

“Together as a league we are committed to fostering friendships through the game of golf while providing value and support to our community”

OCEAN PINES LADIES



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One the first Tuesday of each month, we will have a shotgun format that will not require handicaps. Both League and casual members are invited to play, stay for lunch, prizes, and a general Membership Meeting.



A Note from Our President

When I joined the OPLGA in 2023 as a new golfer I had no idea how being part of this league would change my life. I never expected to meet lifelong friends to share my joy of golf, and to share in their stories called LIFE on and off the golf course. Learning the rules, etiquette, and pace of play as a first-time golfer was challenging but it doesn't take long to feel comfortable with this group of amazing ladies.

When I was asked to be the VP of the league in 2024, I thought everyone was crazy. I did have experience in Business, so I could add some value there, but I wasn't a seasoned golfer. Of course, with constant nudging from friends, I agreed. Stepping up as President was an easy transition because of our board members Tammy Banachowski (past president), Donna Kelly (VP), Ann Shockley (Secretary), Colette Horn (Treasurer), and Kathy Monaco (event coordinator). With this dream team it was an easy decision.

The OPLGA is very excited to introduce a new format on the first Tuesday of each month, a "shotgun scramble". This will include both League and Casual Players and afterwards we will enjoy a great lunch, award prizes, and have a membership meeting. Fun will be had by all!

So welcome to the OPLGA, we are looking forward to an exciting year!

Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns.

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OPLGA-9 OPENING



DAY ‘STEP ASIDE’ SCRAMBLE



JOIN US FOR A FUN FILLED
DAY OF GOLF, FOLLOWED BY
A BUFFET LUNCH



APRIL 15, 2025

9:00 TEE OFF

CHECK FOR AN E-MAIL SUNDAY
PRIOR TO TUESDAY PLAY FROM:
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TO SIGN-UP



LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL!!!

**** GREENS/CART FEES WILL BE PAID SEPARATELY
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Ladies Sizes: XS-4XL

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- UPF rating of 30
- Tag-free label
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Ladies Sizes: XS-4XL

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Ladies Sizes: XS-6XL

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I am a PGA Professional specialized in Teaching and Coaching. My mission as a Golf Professional and Coach is to help players understand their swing and use it to play their best golf. There is no one method or swing style for ^{all} golfers. My teaching centers around fundamentals, game management, and the short game. I believe every golfer can improve through proper training and I look forward to helping you on that journey.

Ladies 5-Week Programs

At Ocean Pines Golf Club we believe that every golf program should be centered around playing golf and making it fun to progress overtime. Join us and start improving your golf game and shooting lower scores!

Registration includes:

- (4) 60-minute group classes. Make friends while improving!
- (1) 60-minute Private lesson with PGA professional Matt Ruggiere.
- (1) 9-hole event with the group. Golf cart included with registration.

During instruction classes we'll discuss

- Proper fundamentals and key swing elements.
- How to practice more efficiently and make practice fun.
- How to improve your swing mechanics.
- Course management and mental game techniques.

• **Go to: Ruggierigolf.com and register now!**

Meet Our Golf Pro

Bob Beckelman, PGA, Director of Golf Operations



Beckelman grew up in Annapolis, Maryland and West Chester, Pennsylvania, and studied aerospace engineering at Penn State University. He's been a Professional Golfers' Association member for 25 years and has lived on the Eastern Shore for the last 35 years. Beckelman started his professional golf career at the Ocean Pines Golf Club, first from 1992 to 1997, and then returning from 2000 to 2007.

"I was hired here originally as an assistant under Buddy Sass, and then left to help build the Deer Run Golf Club, and then came back as the head golf professional in Ocean Pines," he said.

Beckelman said "a phone call" brought him back to Ocean Pines for a third time.

"Honestly, when I first got into the golf business, I loved it and I enjoyed it so

much," he said. "I had been around Ocean Pines for a while already. When I was in college, I was working summers at the club, and waited tables and I bartended. I just got to know the people and really loved the community, and I had a lot of friends and built a lot of relationships here.

"Once I started at the Ocean Pines Golf Club, I enjoyed the golf community so much, I planned on working my way up the ladder and eventually finishing my career here," Beckelman continued. "There's been some changes along the way, but it's still my plan – I started here, and I want to finish here."



See Bob's Story on YouTube – Endless Golf

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zN_9UTq_h10

Bob is our greatest resource, whether you have a question about Golf Rules, Ghin/Handicap, Course Rating, or if you just want a Golf Lesson, Simulator Assessment, or New Golf Club fitting, Bob is always available to make Golf a Great Experience!

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GOLF PLAY

All Play will be by tee time unless otherwise noted.

Please check the 2025 schedule for formats. Groups will be determined by the pro staff and by how many players are signed up for the event. Formats could be individual, twosomes, threesomes, or foursomes.

Sign in for Tuesday play will be through Golf Genius. Members should also download the Golf Genius App. Signup deadline is the Sunday before the event. Please call the pro shop if you need to cancel (410) 641-6057.

If play is canceled for the day; members will receive an email or phone call in the morning noting the cancellation due to weather or course conditions. Please make sure to check your email.

Please arrive at least 30 minutes prior to your tee time because you may be able to tee off earlier than scheduled.

Play should be completed in 2 hours and 15 minutes per pace of play guidelines.

FLIGHT/GROUP DETERMINATIONS

League play can be divided into ABCD teams or by their indexes, depending on the format and how many players have signed up. ABCD flights usually go from high to low indexes. Your index is not your handicap. Flights by indexes are where players are grouped together with indexes that are similar.

Blind Draw: If a team event calls for a foursome and one group has only a threesome, the pro shop then uses a Blind Draw. This is a score that is chosen from another team. The players score, who is chosen would be of like index.

Scrambles: If there is a scramble format and there are only 3 players on one team, then they should rotate. One player will play two balls on some holes. Player A would play two balls for holes 1, 2, and 8, Player B for 3, 4, and 9, Player C for 5, 6 and 7.

WEEKLY SIGN-IN INFORMATION

As part of our regular Tuesday play, the pro staff will provide each group with two score cards with the players handicap strokes noted on the cards. The pro staff will check the cards for accuracy, post the players scores when applicable and announce the winners of the event in the Clubhouse Grille room after golf. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask the pro staff or any Officer of the OPLGA.

Upon completion of play, members score cards are to be signed, dated, attested, and returned to the pro shop desk. Each member playing should sign the card attesting to the fact the score they are submitting is correct. If the pro staff is unable to post the players scores, then the member is responsible for posting their scores within 24 hours after play according to World Handicap System (WHS) Rules. Failure to post your score could disqualify a member from prize money.

If a player chooses to use the League Rule to pick up at 10 on any hole, they need to circle that hole. They have disqualified themselves from prize money for the event. The Rule of 10 is in effect every Tuesday except for major tournaments (stroke play) and our 'low putts' format. You must putt out no matter how many strokes it takes. There may be other formats that require members to count all strokes. These would be noted on the rules sheet. Please remember to refer to your maximum score for that hole for posting purposes.

If a player has picked up and put a 10 on that hole, they are to calculate their maximum score per hole is the following: Par for the hole +2 strokes + any handicap strokes(s) the player may receive on that hole. (Ex: Par 4, plus 1 handicap stroke plus 2 would give a player a maximum of 7 for posting on that particular hole) Rule 3.1b. If the pro staff is posting, they should be aware of the adjustment that needs to be made for posting purposes.

When posting your own score, whether on Tuesdays or other days, please post hole by hole, which will allow the system to correct any errors.

Special events and tournaments may have different posting requirements. The Tournament Chairpersons will plan and work out the details for those events and the information will be placed on the carts before play.

PRIZE MONEY

Tournament (weekly play) is only for members who have paid their dues and have an established handicap index to be eligible for prize money, awards and to participate in gross scoring events. Dues are paid on an annual basis and are due on or before your first event. Membership applications are available by logging onto the oceanpinesgolf.org clicking on "MEMBERSHIP" and choosing "Ocean Pines Ladies Golf Association". Applications are also available in the foyer of the Ocean Pines Golf Clubhouse. A fee of \$5 will be collected for the weekly prize money through Golf Genius when you register to play. The amount of players playing that day will determine how the prize money is distributed. Prize money is paid out in the form of Pro Shop credits and can be used only in the Ocean Pines Pro Shop.

Some formats use the players net score as the winning score for points or prizes. Your gross score is the one that is entered into the GHIN system for posting purposes.

BIRDIES AND PARS - Please email Donna Kelly at dmk52759@hotmail.com to record your birdies and pars made on Tuesdays.

HOW DOES A MEMBER ESTABLISH A HANDICAP INDEX?

Ocean Pines Golf Club uses the GHIN (Golf Handicap Information Network) system for Handicapping purposes. The purpose of the handicap system is to make golf more enjoyable by enabling golfers of differing abilities to compete on an equitable basis. The handicap system works only when scores are posted promptly and accurately.

Players are required to post their scores when they play 9 holes or 18 holes. Scores must be posted by midnight on the day of play.

NEW USGA SCORE POSTING CHANGES IN 2024

Beginning in January 2024, the USGA and the WHS implemented two changes in score posting.

9-Hole Scores: Previously, when a 9-hole score was posted, GHIN waited for a 2nd 9-hole Score to be posted and then combined them into one 18-hole score. In 2024, a 9-hole score will be converted to an 18-hole differential and included in the Handicap Index that day. You must complete 9 holes to post a 9-hole score.

Incomplete 18-hole Rounds: Previously, if you did not complete all 18 holes, you could add in the most likely scores for the remaining holes. In 2024, you are required to post your score on a hole-by-hole basis; GHIN will calculate the 18-hole differential based on the completed holes and post the score that day. This means when a player plays between 10 – 17 holes, they will be required to post their scores using the hole-by-hole method.

Players need to post their score on the same day they played. The WHS requires posting by midnight in order to ensure the player's handicap index is updated for the next day. Member score posting is available at the terminal in the Clubhouse foyer and on your own devices by downloading the GHIN App.

The index is used to calculate your handicap on the course you are playing on. There is a slope and rating for each 9 for every course from each set of tees. An Index is the measure of your individual skill level and is updated on a daily basis. The WHS system uses your lowest 8 scores out of 20 to determine your index. The slope and rating are a measure of the difficulty of a given course. By posting your scores every time you play and wherever you play, it helps to ensure the integrity of the game.

HOW TO GET A GHIN NUMBER: A new member needs to fill out the OPGLA-9 application. Once all applications are received the Officers will give them to the pro-shop. The Pro-shop will enter them into the GHIN handicap system. Member's will receive an email from the USGA Golf Association. Open the email and it will instruct you how to set up your account. If you have any questions/problem's setting up your GHIN account, please contact the Pro-Shop or any of the OPLGA officers.

HOW TO ESTABLISH AN INDEX: New members without an established index must submit acceptable scores from a minimum of 54 holes. A player must submit to the pro staff before playing in any OPLGA-9 event, a minimum of three (3) scorecards of 18 holes played, or six (6) scorecards of 9 holes played, or any combination thereof before being eligible for net prize money. The member must post these scores. The maximum handicap is 27 for 9-holes.

HOW TO POST YOUR SCORE IN GHIN

A posting terminal is available in the foyer of the Golf Clubhouse. You can also download the GHIN application on your devices or home computer/laptop for easy posting.

To post your score you need to access the GHIN system. Use the kiosks in the foyer or navigate to the GHIN website (www.ghin.com) and follow the instructions. You will need to enter your GHIN ID #. If you do not know your GHIN ID #, please ask the pro staff for help. Enter your GHIN # and your last name where indicated. You can select “remember me” to autofill these fields in the future. Click “LOG IN”. Select the course and the number of holes you played. Ensure the proper date is displayed for the round. It is very important to put in the proper date you played. Enter your score for the front 9 or back 9 (whichever you played). After reviewing your information click “POST SCORE”. Congratulations – you have posted your score.

The active posting season for Maryland is March 15th to November 30th. Other states have an active posting season all year long, such as Florida. If you play in those states with active posting seasons all year long you are required to post your scores when playing on those courses.

Members Should Access the USGA Handicap Website for Further Explanation of the USGA Handicap System and its Rules (www.usga.org/2024rules).

The Maryland State Golf Association sends out updates approximately twice a month. When you receive the updates via email, please review your scoring record for accuracy. If you scroll down the page, you will see the MSGA highlights certain rules with video explanations. That is a great way to learn more about the rules of golf so you can enjoy your game.

HOLE IN ONE FUND

This fund was established for the purpose of rewarding the member who gets a Hole In One. \$1.00 is designated from each member’s membership fee for this fund. This way each member of the OPLGA-9 has contributed and therefore is eligible for the prize.

Any active member to achieve a Hole In One at any sanctioned OPLGA-9 event will receive a prize of \$50.00. There must be at least one witness.

TOURNAMENTS

Tournaments will be announced well in advance, with the format, rules, and other information available. Assignment of the foursomes will be handled by the pro staff and Chairperson. If an entry fee is required, checks should be submitted in advance and made out to the proper payee, usually OPLGA-9.

MEMBER/MEMBER – Each member will pick another OPLGA member of their choice to play as a team. The format will be decided by the Event Chair and Committee Chair. A flyer with the event's information and sign-up will be distributed by email.

MEMBER/GUEST – Each member may invite a guest(s) (other than another OPLGA-9 member), with a handicap, to participate in this tournament as a team. If a guest doesn't have an established handicap, the Pro Shop will establish one for the day of the event. The teams compete for prizes. The format will be decided by the Event Chair and Committee Chair of this tournament. In the event of inclement weather, please check your email to see if Golf Play is cancelled. Although Golf play may be cancelled lunch will still be provided. A refund for Green's Fee will be given to the member, lunch is non-refundable.

9-HOLE OPLGA CHAMPIONSHIP – This is a two-day low gross tournament to determine the 9-hole OPLGA

League Champion for the year. The Champion comes from a full field of players. The back nine will be played the first day with the front nine being played the final day, using tee times. The low gross winner of the tournament will be named League Champion. Prizes will be awarded to the first low gross player in each of the other flights. The OPLGA Champion's name will be inscribed on a permanent trophy. In addition, the Champion will receive an individual Award and Pro-shop credits. Lunch is included.

GOVERNORS' CUP – This is a one-day tournament, with the low net golfer of the field being named the winner. First and second low net players in each flight, will receive prizes. The low net winner will have her name inscribed on a permanent trophy. In addition, the Governors' Cup winner will receive an individual award and Pro-Shop Credits. Lunch is included.

9-WOMEN'S DELMARVA GOLF ASSOCIATION

The 9-WDGA is an organization of nine-hole lady golfers representing numerous clubs on the Delmarva Peninsula. The purpose of this organization is to promote inter-club play among the member clubs. There are mixers as well as the End of Season Golf Outing; therefore, some of the clubs "sit out" each year.

Participant clubs provide reciprocal play which means that we may play these courses on designated days paying that club's required fee for reciprocal play. Carts are required. Tee times must be obtained in advance by our pro calling their pro and 9-WDGA reciprocal players are usually limited to nine holes of play. A list of the clubs, their day of play and telephone number can be obtained through the WDGA Chair or OPLGA Chair. A list of participating clubs can be obtained through any OPLGA officer. Each league pays membership dues, no individual dues are needed. Membership in WDGA entitles members to the reciprocal privileges offered at each club. Information regarding upcoming WDGA events, sign-up and costs will be on the flyer which will be distributed by email.

Whether a mixer will be cancelled or postponed to the rain date will be decided by the host club and those who have agreed to attend will be notified.

GOLF GAMES

BEAT THE PRO: The Pro will decide which professional will compete with a group. Each 9-hole golfer who beats the Pro with a lower net score (ties go to the Pro) will receive a prize from the Pro. Pro staff to post gross scores if they choose a format that is post able. Please sign and return your score card to the pro staff.

BLIND PARTNERS: Every player plays her own game and records their gross score on the score card; only one player to a score card. After everyone has teed off, the Pro Shop uses the computer to randomly match partners (twosomes). The twosome with the lowest better ball score wins. All balls must be holed out. Pro staff will post scores today. Please sign and return your score cards to the pro staff.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY POLYANNA: The foursomes will be determined by the Pro Staff by handicaps. Each player in the foursome keeps her own gross score. Once the Golf tournament is over, the foursome/threesome players pull numbered slips (1 through 4 or 1 through 3-depending on the number of players) from a hat. The person with the number 1 chooses the first "Present", which they can exchange their NET score from any one hole, with anyone in their group to improve their own score. Player 2 goes next and can steal the hole from number 1 if it is better, or choose another hole from another score card, same goes with player three and four. The person with the best net score at the end wins. **ALL PLAYERS MUST BE PRESENT IN THE CLUBHOUSE TO DO THIS FORMAT.** Pro staff to stroke the cards for handicaps. Pro staff will post the player's gross score. Please sign and return your scorecard to the pro staff.

CRIERS TOURNAMENT: Players are to record their gross scores on the score card. Your two **worse NET** holes will not count in your total score. **PRO STAFF** will **determine** your 2 worst net scores. The winner is the player with the lowest net score. Total Gross scores are to be posted by the Pro Staff. **Please sign and return your scorecard to the pro staff.**

FAB FOUR: This is a **4-person team** event. Cards will be stroked with your handicaps. Record your gross scores on each hole and record, on the scorecard where it says **NET SCORES** the two best net scores on the **PAR 4'S ONLY.** Pro staff will post your gross scores. **BLIND DRAW FOR THREESOMES.** Please sign and return your score card to the pro staff.

FAIRWAYS & GREENS: This is an individual game. Please record your gross scores for posting purposes. A player earns a **point if their tee shot lands in the fairway, or on the green on a Par 3 and a point for a one putt or a chip in.** Please record your **POINTS ON THE LINE INDICATED ON YOUR SCORE CARD** which is under your name. Only two players names on the score card. Pro staff will post your scores today. **Please sign and return your scorecard to the pro staff.**

HATE HOLES: At the beginning of play, each golfer must circle her scorecard for the **two holes** she "**hates**" most on the nine being played that day. At the end of play subtract your **gross scores** on these two holes from your **total gross score.** This gives you a new gross tournament score using only the **7 scores left.** You may not change holes after play begins; the hate holes must be designated on the score card in advance. Pro staff will post your gross scores. **Please sign and return your score card to the pro staff.**

LOW GROSS/LOW NET: Please record your **gross score** on each hole. **All balls must be holed out.** One prize for low gross and one prize for low net in each flight. Pro staff will figure the low net scores. Pro staff to post scores. **Please sign and return your score card to the pro staff.**

LOW PUTTS: Only **two players** per score card. Record your gross score on each hole and on a separate line, **where it says PUTTS,** record the number of putts you had for that hole. **All balls must be holed out. Putts count only from on the green. Putts from the fairways do not count as a putt.** Pro staff to post scores today. **Please sign and return your scorecard to the pro staff.**

MULLIGAN'S & GILLIGANS: This is a team-of-two event played with foursomes. It can be played as a team or individual game. We all know that a Mulligan is considered a “do over.” A Gilligan is a “do over” presented to the opposing team in your foursome. When a player hits a fantastic shot, the Gilligan is presented. The shot must be hit again by the individual receiving the Gilligan. Only one Mulligan and one Gilligan per player. No scores posted for today’s format. **Please sign your card and return it to pro staff.**

MYSTERY HOLES: Individual game winners are chosen for total gross and total net score in each flight. Put your gross scores on the score card. **All balls must be holed out.** However, the Mystery is that only **8 holes count**, and the **pro shop chooses** which 8 holes will count while players are out playing. Total gross scores will be posted by the Pro Staff. **Please sign and return your scorecard to the pro staff.**

ODD/EVEN: This is a team event where the **one best net ball of four is counted on the odd number holes and 1 best ball is counted on the even holes.** If a player’s score cannot be used on a hole a player may choose to pick up, and record for posting purposes, their most likely score, not to exceed their **maximum score** for that hole. Cards will be marked with your handicaps. Put your **TEAM** score on the line indicated on the card. Pro staff will post your gross scores today. **Please sign and return your score card to the pro staff. BLIND DRAW IF A TEAM ONLY HAS A THREESOME.**

ONE BEST BALL OF FOUR: The **foursomes** will be determined by the Pro Shop by handicaps. Each player in the foursome keeps her own score. The person who scores the best net score per hole (par – handicap stroke = net score) is the score from the foursome that is chosen for the net team score. **Cards will be stroked according to your handicap. Net team scores.** Put your **NET SCORE ON THE LINE INDICATED ON THE CARD FOR TEAM NET SCORE.** If a player’s score cannot be used for the lowest net score the player may, if they choose, pick up and record, for posting purposes, their most likely score, not to exceed their **maximum score** for that hole. **BLIND DRAW IF THERE IS A THREESOME. Please sign and return your scorecard to the pro staff.**

ONE-TWO-ONE: This is a **4-person team** event where one net best ball counts on the par 5’s, two net best balls of four count on the par 4’s and one best ball of four counts on the par 3’s. If a player’s score cannot count the player may, if they choose, pick up and record, for posting purposes, their most likely score, not to exceed their maximum score for that hole. **Cards will be stroked by the pro staff.** Pro staff will post scores. **Please sign and return your scorecard to the pro staff. THREESOME: USE A BLIND DRAW**

ONE, TWO, THREE: This is a **4-person** team event. All will play their own ball. On par 5’s, the one best net score is recorded as the team score. On par 4’s, the 2 best net scores are recorded and on par 3’s, the best 3 net scores are recorded on the score card. Cards will be stroked with your handicap. Put your team score on the **TEAM SCORE** line. **PRO STAFF WILL POST SCORES TODAY. (BLIND PARTNER WILL BE USED IF THERE IS ONLY A 3-SOME) Please sign and return your scorecards to the pro staff.**

PINEHURST (CHAPMAN) ALTERNATE SHOT: This format requires **twosome pairings** (Player A & Player B). Both players tee off. **Then, player A hits player B’s ball and player B hits player A’s ball.** The players then **SELECT** the one ball they wish to score with and play an **ALTERNATE SHOT** from that point on until the ball is **holed out.** If a player hits the ball when it is not their shot, the player replays the shot from its original position **AFTER** applying a **2stroke penalty.** All corrections must be made prior to teeing off on the next hole. If the correction is not made prior to teeing off on the next hole the team is disqualified. **Team handicaps are derived by taking 30% of the A player and 20% of the B player. The total team’s handicap is on the score card. Please post your team score on the team score line. Scores are NOT posted. Please sign and return your scorecard to the pro staff.**

PINKLADY CHARITY TOURNAMENT: **Foursomes** will be arranged by the pro staff. Each four-person team will be given a pink ball and a scorecard marked as to who plays which holes with the pink ball. At the end of the round, add up each player’s individual scores. Then add up the scores in each of the marked boxes which are the **team score.** If the team loses the pink ball, they cannot win as a team, but each player finishes the game with her own ball for a score to post. Golfers are asked to wear pink. Prize money plus any individual contributions will be donated to Atlantic General Hospital (AGH) Foundation to provide mammograms for those who cannot afford the procedure. Pro staff to post your scores today. **Please sign and return your scorecard to the pro staff. BLIND DRAW IF A THREESOME.**

POINTS FOR PUTTS: Each player plays their own ball and records their gross score. Points are earned for your putting skills. A player earns **2 points** for holing their ball from off the green; **1 point** is given for holing the ball from a length greater than the flagpole. Please put your **POINTS EARNED** on the **line indicated** on the score card. Pro staff to post scores today. **Please sign and return your scorecard to the pro staff.**

PRACTICE DAY: This is an individual event, meant to help you practice for the Championship. If you have a terrible shot, you can take another ball and do the shot over again (Mulligan). Only 1 do-over per hole. **FOR POSTING PURPOSES.** Please count your first shot for your total score on a particular hole for posting purposes. Mulligans are not recognized by the USGA and posting scores are required. Please sign and turn in your score cards to the pro staff so they can post your gross scores.

PRIMARY COLORS: This is a **3- or 4-person** team event. Each player chooses a color, Red, Blue, Yellow and/or Green. Each player in the threesome or foursome keeps their own gross score. On a separate line called **Primary Color**, please put the players **NET** score that was used on that hole. The tee boxes will be marked with a Primary color **prior to play**. The color of the person that matches the color on the tee box is the score that will be used on that hole. The team with the best scores wins. If there is a mixture of threesome and foursomes, then a blind draw for the threesomes will be done by the proshop. Pro staff to put handicaps on the cards. Pro staff will post gross scores today. **Please sign and return your scorecard to pro staff.**

SCRAMBLE: Teams are formed using **ABCD** players. All players tee off. Next, choose the best shot (the ball you wish to hit next) and all players play from that position. Continue this format until the ball is holed out. You can move the ball 6" from the original ball, on the green. You can move the ball within 1 club length in the fairway. If a ball is in the rough, the balls must be played from the rough. **You must use each player's tee shot a minimum of two times per 9 holes.** Put your **TEAM** score on the line indicated. **Please sign and return your scorecard to the pro staff.**

Threesomes: Set up a rotation whereby one player hits twice from tee to green on holes 1,2,3, the next player on holes 4,5,6 and the next player on holes 7,8,9, if they feel they can improve their shot.

SOLHEIM CUP: We will have a Blue Team and a Red Team whereby a member of the Blue Team plays against a member of the Red Team. Teams are determined by the players who sign up and their current indexes. The lowest index player is assigned to one team and the next lowest index to the other team until all members who signed up to play are assigned a team. The players' cards are stroked (dots on the cards) to indicate on which hole (s) the player will receive a stroke. The lowest net score on the hole wins that hole. A full explanation of how the Solheim Cup is played and match play rules will be issued by the Chairs of the Solheim Cup before the tournament. Your gross scores will be posted via the pro staff. **Please sign and return your scorecards to the pro staff.**

STABLEFORD: This is a **4-person team event**. Record your gross scores and net scores, where indicated on the scorecard. Points are awarded to each player on the team. Record your **POINTS ON THE LINE** indicated on the score card. 1 point for net pars, 2 points for net birdies and 4 points for net eagles. Pro staff will post your gross scores. **BLIND DRAW FOR THREESOMES.** **Please sign and return your scorecard to the pro staff.**

STARS AND STRIPES: Closest to the pin (whether you chip in or drive the green) gets a **star** and the longest putt made on each hole gets a **stripe**. The winner is the player with the most stars and stripes. Please put your gross scores on the score card. Stars and Stripes will be provided to place on your card. Pro shop to post scores for today. **Please sign and return your scorecard to the pro staff.**

STEP ASIDE SCRAMBLE: This is a **4-person team** event. All players drive their tee shot, and the best tee shot is selected for play. **YOU MUST USE EACH PLAYER'S TEE SHOT A MINIMUM OF TWO TIMES PER 9 HOLES** The person whose drive is selected "steps aside" on the next shot and the other three players play from that spot. The best second shot is selected, the person who hit that shot "steps aside" and the other three players hit the ball. This format continues until the ball is holed out. **You must use each player's tee shot a minimum of two times per 9 holes.**

THREESOMES: Set up a rotation whereby one player drives the ball twice on holes 1,2,3, second player drives the ball twice on holes 4,5,6 and the third player drives the ball twice on holes 7,8,9. If the player feels they cannot improve on their first drive shot then they do not have to drive the ball again. **No handicaps** are necessary for this format. **PLEASE KEEP YOUR TEAMS SCORE ON THE TEAM SCORE LINE INDICATED ON YOUR CARD.** Scores are not posted for this format. **Please sign and return your scorecard to the pro staff.**

TWENTY: This is a **4-person team format.** Each player plays her own ball throughout. The team records a total of 20 **NET** scores by the end of the 9-hole round by using anywhere from one to all four of its members' scores on a given hole. You must decide which scores to count before teeing off on the next hole. The team with the lowest 20 scores wins. **PLACE THE 20 LOWEST SCORES ON THE SCORE CARD WHERE INDICATED.** Pro staff will stroke the cards with your handicaps. Pro staff to post your gross scores. **Please sign and return your scorecard to the pro staff.**

BLIND DRAW IF THERE IS A THREESOME

TWO BEST BALLS OF FOUR: **Foursomes** will be determined by the pro staff by handicaps. Each player in the foursome keeps her own gross score for posting purposes. The **TWO BEST NET SCORES** per hole from the foursome are chosen for the team score. The **NET** Team score is chosen to determine the winning teams. If your score cannot contribute to the lowest net score you may pick up and record, for posting purposes, your most likely score, not to exceed your maximum score for that hole. Please enter your **two best net scores** on the line indicating **TEAM SCORE.**

BLIND DRAW IF THERE IS ONLY A THREESOME. Pro staff will post scores for today. **Please sign and return your scorecard to the pro staff.**

OCEAN PINES GOLF CLUB

GENERAL LOCAL RULES 2025



ALL USGA, R & A AND WHS RULES shall govern all play unless modified by a Local Rule. A Rule of Golf cannot be waived by a Local Rule. The Penalty for a breach of a Local Rule is usually the General Penalty for players.

Penalty Area: An area from which relief with a one-stroke penalty is allowed if the player's ball comes to rest there.

General Area: The area of the course that covers all of the course except for the teeing areas, penalty areas, bunkers and putting greens.

Out-of-Bounds is defined by white stakes, white lines and/or property fences. When the inside edge of a road or curb defines out of bounds, a ball that crosses such a boundary is out of bounds.

***All penalty areas** are red (lateral) penalty areas, and all drainage ditches are penalty areas. If no lines of stakes are present, the margin should be the natural margin of the drainage area.

***The wooded/brush** filled areas on the left side of hole #9 between the berm and the forward tee box on the first hole is a red penalty area. This does not include any area that is not on golf course property nor any area that is marked by white out-of-bounds stakes.

****Ocean Pines Golf Club** has adopted **USGA Rule E-5** allowing for relief for a lost or out-of-bounds ball. Players have **3 minutes** to search for a lost ball.

****When a player's ball** has not been found or is known or virtually certain to be out-of-bounds, the player may proceed as follows **rather than proceeding under stroke and distance**.

For two penalty strokes, a player may take relief by dropping a ball between the point where the original ball was lost or last crossed out-of-bounds and at point no closer to the hole and up to **two club** lengths into the fairway being played. This option is **in addition** to the stroke and distance option from previous rules.

****The Ocean Ladies Golf Association-9 has adopted the following Local Rule:**

LIFT, CLEAN AND PLACE: The OPLGA-9 will allow Lift, Clean and Place on **cart path days** and under other course conditions when warranted. **Model Local Rule E-3** allows a player to lift, clean and replace their ball without penalty. The player must mark their ball before lifting it. The player can then clean the ball and replace the ball as close to the original spot as they can. A player who does not mark or replaces the ball in an incorrect spot will receive a one stroke penalty in stroke play and loss of hole in match play. (Rule 14-1/2). Any other special Local Rules, because of course conditions, will be announced on the morning of play, through an e-mail or noted on the format sheet.

***The fence behind the 7th green** is an out-of-bounds fence and marker; relief without penalty is not permitted from out-of-bounds markers. If the O.B. fence obstructs your shot, your best option may be to take an unplayable lie.

On holes #7 and #16 as an additional option, the most forward tee boxes may be designated drop zones.

***Bulkheads** are an integral part of the course, and relief without option is **not** permitted. A player's best option may be to take an **unplayable lie**.

*****The following situations fall under immovable obstructions or ground under repair and a drop without penalty is permitted:**

- (a) Seams of cut turf-not the turf itself-are deemed to be ground under repair. However, interference by a seam with a player's stance is deemed not to be. If a ball lies in or touches a seam or if a seam interferes with the intended swing, relief is permitted.
- (b) Ornamental flower beds, including the area behind hole #6, are treated as ground under repair. Mulched areas without flowers are not entitled to relief. The bed of ornamental grasses behind hole #4 is a penalty area.
 - a. Note: The retaining wall behind hole #6 can be treated as an immovable obstruction and the flowered area as ground under repair. A single drop, no closer to the hole, and within a club length of the nearest point of relief is permitted.
- (c) Permanent 150-yard markers and the large fans on some of the greens are immovable obstructions. Free relief is permitted if they interfere with the player's stance or swing or line of play. **Note:** line of play relief is not normally allowed when a ball is not on the green.
- (d) Piles of branches and piles of wood chips from a tree removal project may be treated as ground under repair if they interfere with your swing or stance. Line of sight relief is not permitted.
- (e) A ball lost in an area with heavy accumulation of leaves or branches in the general area is treated as ground under repair from which free relief is allowed under USGA Rule 16.1. (Model Local Rule 14-1).
- (f) There may be areas of the course that should be marked as Ground Under Repair but are not. Players should be very careful awarding themselves relief in these situations. If the area is clearly something that should be marked, then check with your playing partners and if they agree relief may be taken.
- (g) Tree roots inside the tree line (fairway and rough) may be treated as immovable obstructions. Find the nearest point of relief and take a drop within a club length no closer to the hole. This does **NOT** apply to a ball that is within the wooded area.
- (h) Animal dung may be treated either as: A loose impediment that may be removed or ground under repair from which free relief is allowed.
- (i) If a ball is embedded in its own pit mark in the general area, the player may take free relief by dropping a ball within one club length and no closer to the hole. Note: a ball embedded in thick rough, is not considered to be embedded.

Gentle Reminders - REPLACE DIVOTS - RAKE TRAPS - REPAIR BALL MARKS

DO

- ▶ keep golf carts on the path unless daily instructions from the starter indicate that scattering is permitted. Scattering is now preferred over 90 degrees crossing or driving up the fairway edge. This eliminates bald areas.
- ▶ keep your golf cart/pull cart at least 30 ft. from all greens and traps. Don't take pull carts between traps & greens.
- ▶ park your cart to the side or back of greens, not in front, so you can move away quickly to the next hole without delaying a foursome behind you.
- ▶ be ready to hit your ball when it is your turn. Carry a "bouquet" of clubs to walk to your ball.
- ▶ mark all your golf balls for easy identification.
- ▶ make sure the previous group is out of range before hitting your ball.
- ▶ hit a provisional ball if you think that your shot is lost because if you can't find your ball, you must return to where you hit the lost shot which slows play. Remember to always announce if you are hitting a provisional ball.
- ▶ mark your ball on the green. Don't wait to be asked.
- ▶ mark your ball anytime you want to lift and clean your ball.
- ▶ follow the Local Golf Rules or League Rules for Ocean Pines.
- ▶ keep your cart on the paths on par 3 holes.
- ▶ stop all movement when another player is putting.

SCORING

- ▶ score correctly! All strokes count, even whiff.
- ▶ use a "stroke counter" for more accurate scoring, if needed.
- ▶ There are no gimmies on Tuesday Play.
- ▶ record your score when you get to the next hole so the people behind you aren't delayed.

DO NOT

- ▶ violate roped off areas.
- ▶ talk while others are hitting or putting.
- ▶ leave the area until every player has hit.
- ▶ search more than 3 minutes for a lost ball.
- ▶ offer advice or give golf lessons during play.
- ▶ walk in someone's line on the putting green.
- ▶ take more than one practice swing

Ocean Pines Ladies' Golf Association – 9

CONSTITUTION & BY LAWS

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this Association shall be OCEAN PINES LADIES' GOLF ASSOCIATION - 9.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

The purpose of this Association is to function as a group to promote interest, fellowship, and good sportsmanship in golf for ladies and to participate in activities of the Women's Delmarva Golf Association (WDGA) organized for nine-hole golfers

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Any woman may join the OPLGA-9 with the provision that she establishes a handicap after joining. New members without an established index must submit acceptable scores from a minimum of 54 holes. A new member must post either three (3) 18-hole scores or six (6) 9-hole scores to establish their index before being eligible for net prizes.

New members may play in the OPLGA-9 league before establishing their index but only for gross prizes. The Handicap Chair or the pro will review the new members postings for eligibility in various tournaments. Members whose handicap exceeds 27 (WHS-9) must play to a 27 for 9 holes in all weekly tournament play until such a time as their handicap is reduced.

ARTICLE IV - ORGANIZATION

A. Officers -The President shall appoint a Nominating Committee in July. The Nominating Committee shall present a slate of officers at the Closing Meeting. Nominations may be accepted from the floor if the person nominated has agreed to serve. Election will immediately follow for President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Event Coordinator.

B. Committees - The President shall appoint Committee Chairs for any committees, as necessary, to carry out the purpose of this Association.

C. Executive Board - The Executive Board shall consist of the officers and the past President of the Association. The Executive Board shall transact all business of the OPLGA-9 arising between General Meetings. It shall fill all vacancies in offices and be responsible for all operations involving financial obligations. Authority to sign contracts and checks shall rest with the President and Treasurer.

ARTICLE V - MEETINGS

Section I - There shall be two General Meetings each year: an Opening Meeting and a Closing Meeting. The OPLGA-9 Officers for the following year shall be elected at the Closing Meeting and Committee reports shall be presented.

Section II - Special meetings of the OPLGA-9 may be called by order of the President.

Section III - Members who have paid their dues shall be entitled to vote. No proxy votes will be permitted.

Section IV - Regular play throughout the season shall be on a day arranged with the Club Pro.

Section V - Twenty percent (20%) of regular members shall constitute a quorum for any meeting. Three members shall constitute a quorum for an Executive Board meeting.

ARTICLE VI - FINANCES

Membership dues shall be determined by the Executive Board and ratified by the membership at large at the Opening Meeting. Fees are payable by March prior to participation in any Association events. At a minimum, Fees will include local dues and handicap fees. Payment of 9-WDGA dues, paid by OPLGA, permits participation in 9-WDGA sponsored, invitational and championship tournaments.

ARTICLE VII - GOVERNANCE

Meetings of the Association and of the Executive Board shall be conducted by the rules of Parliamentary Procedure contained in Robert's Rules of Order Revised. All Association competitions shall be played in accordance with the USGA Rules of Golf and special league and local rules.

ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be amended by a two-third vote of the members present at any regular or special meeting provided previous (ten days or more) written notice has been posted in the Ladies Locker Room and the quorum necessary has been met.

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