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Currents

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WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

Please join us in welcoming our newest members to the premier country club in the Midlands! OCC offers exceptional recreational activities, superb dining, and tons of special events throughout the year!

EBONEE CAIN
MARY JO WORING
LEROY WASHINGTON
CHARLES EASTERLING

NAZIR ADAM
GEOFFREY GLEATON
PAUL FARRELL

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DRESS CODE

General Dress Code: The Orangeburg Country Club expects both men and women to dress in proper golf attire. Men and boys (beginning at age 10) must wear shirts with collars – no tee shirts. Golf shorts (just above the knee) are permitted for men and women. Short shorts, jogging shorts, bike shorts, athletic shorts, coaching shorts, cut off jeans, tank top shirts, halter tops, and swim suits are not permitted in the Clubhouse, on the golf course, or elsewhere on the Club premises. Blue jeans with no visible rips are allowed in the dining room. Exceptions are the appropriate attire for swimming and tennis complexes; however, such attire is restricted to those areas.

Blackwater Grille: General dress code applies. Caps and hats are prohibited for gentlemen.

Clubhouse Bar: Golf and tennis attire are permitted in the Bar. Swimming attire is not allowed in the Bar.

Tennis Attire: Accepted tennis clothing and shoes are required. Prohibited clothing includes shoes not made specifically for wear on tennis courts, blue jeans, ragged sweat suits, cut-off jeans, etc. Shirts without collars are acceptable.

Swim Complex: Appropriate swimming attire is required. Please remember that swim attire cannot be worn other places on the Club premises. It is important to have shirts and shoes to wear elsewhere on the Club premises.



The Month Ahead

SEPTEMBER 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>27</p> <p>Golf Shop and Range Closes 7 p.m. Tue - Sun</p> <p>Bar Kitchen Closes 7 p.m.</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Club and Course Closed</p>	<p>29</p> <p>LGA Golf 9 a.m.</p>	<p>30</p> <p>*Golf Blitz</p>	<p>31</p> <p>LGA Golf 9 a.m.</p>	<p>1</p> <p>*Golf Blitz</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Golf Blitz 8:30 a.m.</p>
<p>3</p> <p>Golf Shop and Range Closes 7 p.m. Tue - Sun</p> <p>Bar Kitchen Closes 7 p.m.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Labor Day Last Day of Pool Season</p> <p>Bar and Course Open</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Yoga 6 p.m.</p> <p>LGA Golf 10 a.m.</p>	<p>6</p> <p>*Golf Blitz</p>	<p>** 7</p> <p>LGA Golf 1 p.m.</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Ritas & Fajitas on the Patio</p> <p>*Golf Blitz</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Golf Blitz 8:30 a.m.</p>
<p>** 10</p> <p>Grandparent's Day Brunch</p> <p>Golf Shop and Range Closes 7 p.m. Tue - Sun</p> <p>Bar Kitchen Closes 7 p.m.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Club and Course Closed</p>	<p>** 12</p> <p>LGA Golf 10 a.m.</p>	<p>13</p> <p>*Golf Blitz</p>	<p>** 14</p> <p>LGA Golf 1 p.m.</p>	<p>** 15</p> <p>*Golf Blitz</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Drive-in Movie Adult Night MGA Golf - Callaway Scoring 9 a.m.</p> <p>Golf Blitz 8:30 a.m.</p>
<p>17</p> <p>Golf Shop and Range Closes 7 p.m. Tue - Sun</p> <p>Bar Kitchen Closes 7 p.m.</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Club and Course Closed</p>	<p>** 19</p> <p>LGA Golf 10 a.m. LGA Luncheon</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Ladies Card Day at the Club</p> <p>*Golf Blitz</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Yoga 6 p.m.</p> <p>LGA Golf 1 p.m.</p>	<p>22</p> <p>*Golf Blitz</p>	<p>** 23</p> <p>Stuffed Animal Workshop 6 p.m.</p> <p>Golf Blitz 8:30 a.m.</p>
<p>** 24</p> <p>Golf Shop and Range Closes 7 p.m. Tue - Sun</p> <p>Bar Kitchen Closes 7 p.m.</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Club and Course Closed</p>	<p>26</p> <p>LGA Golf 10 a.m.</p>	<p>27</p> <p>*Golf Blitz</p>	<p>28</p> <p>LGA Golf 1 p.m.</p>	<p>29</p> <p>National Coffee Day Free Coffee in the Lobby 1-Day Member-Guest</p> <p>*Golf Blitz</p>	<p>** 30</p> <p>Golf Blitz 8:30 a.m.</p>

*Senior Golf Blitz 10:00 a.m. | Golf Blitz 12:00 p.m. | **Golf course busy days

BLACKWATER GRILLE DINING (WED - SAT) 5 - 9 P.M. RESERVATIONS RECOMMENDED

To make a reservation at The Blackwater Grille or to place a To-Go order, please call (803) 534-5988.

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GOLF

MGA GOLF - CALLAWAY SCORING

Date: September 16
Time: 9 a.m. shotgun
Entry Fee: \$15 entry fee, plus cart fees

Golfers - play the tees you normally play, but instead of your GHIN handicap, we will use a 1-day handicap based on your score using the Callaway® scoring system.

Call (803) 534-6069 the Golf Shop.

ONE DAY MEMBER-GUEST

Friday, September 29, 2023
Lunch: 11:30 a.m.
Shotgun Start: 1 p.m.

ENTRY FORM QR CODE:



FORMAT: Better Ball Net of Two. Members may invite from 1-3 guests. Teams will be flighted based on the players' combined handicap indexes.

ENTRY FEE: \$150 for the first member-guest team; \$100 for each additional guest (includes cart fee, lunch and team input for prizes; excludes cart fee and lunch for the member). Any member who is not already an MGA member will be billed a one-time \$40 MGA dues fee.

ENTRY DEADLINE:

Tuesday, September 26 at 7 p.m.

TEES: Competitors may play from either the Black Tees or Gold Tees. To be eligible to compete from the GOLD tees, a player must be at least 65 years of age and have a handicap index of 11.0 or higher as of September 26.

PAIRINGS: **Please note** any pairings requests on the on-line entry form. No requests will be taken after the entry deadline. If no pairing is requested, teams will be flighted and paired by total team handicap index. Members will always be paired with their invited guest(s).

BLITZ AND LGA TIME CHANGES

Wednesday and Friday Blitz moves to 12:00 noon beginning Friday, September 1. Senior Blitz moves to 10:00 a.m. LGA moves to 10:00 a.m. on Tuesdays, 1:00 p.m. on Thursdays beginning September 5 & 7.

BUSY DAYS

- September 10, 14, 15, 19, 23, 24
- September 7 - Golf Outing; Tee times available after 3:00 p.m.
- September 12 - Golf Outing; Tee times available after 3:00 p.m.
- September 30 - Golf Outing rescheduled from April due to rain; Select morning times available; Afternoon times available after 3:00 p.m.

***PLEASE RESERVE YOUR TEE TIMES IN ADVANCE ON THESE DAYS TO ENSURE YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO PLAY.**

TAYLORMADE® FITTING, OCTOBER 4

Come get fitted for the newly revamped P-790 irons, MG4 Wedges, and all of the Stealth2 family of drivers, fairway, and rescue clubs.

Scan the QR code below to reserve your spot.



2023 MEMBER-GUEST RECAP

The 2023 Member-Guest, conducted by the Men's Golf Association was held August 18-20, 2023 with a record 60 teams competing. In the round-robin format the teams are flighted into groups of 6, and this year's flight name recognized 10 golf courses originally designed by Ellis Maples, the architect of the OCC golf course.

Friday night started off the weekend with the music of **The Gaspumpers**. The crowd was entertained with hits from the 80's, such as *Jenny 867-5309*, to current hits by *Carrie Underwood* and *Chris Stapleton*, while dining on a delicious buffet.

After breakfast on Saturday morning the competition began! The flights were fairly close after 3 matches on Saturday, and attendees enjoyed the poolside music of Bradley Sanders into the evening.

After 18 holes in the famous SC heat, 12 teams advanced to the shootout – 10 flight winners and two teams included due to the runaway rule (when a team wins their flight by 6 or more points). Five of the twelve teams were the first to play hole 18, followed by the next seven teams.

It did not take long to crown the 2023 champions! In the first group, Mark Fralix was in the hole for a birdie, giving his partner Glenn Jeffcoat free run at his birdie putt, which would be a net score of 3 if he made it... and that he did. Witnesses say that the putt circled the hole, popped up and dropped in for Jeffcoat's only birdie on hole 18 for the weekend. He saved the best for last. Congratulations to all of the winners! Thanks to all who competed or attended any of the tournament functions. It was a memorable weekend and planning has already begun for the 2024 event!



2023 MEMBER - GUEST WINNERS MARK FRALIX AND GLENN JEFFCOAT



GREENS REPORT

September marks the start of crisp fall weather. It also means the course's turfgrass will begin to prepare for winter. With cooler nighttime temperatures and shorter days, the plant's growth will slow. The cut height on the tees and fairways will start to increase. With more plant material going into winter, we can create a better surface once everything goes dormant. The higher cut height will help the dormant Bermuda survive the cart and foot traffic.

Since we are not overseeding the golf course again this year, our fall and winter pre-emergent program will remain the same as last year. However, given that we had some weed breakthrough during late winter last year, we will adjust the program as needed to prevent winter weeds.

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

See you on the course!

Alex Tolbert
Greens Superintendent



Looking for additional photos from the Member-Guest Tournament weekend?

Scan the QR code to see the entire 2023 photo album.

<https://flic.kr/s/aHBqjARo5y>



Employee Spotlight:

ALEXANDRA CALLAHAN

In late July, the executive team promoted Alexandra Callahan to Bar Manager. Alexandra previously worked at the Club as a bartender for about a year and a half. Not long after joining the OCC team, her warm, cheerful personality shined through to everyone who crossed her path.

Please join us in congratulating Alexandra and wishing her well in this new position. We'd also like to take this opportunity to tell you more about her.

WHAT WILL ALEXANDRA DO AS THE NEW BAR MANAGER?

Alexandra reports to Brandy Torrence, the Club's Food and Beverage Director. She will manage the bartenders and bar servers. Her primary responsibilities include scheduling staff, working with beer and wine distributors, and maintaining inventory.

"Although I will always focus on keeping the bar operation running smoothly, I will also uphold a safe, uplifting work environment for my staff," said Alexandra. "I want team members to know I appreciate their excellent work and the sky is the limit when we work together. By creating a positive and supportive atmosphere in our bar, our staff will excel at providing our members with the most exceptional service possible!"

HOW LONG HAS SHE WORKED AT OCC?

Alexandra moved from the Charleston area to Orangeburg in April 2022. About a month later, she joined the OCC team as a bartender.

Members may not know Alexandra is the face behind the Club's specialty cocktails. Each month, she comes up with a handful of unique seasonal drinks for members to enjoy. So don't forget to try her yummy September creations!

WHY DID SHE CHOOSE A CAREER IN HOSPITALITY?

At fifteen, Alexandra began her career in the food and beverage industry. Her first job was as a server at a pizzeria. After getting her feet wet, she moved to a restaurant chain where she was a server for four years. She simultaneously studied to become a Licensed Massage Therapist.

"I learned a different aspect of customer service and hospitality that has served me well throughout my career," said Alexandra.

Alexandra earned her license in massage therapy and took a break from food and beverage. She began her new career as a Licensed Massage Therapist at a spa. However, once Covid hit, she stepped back from bodywork and returned to the food and beverage industry.

"I quickly grew to love the fast pace and banter that happens behind the bar," said Alexandra. "I'm excited to experience the bar environment in my new role."

WHAT'S HER LIFE LIKE OUTSIDE OF THE CLUB?

After Alexandra and her husband, Brenden Callahan, bought a home in Orangeburg, they became OCC members that same month. They both are active in the Club and enjoy the various recreational opportunities, social events, and amenities.

"When I'm not behind the bar, you can probably find me giving my husband a run for his money out on the golf course," said Alexandra.

CONGRATULATIONS, ALEXANDRA!



"Receiving this promotion is my proudest accomplishment during my time at OCC. I will work tirelessly to fulfill the faith my superiors and coworkers have invested in me by giving me this opportunity. I am proud to manage such a special team and look forward to serving our amazing members." ~ Alexandra



"During the past year and a half that Alexandra Callahan has been with Orangeburg Country Club, she has consistently proven to be member-focused and conscientious to the needs of the Club. Alexandra greets all members and guests at the bar with her upbeat personality and warm smile. She instantly makes everyone feel welcome. She also enjoys an excellent working relationship with her fellow team members.

"For these reasons and others, we promoted Alexandra to Bar Manager. We are excited for her and know she will be a valued member of our management team as we strive to make every member's experience special. Please stop in to congratulate Alexandra and have a cold one!"

Rick Streeter
Clubhouse Manager

THE PICKLEBALL OBSESSION CONTINUES

Every year USA Pickleball creates an Annual Growth Report outlining current statistics. In the 2023 report, 36.5 million picklers participated in the sport at least once during the past year. That's 14% of the U.S. adult population!

Pickleball's average growth rate has reached a whopping 158.6% per year. Compare these stats to what we first reported one year ago in the September 2022 issue of *Currents*: In 2021, over 4.8 million Americans played pickleball. And the sport grew 39.3% over 2020 and 2021 despite the pandemic. The jump from 4.8 million to 36.5 million players in just a few years is mind-boggling. So, what gives with this new sport?

Check out these ten fun facts about the pickleball phenomenon and why the sport attracts millions of new players each year:

1. Pickleball pulls from tennis, badminton, and ping-pong. So, elements of the game are already familiar to many people.
2. Although pickleball popularity has exploded recently, the sport was invented in 1965 by Joel Pritchard, Bill Bell, and Barney McCallum on Bainbridge Island, Washington. They used table tennis paddles to hit a plastic wiffle-like ball over a badminton net.
3. Why the funny name? According to Barney McCallum, the Pritchard's cocker spaniel inspired the name. "Pickles" kept running away with the ball. However, Joel Pritchard's wife said the game references a pickle boat.
4. Over 10,000 pickleball courts exist in the U.S. alone. Greater accessibility makes it easier for more people to play. One-third the size of a tennis court, pickleball courts take up less space. Recreation centers can fit more courts in available indoor and outdoor areas.
5. Founded in 2005, the USA Pickleball Association (USAPA) is the official governing body for the sport. It sanctions tournaments and maintains official rules. USAPA has registered players in all 50 states.
6. The South Atlantic region (SC, FL, GA, NC, VA, WV, DC), with over 1 million registered members, is the largest in the country. Sixty-one percent of U.S. players live east of the Mississippi River.
7. Although popular with every age group, pickleball is getting younger every year. In 2021, half of all players were over 55 years. Today, the average age

is 38.1. Ages 18-34 totals 28.8% of all players and represents the largest age bracket.

8. Because pickleball is easier to play than tennis, players typically experience fewer injuries. It's slower-paced with less ground to cover. And the perforated plastic ball doesn't travel as far as a tennis ball. So, not chasing a ball around as much creates more interest in the game.
9. But make no mistake – pickleball is no walk in the park and offers a great workout. For many, pickleball is more fun and exciting than endurance exercises like running or biking. It provides many benefits for the heart, muscle reflexes, strength, flexibility, balance, and mental health. As few as two pickleball games could meet the recommended 150 minutes of moderate-intensity activity per week.
10. Pickleball is an inclusive sport for players of all ages and skill levels. From young to old, the entire family can have fun and play competitively.



For a refresher, look back at our series last year on "Learning the Basics" of pickleball:

- [The Court & Equipment, Oct 2022](#)
- [Serving Rules and Sequence, Nov 2022](#)
- [Two Bounce and Non-Volley Zone Rules, Dec 2022](#)

INTERESTED IN PICKLEBALL AT THE CLUB?

Contact Member Services to schedule a court time. If you have questions or are interested in team play, matches, or clinics, please call the Hardeep Judge at (803) 534-5988.

Don't forget; the Golf Shop also offers free paddles and balls. Just use the member sign-up sheet to borrow any pickleball items. If you want to buy your equipment, the Golf Shop carries a limited inventory for sale. If an item is not in stock, the Pro Shop staff would be glad to order it!

Finally, stay tuned to future *Currents* issues for the latest on pickleball news, events, and more!

Kids Night at OCC Stuffed Animal Workshop

Saturday, September 23, 2023 | 6:00 p.m.

\$30++ per child

Teddy Bear Mobile will be at OCC to provide a fun and interactive **"Stuffed Animal Workshop"** where children of all ages can create their very own stuffed animal!

All supplies and instructions are included. Animal choices are Monkey, Duck, Dinosaur, or Bunny.

Choose your favorite!

We will feature a movie to enjoy as well!
Reservations and animal choice are required by **September 8, 2023.**

Call 803-534-5988 to make your reservation today!



SAVE THE DATE

- **OCTOBER 3 & 19**
Yoga
- **OCTOBER**
Spooky
Wednesday's
- Wear your
favorite
Halloween garb
- **OCTOBER 12**
Trivia
- **OCTOBER 14**
Cornhole
Tournament
- **OCTOBER 29**
Chef Cook Off
- **NOVEMBER 22**
Turkey Ball
Shootout
- **NOVEMBER 23**
Thanksgiving
Buffet
- **DECEMBER 10**
Santa Brunch
- **DECEMBER**
Ugly Sweater
Wednesday's
- **DECEMBER 25**
Christmas
(Club and
Course Closed)

CHEF COOK OFF!

Coming in October!

Join us as the chefs from Orangeburg Country Club compete against the chefs of Buck Ridge Plantation.

Members will enjoy a variety of dishes and vote to crown the top chef!

Complete details will be announced in the October Currents and weekly eblasts.



CLUB LIFE

September Cocktail Specials



LEFT TO RIGHT:

CUCUMBER LAVENDER COOL DOWN: LONDON DRY GIN®, LAVENDER SIMPLE SYRUP, MUDDLED FRESH CUCUMBER, AND LEMON, TOPPED WITH SPRITE®.

IT'S PAY DAY: FRANGELICO®, BUTTERSOTS®, DUTCH CARAMEL, AND VAN GOGH VODKA®.

BLACKBERRY BOURBON SMASH: MARKERS MARK®, FRESH BLACKBERRIES AND LEMONS MUDDLED WITH SUGAR.

END OF THE SUMMER SANGRIA: RAZBERI STOLI VODKA, PINEAPPLE JUICE, MUDDLED CHERRIES, LEMONS, LIMES, AND ORANGES, TOPPED WITH RUFFINO MOSCATO D' ASTI®

Ladies – Join Us for Card Day at the Club

Mark your calendars for
Wednesday, September 20, starting at 10:30 a.m.

Bring up to three of your member or non-member friends for a complimentary day of cards!

- Enjoy Bridge, Euchre, or your card game of choice
- Light snacks and beverages will be available

After your play, enjoy a scrumptious lunch at the Blackwater Grille!

Make your reservations today! Call Kelli at Member Services (803) 534-5988



CLUB LIFE

YOGA

Yoga with Brooke Clariday

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 & THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21
6:00 P.M. | \$15 PER PERSON

- Water provided during class
- Open to all ages and abilities
- Participants provide mats
- Class site to be determined based on the weather



Ritas and Fajitas on the Patio

Friday, September 8 | 6:00 p.m. | \$30++ per person

Get Your Fiesta On

Build your own Chicken and Steak Fajitas and enjoy one (1) Margarita on the house.

Reservation suggested 803-534-5988.
24-hour cancellation required.



Grandparent's Day

Sunday, September 10, 2023
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Enjoy a fixed brunch menu in the Blackwater Grille with Grandparents and loved ones on September 10th in celebration of Grandparent's day!

Reservations suggested. Please call 803-534-5988.



Movie Night for Adults

Saturday, September 16
Featuring: 80 for Brady

Enjoy a date night or time with friends at our movie night for adults!

Bring your golf cart and drive up on the green near the Pool Pavilion!

Showtime begins at 8:30.



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HOURS OF OPERATION

BLACKWATER GRILLE

Lunch Dine-In.....Tuesday - Sunday 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Dinner Dine-InWednesday - Saturday 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Dinner (To-Go)Tuesday 5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday - Saturday 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

BAR

Lunch.....Tuesday – Saturday 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Anytime Menu.....Sunday 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
DinnerTuesday 5:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday - Saturday 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Sunday 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

To-Go

Lunch (To-Go).....Tuesday – Sunday 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Dinner (To-Go)Tuesday 5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday - Saturday 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

GOLF COURSE, GOLF SHOP AND DRIVING RANGE

Tuesday - Friday.....8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday7:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Pool

Tuesday - Saturday11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Sunday1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

OCC PHONE NUMBERS

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Private Event Coordinator
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Clubhouse Snack Bar
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Golf Pro Shop (*Tee Times*)
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