



# Oneota Express

November 2011

## Notice of Annual Meeting.

Wednesday, November 16th, 7:00 p.m.

Oneota Golf & Country Club main dining room.

Closing Dinner/Dance is  
scheduled for

Saturday, December 10th.

Invitation in next newsletter.



*Please take your clubs  
home this winter.*

We will be cleaning out the club  
storage areas this winter.

*Thanks!*

# November 2010

ONEOTA GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <i>Final Ladies Meal</i>  <i>Cook's Choice</i>	2 <i>Final Men's Meal</i>  <i>Cook's Choice</i>	3	4	5 <i>Club Party</i>
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 <i>Wedding Reception</i>
13	14	15	16 <i>Annual Meeting</i>	17	18	19 <i>Club Party</i>
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

## Notice of by-law change for Annual Meeting

*The following by-law change will be discussed and voted upon at the Annual Meeting on Wednesday, November 16th.*

### 17. Leaves of Absence.[Original]

Upon written application of the Board of Directors, at least 30 days prior to the date of the proposed leave, any member may ask to be relieved of the payment of fees and dues for a period of time set out in the application. The reason for the leave must be given. Thereupon, the Board may rule on the request and shall have complete authority to specify the terms upon which the leave is granted, including the payments to be made or forgiven. Failure to comply will result in forfeiture of membership. As a matter of policy, only those applications involving a prolonged absence from the County during the golfing season will be approved.

### 17. Leaves of Absence. [Amendment]

Upon written application of the Board of Directors, at least 30 days prior to the date of the proposed leave, any member may ask to be relieved of the payment of fees and dues for a period of time set out in the application. The maximum length of time for any leave of absence is one calendar year. The reason for the leave must be given. Thereupon, the Board may rule on the request and shall have complete authority to specify the terms upon which the leave is granted, including the payments to be made or forgiven. Failure to comply will result in forfeiture of membership.

As a matter of policy, the Board will only approve applications when the following requirements are met:

- A. The application involves a prolonged absence from the County during the golfing season;
- B. Applicant has paid for stock in full;
- C. Applicant has taken no prior leave of absence;
- D. There is no waiting list for membership; and,
- E. If Applicant has a cart shed, the shed may be retained if there is no waiting list for a cart shed and the shed rental has been paid.

The reason for the change, a number of members expressed concern to the Board about the current process given an apparent increase in the number of leaves requested and granted. There was also the issue of clarifying that only one leave would be granted to a member during their entire membership at Oneota. That condition was not spelled out clearly in the by-laws but has been conveyed to the membership. The proposed amendment is intended to more clearly spell out the conditions and limitations on leaves of absence.

The following excerpt is from a recent communication from the Iowa Golf Association: (It does a great job of explaining why we have an Active Season and an Inactive Season, which many of you have inquired about). While on the subject of Handicaps, it is again time for me to attend an on-line seminar regarding our GHIN Handicap System and then be again tested on the subject. In order to have our Handicaps accredited throughout the country, it is incumbent upon each member club to have the Handicap Chairman satisfy the aforementioned requirements every four years.

Darrell Pierce

## **Active score posting season winding down**

### **October 31st Marks Final Day to Post Scores Made Within the IGA Region in 2011**

As you may recall, the Iowa Golf Association made a few changes to the Handicap Index™ Revision schedule in 2011. Effective January 1, Handicap Indexes™ issued in the IGA region were required to be revised on the 1st and 15th of every month. Along with this change, the active season (the window to post scores made within the IGA's region) became more consistent on a year to year basis; it will now be April 1st – October 31st of each year.

As a reminder, the last day to post scores made within the IGA's region this season is Monday, October 31st. Although November 1st starts the five month "inactive" season in the IGA region, Handicap Indexes™ will continue to be revised for golfers on the 1st and the 15th because all scores made in areas that are active during the November – March months must be posted for handicap purposes.

### **Why the Need for Active and Inactive Seasons?**

The USGA Course Rating™ and Slope Rating™ represent the difficulty of a golf course during midseason playing conditions. Although the club and weather may permit play during the late fall and winter months, the varying conditions during the off-season months can alter the difficulty of the golf course (e.g., faster/slower fairways and greens, loss of foliage and rough height fluctuation). Since the Ratings issued to the club do not reflect the difficulty of the course during the off/inactive season, posting scores for handicap purposes under such conditions would affect a player's Handicap Index™ adversely and must not be posted.

To provide consistency in posting scores throughout a region, all clubs within a certain area must abide by the active/inactive season and handicap revision schedule established by the authorized golf association. This includes golf clubs that are not member clubs of the authorized golf association in their area.



**Saturday, November 5th**

**Club Party**

**Fish Fry**

**Menu:** Baked and fried fish,  
salad bar, roasted new potatoes, glazed carrots, rolls, brownie  
diablo.

**Serving:** 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

**Price:** \$12.95

Please make your **reservations by Friday, Nov 4th.**

*Sorry, but no same day reservations or  
cancellations.*

**Saturday, November 19th**

**Club Party**

**Mexican Night**

**Menu:**

**Soft shell taco's, chicken enchilada casserole,  
Spanish rice, refried beans, salad bar, and dessert.**

**Serving:** 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

**Price:** \$10.95

Please make your **reservations by Friday, November 18th.**

*Sorry, but no same day reservations or  
cancellations.*