



Orange Tree Golf Club

**INSIDER**

NOVEMBER 2020

## Hello November...

Truth be told: Thanksgiving is my least favorite holiday. I know! I can feel your shock and dismay as you read this. I would trade Thanksgiving for a second Halloween or St. Patrick's Day in a heartbeat. But I am certainly no Thanksgiving "Grinch"! I like to expand the feeling of Thanksgiving beyond the day, the week, or even the season, by actively including the mantra *Thankful - Grateful - Blessed*, into each and every day of the year. I know most of you do too. That is why it was especially fun to create a feature for this month's newsletter. I asked OTGC employees what they are most thankful for this year or their favorite Thanksgiving tradition, and it warms my heart to be able to share their responses with you. Naturally, family and food top the list, and some may surprise you, but all are sure to make you smile. While I can't fit all your names on my pumpkin centerpiece (that will make sense once you read my favorite tradition on page 5), today I am **THANKFUL** for each of you, **GRATEFUL** for the vibrant membership you create, and **BLESSED** beyond measure that what I consider the Orange Tree Golf Club Family extends so far beyond my own.

Shannon





## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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- Shawn Carroll
- Kyle and Brittany Goudy

"AS YOU WALK DOWN THE  
FAIRWAY OF LIFE YOU  
MUST SMELL THE ROSES,  
FOR YOU ONLY GET TO  
PLAY ONE ROUND."

BEN HOGAN



## BULLETIN

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Be sure to check out The Orange Tree Insider, a monthly video update with the Golf Channel, on the main page of our website. This month David talks to none other than Robert Damron from Golf Channel's Morning Drive, about grips and caring for your golf clubs.

## SPOTLIGHT ON

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*Diane Vore*

Diane had her first ever Hole-in-One while playing at Tranquilo during our Men's Member-Guest. Hole #3, 119 yards, 5-hybrid



## ACCOUNTING OFFICE NEWS/UPDATES

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### 2020 Staff Christmas Bonus

If you would like to reward OTGC Staff for a job well done this past year, please participate in our Christmas Bonus Program. You may member charge your contribution, but please remember to email your enrollment form or contribution amount to Shannon by Friday, December 4th.

### 2021 Annual Dues Program

Once again, we will be offering our Annual Dues Program: opt to pay your 2021 dues in one lump sum, and you will receive 8 Guest Passes to use whenever you choose next year. This is a purely optional program, but it does require a signed enrollment form by Friday, December 11, 2020. (Payment is not due until January 2021)

Enrollment forms for both of these programs will be emailed, and available in the Accounting Office as well.

## PRO SHOP NEWS

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### OTWGA

*Even though* the Women Playing for T.I.M.E. tournament was cancelled this year, you can still help the OTWGA with their fundraising efforts for Orlando Health Cancer Center by participating in the Scrip gift card program. Purchase gift cards from hundreds of different retailers in any denomination, and the company credits W.P.F.T with a percentage back. You receive full value of the card you purchased. Go to [www.glscrip.com](http://www.glscrip.com) for a list of retailers. Order forms and payment are due by November 19th; forms and more information are available in the Accounting Office.

## CONGRATULATIONS

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**The OTGC PGA Jr. League Team beat CCO 11-4 in their first match.**





## CONGRATULATIONS

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### 2020 Men's Member-Guest Winners

**1st Place: Tim Mayes and Frederick Wolf**



**2nd Place: Jeff Sargent and Robert Powell**



**3rd Place: Travis Damon and Mark Teague**



### Best dressed:

The father-son duo of Steve and Jake Palm, who led the field style-wise in matching golf attire each day.



## NEWS FROM THE SUPE

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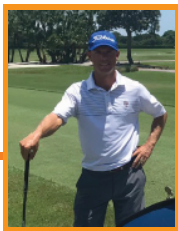
**By Rob Torri  
Superintendent**

It's the time of year when we apply perennial rye grass for the season. Overseeding takes place November 9-11, and is what gives OTGC its green, plush playing conditions. As usual, we will overseed wall to wall with the exception of putting surfaces. That means no excessive watering schedule on greens like there has been in years past. Once overseeding is completed, the only thing to wait for is the first cool snap, which enables us to provide the green speeds members have grown accustomed to here at the Tree. Speaking of green speeds, next month's news is on the Stimpmeter.

## HOLE IN ONE

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Congratulations: Tom Britt for his Hole In One on #17



## DIRECT FROM DAVID

By David Damesworth  
Director of Golf

### Golf Course Etiquette Part 1

- Proper Divot Repair- the best-case scenario is to replace the divot IF it is in one or two full pieces that can be put back in the divot, then top dress with a little sand over the top. Regardless of the time of year this is the quickest way the grass can heal in a matter of days. If the divot is too small or explodes then sand can be used to cover the divot. It can take up to two weeks for a single sand filled divot to fully recover. Let's keep our course looking great and take a few extra seconds and walk a few feet to grab your divot and put it back in its place!

- How to fix a ball mark- the best way to fix a ball mark is quick and easy. The first step is to use your putter and knock the ball mark's high side back towards the middle of the ball mark. Then use a divot tool or a standard golf tee and enter the tee into the high spot and work around the divot pushing towards the middle of the mark, NEVER LIFTING OR TWISTING, which damages the roots and creates bruise marks on the greens. If we all fixed the ball marks and fixed them the CORRECT way, we wouldn't have any brown bruise marks or uneven parts of the green, which not only looks bad but effects the true roll on our beautiful Champion Bermuda greens. Please take a few extra seconds and find your ball mark and repair the damage that you made. Let's keep Orange Tree GREAT!!

- Bunker Rakes: Yes! Bunker rakes are back in the bunkers. After six months of not raking the bunkers it appears that a lot of our members and possibly some guests are forgetting or just not raking the bunkers. Well, that means it's just a matter of time before YOU are in a size 10 heel print in one of our many greenside bunkers. Please be courteous to all of the other members and guests and rake your splash marks and foot traffic.

## MANNERS WITH MARK

"If everyone follows the etiquette of the great game of golf, the game is more enjoyable for everyone."

- Mark Russell, Vice President of Rules, Competitions and Administration, PGA Tour shares one thing he is thankful for this year...

"I thank the Good Lord every day that I have a beautiful place near my home to play golf and be social. [OTGC] is a wonderful little oasis in the middle of everything with the best greens in Florida. "

(Side note from Shannon: At the end of our conversation, Mark emphatically offered up a challenge to find better greens "anywhere, ANYWHERE"... but I'll take his word for it!)

## SAVE THE DATE

NOVEMBER 5:  
Men's One Day Member Guest

NOVEMBER 6:  
Men's Match Play Club  
Championship Begins

NOVEMBER 7-8:  
Ladies Club Championship

NOVEMBER 9-11:  
Course Closed for Overseeding

NOVEMBER 19:  
OTWGA Princess 19

NOVEMBER 24:  
Annual Thanksgiving Scramble

DECEMBER 3:  
Men's One Day Member Guest

DECEMBER 5:  
Junior Club Championship

DECEMBER 7:  
Florida State Am Qualifier

DECEMBER 12-13:  
Men's Member-Member

DECEMBER 15:  
Member Christmas Tournament

DECEMBER 19:  
Junior Club Championship



# Employee Favorite Thanksgiving Traditions

**Each year I buy a beautifully colored heirloom pumpkin and place in the center of our kitchen table. Then, every day in November, Chad and I each write directly on the pumpkin with a sharpie one or two things that we are grateful for that day. By Thanksgiving Day it's just about full and is not only a lovely reminder of our blessings, but a fun conversation starter when friends and family are over. Sometimes we even let them write on it too!**

• Shannon Wisne Helton, 14-year employee

**Having Thanksgiving Dinner at my Grandparents house**

• Jack Crayne, 1-year employee

**Watching the Detroit Lions lose while eating pumpkin pie**

• David Damesworth, 12-year employee

**White elephant exchange and playing laser tag**

• Emilee Iwinski, 2-month employee

**Having dinner and watching football**

• Michelle Nash, 3-year employee

**Having the kids over**

• Mike Good, 29-year employee

**Cooking, and doing for others**

• Carmen dos Reis, 27-year employee

**Making a new dessert for the family each year. Last year it was a Reese's pie**

• Carly Reagin, 2-year employee

**In Hawaii, we have pork instead of turkey, and something called palasami: a Polynesian dish with corned beef, coconut milk, and spinach. But my favorite tradition other than the family gathering is pumpkin pie**

• Keola Mount, 2-year employee

**Green bean casserole**

• Mary Ezra, 1-year employee

**Peach moonshine that a family friend makes every year**

• Neal Williams, 1-year employee

**Watching NFL football on Thanksgiving Day while eating the second round**

• Rob Torri, 24-year employee

**Hosting Thanksgiving dinner at our house for 15-30 family members... we have been doing it for the last 48 years!**

• George Wyckhuyse, General Manager

**Making the cranberry sauce**

• Robert Scott, 1-year employee



## ROBERT'S "RULES" OF ORDER

By Robert Scott  
Head Golf Professional

**Eat Better, Play Better: What should you eat and drink before and during your round of golf?**

### Hard-Boiled Eggs

Not only are they easy to carry and eat, hard-boiled eggs are high in protein for lasting energy and focus.

**Fresh Whole Fruit:** Bananas, Apples, Grapes, Pears and more are among the best things you can eat. Whole fruits are packed with dietary fiber and important nutrients like potassium.

**Nuts: Almonds, Cashews, Walnuts, Peanuts and more**

Nuts offer healthy protein, fats and minerals that fill you up and help you power through your round. Plus, they're easy to carry and munch on.

### Trail Mix

Make your own and it will be healthier (no preservatives and other additives). Toss dark chocolate chips, mixed nuts and dried fruit like raisins in a bowl. Stir it up and package it in small plastic bags.

### Jerky: Beef, Turkey, Chicken

Jerky is packed with protein that gives you energy without a heavy feeling in your stomach. All-natural brands are better because they aren't high in sodium and don't have preservatives.

### Peanut Butter Sandwich

Peanut butter contains healthy fats, vitamins and minerals—and it's a great source of protein. Spread it on whole grain bread for long-lasting energy.

These healthier on-course snacks can make us feel and play better. We might even cut a few strokes from our score. And there's nothing wrong with that.



## PETE'S EATS

By Executive Chef  
Pete Madden

### Sweet Potato Soup

Yield is approx. 2 quarts

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|------------------------------------|-----------|
| • Chicken Stock                    | 1 qt      |
| • Garlic                           | 1 tsp     |
| • Onion, celery, leeks, small dice | 4 oz each |
| • Sweet potatoes, small dice       | 1 ½ lbs   |
| • Cinnamon                         | ½ tsp     |
| • Nutmeg                           | ¼ tsp     |
| • Maple syrup                      | 1.5 oz    |
| • Salt                             | 1 tsp     |
| • Evaporated milk                  | 12 oz     |

### Garnish:

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| • Toasted almonds | 2 T     |
| • Chives          | 1/2 tsp |

### Directions:

- Sauté the celery, onion, leeks, and garlic in a little melted butter until translucent
- Add sweet potatoes and chicken stock, bring to a boil and then simmer until the potatoes are tender
  - Puree the soup in a food processor or blender until smooth
  - Return to pot and add remaining ingredients, reheat to a low boil
  - Thin with a little water if the soup is too thick; add a little cornstarch to water and mix in if the soup is too thin

Serve in cups or bowls and garnish with the almonds and chives



## DINING NEWS



### Thanksgiving Day Lunch Special:

A homestyle platter with oven roasted sliced turkey, cornbread stuffing, choice of mashed potatoes or sweet potato mash, gravy, buttered green beans, cranberry relish, and a choice of pumpkin or pecan pie. Also available for a heat and serve style take-out as well.

PLEASE NOTE: You MUST make a reservation for both dine-in AND carry-out orders by Friday, November 20th.

This special lunch will be served on Thursday, November 26th, starting at 11a, with the last reservation at 2p.

The Dining Room and Bar will close at 3p.

## NEW BAR/MENU ITEMS



**COMING SOON! Social Hour**  
Enjoy a brand-new drink menu of hand-crafted cocktails with seasonal flavors like apple, pomegranate and strawberry basil. PLUS, a delicious menu of small plates and shareables!



**Remember: there are no guest limits in the Dining Room!**



# 2020-2021 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

## NOVEMBER 2020

- 5: **MEN'S ONE DAY MEMBER GUEST**
- 6: MATCH PLAY CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP BEGINS
- 7-8: LADIES CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP
- 9-11: CLOSED FOR OVERSEEDING
- 19: OTWGA PRINCESS 19
- 24: THANKSGIVING SCRAMBLE

## DECEMBER 2020

- 3: **MEN'S ONE DAY MEMBER GUEST**
- 4-5: SUPER SCRATCH
- 12-13: MEN'S MEMBER MEMBER
- 15: CHRISTMAS SHAMBLE
- 19: JUNIOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

## JANUARY 2021

- 7: MEN'S ONE DAY MEMBER GUEST
- 30-31: MEN'S OPEN CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

## FEBRUARY 2021

- 14: VALENTINE COUPLES MIXER
- 20-21: MEN'S SR & SS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP
- 23: 9-HOLE LADIES INVITATIONAL

## MARCH 2021

- 5-6: SUPER SCRATCH
- 13: ST. PATRICK'S DAY BASH
- 25-27: MEN'S MEMBER GUEST

## APRIL 2021

- 3: WISNE FAMILY EASTER EVENT (34TH ANNUAL)
- 14-15: OTWGA MEMBER GUEST
- 25: PARENT-CHILD EVENT

### KEY

- MEN'S EVENTS - ORANGE
- LADIES' EVENTS - GREEN
- MAJOR EVENTS - UNDERLINED



# We are thankful for...

My friends  
and health

Gashley Mitzenmacher  
2-month employee

My  
Grandchildren

Lynn Reagin  
19-year employee

My family and dog, and  
everything I have in life

Davin Hunter  
5-year employee

Thanksgiving  
Dinner

Ernesto Badie  
1-year employee

The Orange Tree  
Crew

Robbie Smallwood  
1-year employee

Family

Edwin Rodriguez  
10-year employee

Good Tippers!

Jake Shaw  
1-year employee

A  
fridge  
loaded with beer  
(and family)

Pete Madden  
10-year employee

Family and having  
God in my life

Annmarie Hunter  
20-year employee

Health and  
Happiness

Tom Edrounie  
1-year employee

Good health

Cwilda Muniz  
9-year employee

My parents, but my Mom  
more than my Dad (don't  
tell my Dad!)

Joe Bentz  
4-year employee

The  
Members

Alex Lee  
1-year employee

Family

Alex Utri  
1-year employee

Members that make  
me feel like family

Becky General  
2-month employee



# November 2020 at



## Hours of Operation

### Pro Shop:

Tuesday-Sunday  
7am-6pm

### Range:

Tuesday-Saturday  
7am-5pm  
Sunday  
7am-4pm

### Tuesday:

Food Service  
8am-3pm  
Bar Service  
8a-6pm

### Wednesday:

F&B Service  
8am-8pm

### Thursday:

F&B Service  
8am-6pm

### Friday:

Breakfast and Lunch  
Service

8am-4:30pm

Dinner Service

5:30pm-8pm

Bar Service

8am-9pm

### Saturday & Sunday:

F&B Service

7:30am-6pm

### Thanksgiving Hours (11/26):

Course, Practice Facility and

Pro Shop **CLOSE AT 2:00 pm**

Restaurant and Clubhouse

close at 3:00 pm

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> <b>Men's Club</b> 8:00 am <b>Powerball</b> 8:16 am <b>Daylight Saving</b> <b>Time Ends</b> (fall back)	<b>2</b> <b>CLOSED</b>	<b>3</b> <b>Men's Club</b> 8:00 am <b>Ladies</b> 9:00 am <b>Ladies 9-Hole</b> 9:28 am <b>Coach's Game</b> 12:00 pm	<b>4</b> <b>Men's Club</b> 8:00 am <b>Scratch Game</b> 1:00 pm <b>Junior Camp</b> 3:00-5:00 pm <b>Pub Night</b> 5:30-8:00 pm	<b>5</b> <b>Men's Club</b> 8:00 am <b>OTWGA</b> 8:45 am <b>Coach's Game</b> 12:00 pm <b>Men's One Day</b> <b>Member-Guest</b> 12:30 pm	<b>6</b> <b>Men's Club</b> 8:00 am <b>Ladies 9-Hole</b> 9:28 am <b>Scratch Game</b> 1:00 pm <b>Dinner Service</b> 5:30-8:00 pm	<b>7</b> <b>Men's Club</b> 8:00 am <b>Powerball</b> 8:24 am <b>Ladies Club</b> <b>Championship</b> 9:00 am Tee Times <b>Scratch Game</b> 1:00 pm
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<b>29</b> <b>Men's Club</b> 8:00 am <b>Powerball</b> 8:16 am	<b>30</b> <b>CLOSED</b>	 <div>                         Don't forget we are social!  </div>				

\*Please continue to make reservations for Wednesday and Friday night dinners so that we can maintain proper occupancy and social distancing. You may call 407.351.4041, or email [restaurant@orangetreegolfclub.com](mailto:restaurant@orangetreegolfclub.com) And remember, you may call up to and during dinner service. Carryout is always available too!