



THENDARA GOLF CLUB

151 Fifth Street, Thendara, NY (315) 369-3136

Key 2025 Dates

Opening Day	May 3
Tues. Men's League	May 6 - Oct 7
Wed. Men's League	June 11 - Aug 27
Ladies' 9 Hole League	May 20 - Aug 26
Ladies' 18 Hole League	May 29 - Aug 28
Opening Scramble	May 26
Member-Member	June 6,7
Covey Pashley Tourney	June 8
Adk Bank Open	June 16
Picnic Scramble	July 4
Ladies' Member-Guest	July 11
Men's Member-Guest	July 18,19
Kinderwood	Aug 4
Annual Member Mtg	Aug 7
Club Championship	Aug 8-10
Choo-Choo Open	Aug 15
Fall Scramble	Sept 1
Close	Oct 12
Aerify	Oct 13

Aces, Bogeys & Chips

(aka Odds and Ends)

Book Tee Times Early

Course is busy this season, Members - **Be sure to book early.** It is very easy to book your tee time using the Thendara Golf Club website,

<https://www.thendaragolfclub.com> or call The Pro Shop 315-369-3136

Pace of Play Reminders:

Arrive early at the golf course - Be ready to Tee Off on time

Keep up with the Group in front of you

Limit practice swings

Mentally prepare for your next shot as you approach your ball

Play Ready Golf (Stroke Play / Scramble)

Repair Ball Marks:

Replace fairway divots

Fix pitch marks on Greens

2025 Season Highlights To Date:

Welcome 2025 Celebration

Thanks to everyone who came out to meet Josh Fortier and celebrate Thendara's season open. Through your generosity, we raised \$1,750 for **PGA Reach CNY**. This amount will sponsor their Vets golf program for a full six weeks!

Tournaments:

Member - Member:

Men: Brian Bamberger and Kevin Jost.

Women: Linda Bamberger and Candy Jost.

Ladies' Member Guest: Lorraine Schunck and her guest, Martha Shanahan.

Men's Member Guest: Tim Leach, Jr. and his guest, Mark Henry.

President's Cup: Stay tuned - still ongoing

Club Championship:

Men: Chris Schneeweiss

Senior Men: Rusty Tassini

Women: Ingrid Narken

Senior Women: Penny Van Slyke

After the slow start from the early season rains, course play has significantly improved with the excellent weather we've had recently. Be sure to book your tee times early to ensure you can play when you want.

Even with the recent dry, hot summer days, the Grounds Crew has been diligently watering fairways and greens and ensuring that our course is in top condition.

We are having a spectacular season this year. Be sure to get out to play and experience for yourself our great golf course!

Please feel free to reach out to me directly with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Chapman Jr.

Head Golf Professional

From the Desk of Josh Fortier:

I would like to start by thanking all our members and guests for an incredible first summer at Thendara. The support and the feedback we have received from everyone has been very positive and much appreciated. Although it has been a tough summer for the Golf Course Maintenance Team, it has been an incredible summer for golf. As I write this update I am looking at our weather station, and it is reading .11" of rain in the last month. After some research, I have found the July average for rainfall in Central New York is about 4". The last measurable rain event I have noted in my diary came the night before our Men's Member Guest tournament on July 17th. However, if I had to choose between having a very wet or very dry summer, I would choose very dry every single time.

As the golf season has progressed, I am sure everyone is noticing some changes we've been making to the golf course. I would like to use this update to explain why we are making some of these changes and the benefits of them.

First is the addition of the tall grass area between the first and second holes. We decided to add a few spots of what I call "Native Areas" around the golf course for a few reasons. First is to increase the efficiency of our rough mowing operations. Cutting back some of the total acreage of our rough allows our crew to keep the rough at a more uniform height across the golf course. One goal is to make areas of rough more consistent (e.g. not out of control and much taller than other areas). I don't believe it is fair to be penalized more on some holes and less on others for missing a fairway. Also, allowing our rough mowers to get around the golf course more efficiently allows them to keep it all playing very similarly daily. Secondly, the native areas require far less input. These areas require no water, mowing or fertilizers. Third, I think well placed native areas create a strong but fair penalty for errant shots. Off the tee on Hole #1, long hitters are now kept more honest about being able to just hit it out there anywhere and still be in fine shape. They now must hit their target and are penalized for spraying it out to the right. Off the tee on Hole #2, a short par 5, players are now forced to keep the ball fairly straight and are penalized for a miss-hit on the right side. I believe it's a fair penalty for missing it that far to the right on that hole. Lastly, I really enjoy the aesthetic value of the fescue. I think it creates a nice-looking contrast when the seedheads go brown and it creates a good barrier between holes.



Our next big change has been the altering of some of the mowing boundaries of fairways. The most notable changes have been on Holes 1, 3, 4, and 6. The main reason for these changes has absolutely been the playability of the golf holes. Short grass, specifically leading up to and around a green, creates a variety of different possible shots a player can try to make. For example, hitting into 3 green was always a forced carry shot, however, now players can elect to try to keep the ball on the ground with control to play it onto the green. Furthermore, coming up short with a tall shot was always historically fine, now

a player can be penalized for missing short and left by having the ball roll away from the green. In addition to playability, I think short grass looks great on a golf course.

Lastly, the way we manage our trees has been a little different as well. You may have noticed that we have been cleaning up trees by trimming the low hanging branches around the golf course. This has a few positive benefits. First, it goes back to our rough mowing operation. Having the mowers able to smoothly go under the trees keeps them moving at a steady pace. Second, it creates better sunlight and wind movement throughout the golf course. Our most notable area you have probably noticed is #13 green. I think it looks much cleaner, and the green is drying out much better than before.

Looking back at the summer, I believe we had great results for the Ladies' and Men's Member Guest, Club Championships, and am pleased with our daily playing conditions throughout the season. Although I really enjoy summer, I am looking forward to Fall Golf at Thendara. Fall Golf is my absolute favorite.

As always, feel free to ask me anything when you see me out there or feel free to send me an email at ThendaraGolfSuper@gmail.com. I really hope everyone has enjoyed the golf course and the time they have spent here!



Sincerely,

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