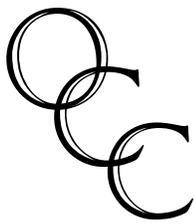
JANUARY 2020

(*Busy Days are denoted by an asterisk. Please call ahead for tee times)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 Club Closes at 6:00 P.M.	30 Course Closed Club Closes at 2:00 P.M. Lunch M-F 11:30 A.M. - 2 P.M.	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER 6:30 P.M. Course Open (9:30 A.M. Blitz) Blackwater Grille and Bar 11 A.M. - 9 P.M.	1 HAPPY NEW YEAR'S Course Open (Noon Blitz) Blackwater Grille and Bar 11 A.M. - 9 P.M.	2 LGA Playday 1 P.M.	3 Men's Golf Blitz 12 P.M. 9-Hole Golf Blitz 10 A.M. Prime Rib Dinner	4 Men's Golf Blitz 9:30 A.M.
5 Club Closes at 6:00 P.M.	6 Course Closed Club Closes at 2:00 P.M. Lunch M-F 11:30 A.M. - 2 P.M.	7 LGA Golf 10 A.M.	8 Men's Golf Blitz 12 P.M. 9-Hole Golf Blitz 10 A.M.	9 MOVIE NIGHT WITH SMORES 6:00 P.M. LGA Playday 1 P.M.	10 Men's Golf Blitz 12 P.M. 9-Hole Golf Blitz 10 A.M. Prime Rib Dinner	11 Men's Golf Blitz 9:30 A.M.
12 Club Closes at 6:00 P.M.	13 Course Closed Club Closes at 2:00 P.M. Lunch M-F 11:30 A.M. - 2 P.M.	14 LGA Golf 10 A.M.	15 Men's Golf Blitz 12 P.M. 9-Hole Golf Blitz 10 A.M.	16 LGA Playday 1 P.M.	17 Men's Golf Blitz 12 P.M. 9-Hole Golf Blitz 10 A.M. Prime Rib Dinner	18 Men's Golf Blitz 9:30 A.M.
19 Club Closes at 6:00 P.M.	20 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR DAY Course and Club Open (Noon Blitz) Lunch M-F 11:30 A.M. - 2 P.M.	21 LGA Golf 10 A.M.	22 Men's Golf Blitz 12 P.M. 9-Hole Golf Blitz 10 A.M.	23 LGA Playday 1 P.M.	24 Men's Golf Blitz 12 P.M. 9-Hole Golf Blitz 10 A.M. Prime Rib Dinner	25 Men's Golf Blitz 9:30 A.M.
26 Club Closes at 6:00 P.M.	27 Course Closed Club Closes at 2:00 P.M. Lunch M-F 11:30 A.M. - 2 P.M.	28 LGA Tips 9:30 A.M. LGA Golf 10 A.M. LGA Luncheon 12 noon	29 WREATH MAKING CLASS 6:30 P.M. Men's Golf Blitz 12 P.M. 9-Hole Golf Blitz 10 A.M.	30 LGA Playday 1 P.M.	31 Men's Golf Blitz 12 P.M. 9-Hole Golf Blitz 10 A.M. Prime Rib Dinner	1 Men's Golf Blitz 9:30 A.M.

When planning to dine at OCC, please call (803) 534-5988 for reservations or reserve online under the Member Website.

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HOURS OF OPERATION

Blackwater Grille Dining Hours

Lunch: Monday - Friday.....11:30 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

Dinner: Tuesday - Saturday.....5:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.

Bar

Tuesday - Thursday.....11:00 A.M. - 9:00 P.M.

Friday - Saturday.....11:00 A.M. - 11:00 P.M.

Sunday.....11:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.

Golf Course and Golf Shop

Tuesday - Friday.....8:00 A.M. - 5:30 P.M.

Saturday - Sunday.....7:30 A.M. - 5:30 P.M.

Driving Range

Tuesday - Friday.....8:00 A.M. - 5:30 P.M.

Saturday - Sunday.....7:30 A.M. - 5:30 P.M.

OCC PHONE NUMBERS

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OCC STAFF

David Lackey - PGA Director of Golf

J. P. Waldron - PGA Head Golf Professional

Hardeep Judge - USTA Director of Tennis

Alex Tolbert - Greens Superintendent

Steven Kriekard - Food and Beverage Manager

Peter Spear - Executive Chef

Garrett Bailey - Sous Chef

Derrick Harris - Sous Chef

TJ Odom - Bar Manager

Christian Villi - Wine Specialist

Brandy Torrence - Private Event Coordinator

Tonya Seabrooks - Hospitality Business Manager

LaToya Johnson - Accounting

Kelli Anderson - Member Services

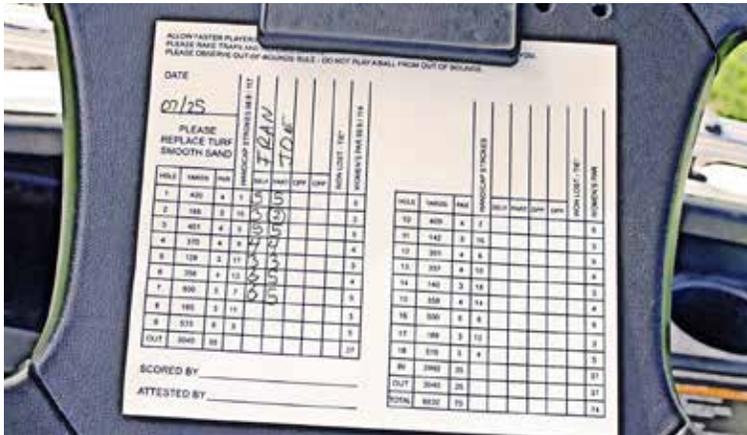
**INVITE YOUR FRIENDS TO
BECOME MEMBERS!**

5 Things to Know About the World Handicap System

In January 2020, the new Rules of Handicapping will be introduced in the United States.

The Handicap Index calculation is changing

Your number will be based off your 8 best scores out of the past 20. For most U.S. golfers, the change will be minor, but you may see that your Handicap Index is different in January, despite not having played!



Net Double Bogey will replace ESC

The maximum hole score for handicap purposes will be limited to Net Double Bogey (Par + 2 + any handicap strokes you receive.)



Safeguards have been added to protect your Handicap Index



The system will account for abnormal playing conditions, limit extreme upward movement of a Handicap Index, and reduce a Handicap Index when an exceptional score is posted.

Your Course Handicap will change

Slope Rating and now Course Rating and Par will be used to determine your Course Handicap, allowing you to play from different sets of tees without any adjustment.



You'll have more responsive Handicap Index updates



Your Handicap Index will update the day after you post a score.

On days you don't submit a score, no update will take place.

WORLD HANDICAP SYSTEM

For more information on the World Handicap System, please visit
www.carolinasGHINsupport.org
and click on World Handicapping



USGA INTRODUCES THE WORLD HANDICAP SYSTEM IN 2020

The USGA Handicap System allows golfers of different skill levels to compete on an equal basis. The USGA and The Royal and Ancient have combined efforts to provide one uniform system, the World Handicap System, for the entire golfing community. The 2019 introduction of new Rules of Golf presented a learning curve to the seasoned golfer, but the new World Handicap System may be more challenging.

Grasping the USGA Handicap System, with its formulas and assumptions, is already difficult to digest. The new system will take and modify some of that same information. As a result, most golfers will receive fewer handicap strokes.

The loss of handicap strokes is based on one premise – par now matters. In previous articles, I pointed out that the USGA Course Rating, not par, was the most important number to the USGA. In the World Handicap System, the golfer's handicap is the number of strokes needed to get the player back to even par, 72 on most courses. In the past, the handicap strokes attempted to get the player back to the course rating, which is typically lower than par on most courses, therefore more handicap strokes were needed. With the new rules, all golfers will be playing with the same number of reduced strokes (when competing from the same tees), so the net effect is that the golfers will still be competing on a level playing field.

January 1, 2020, is the “go live” date for the new system, but there will be a silent “transition period” until January 6. The quick implementation is challenging for golfers and administrators.

What will the golfer notice?

Golfers must post scores hole-by-hole. This is easier than it sounds and takes only a few seconds longer than posting total scores. The OCC staff will gladly post scores for you. A golfer's handicap index will be updated daily. Golfers must post the day's score on the day of play. For tournaments, the date of the registration deadline will determine the handicap index to be used for the event.

Your handicap index may change slightly. For many golfers, this change will be negligible, possibly a change of 0.1 – 0.3.

There will be two numbers: a Course Handicap and a Playing Handicap. "The Course Handicap is used to determine the number of strokes a player receives on any golf course." This is the whole number to be used as a starting point, such as when playing alone. "The Playing Handicap determines the number of strokes each player gives or receives to ensure that all players can enjoy a fair and equal game when playing with or competing against one another." When players receive less than 100% of their handicap (alternate shot formats), their Playing Handicap will reflect this adjustment.

The maximum score is a net double bogey. "A net double bogey is defined as "Par of the Hole + 2 strokes + any handicap stroke(s) that the player receives on that hole."

These are just a few of the highlights of the new World Handicap System. The OCC Golf staff will be working hard to absorb as much of the system as possible as we head into the new year. Ask us questions. If we don't have an immediate answer, we will find out and get back with you. I encourage you to go to <https://www.carolinasghinsupport.org/World-Handicapping> and click through the links there. Here's to smooth transition to the World Handicap System!