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## FROM THE DIRECTOR OF GOLF JOHN MALINOWSKI



There have been many rumors and questions regarding the clubhouse and what is or isn't happening, so I thought I would set the record straight and give you an update.

There are three major issues currently being tackled. The first is keeping water from leaking in the building. You will see the

Public Works crew installing new drainage around the clubhouse and sealing up other areas that seem to invite water into the building.

As this is completed, the second issue—mold—will be addressed. Mold remediation is taking place in the ladies' locker room, the Golf Shop and the room that used to serve as my office. ServPro has been hired to do the remediation, and you'll see technicians on the premises doing clean up this week.

The third, and perhaps the most crucial, task is to determine what is going to happen to the building in terms of renovation or replacement. There are many

opinions about what should be done and the OPA Board of Directors is looking at these options. I have been invited to be a part of the discussions and will let everyone know what is happening as the process moves forward.

In the meantime, we are continuing to spruce up what we can. Trees are being planted to shield the cart barn and maintenance shed, and I'm pleased that many of you have been enjoying the newly updated patio and porch areas. Fall—barring any wet weather—is a wonderful time to enjoy the Pines, so I hope you'll take advantage, both on the course and off!

## FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT RUSTY MCLENDON

Well before Ocean Pines was developed, this area was more than likely a tidal marshland. The soils stayed saturated by the rise of the tidal waters and rain accumulation of the back bays. Soils were heavy with silt and sediment with the only outlet all the way down in Chincoteague. Then came the storm of 1933 creating the inlet at Ocean City.

Opening up the inlet gave the back bays an outlet to drain more freely. This also opened up opportunities for coastal-style living along these back waterways. As the Pines was developed and the golf course came around, the soil maintained the same physical characteristics; once it becomes saturated it takes some time to dry out. In the summer,

occasional rainstorms will be absorbed and used by the plant with minimal runoff. Accordingly, cart traffic can return to the fairways much more quickly. Once the soils become saturated from more frequent rainfall in the spring and fall, it can take much longer for them to dry enough to allow carts to return to the fairway.

### RESIDENTS' DAY

Ocean Pines Golf will host a Residents' Day on Sunday, Oct. 23. All rounds for Ocean Pines residents are \$25 on this day. We'll also have \$1 draft beer, fountain drinks and hot dogs as well as \$1 off buckets of range balls and free Golfzilla for kids!

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**October 4**—OPLGA Pink Lady Outing

**October 6**—OPMGA Men's Day to Support Pink Lady Fund

**October 11**—OPLGA Sadie Hawkins Day

**October 13**—OPMGA Men's Day & Member Appreciation Lunch

**October 23**—Residents' Day

**October 30**—Sunday Social

### OTHER NEWS

The OPLGA and OPMGA are joining forces to raise money for the Pink Lady Fund in order to provide mammograms for women who are otherwise unable to afford them. If you are unable to participate in their events on October 4 or 6, please consider making a donation. Cash or checks made payable to the AGH Foundation may be placed in the envelope in the Golf Shop.

## LADIES' ASSOCIATION NEWS

The 2016 OPLGA Rock n' Roll Match Play competition had 11 teams competing this year. We had two flights, The Rockers and The Rollers. An end-of-the-year luncheon was held on Sept. 27 at the Neals' beach condo for all of the players. The winners from the 1st flight, The Rockers, were Debbie

Schwertner and Lynn Schneider with 31 points. The winners from the 2nd flight, The Rollers, were Frankie Gomsak and Dot Smith with 20 points. Congratulations are in order for their fine play. The event chairs would like to thank all of the teams that competed this year and hope to grow the competition

for next season.

The OPLGA held its Member-Member competition on Sept. 20. Yes, it was a Tuesday and yes, they had a "strong drizzle" but the 26 competitors held strong and played under the not-so-great conditions. They



Debbie Schwertner and Lynn Schneider won this year's match play competition.

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## MEN'S ASSOCIATION NEWS

The OPMGA's Member-Member Tournament on Sept. 10 was its sixth major tournament of the season. On a hot and humid day 42 players formed 21 teams in a better-ball format where the best net score on a hole became the team score. The team of Tom Cronin and Bill Thomson found itself at the top of the leader board with a 13 under par score of 59 sup-

ported by Bill's birdies on hole #1 and hole #6 that were net eagles on the scorecard.

Following the Cronin-Thomson team were seven teams tied for 2nd place with scores of 61. The match of cards went to the 4th handicap hole before the ties were broken. Finishing in 2nd place were Bob Rosdahl and Bob Kessler, in 3rd were Ernie Stiles and Al Wol-ski, in 4th were Harry van der

Vossen and Mitch Hoffman and in 5th were Al Fasulo and Bob Long.

The teams of Warren Oxford-Jerry Fennell, Mike Bahr-Bud Humphries and Paul Kelly-Frank Ruggiere also shot 61 but found themselves out of the money and were presented with a good lunch along with the rest of the teams.

Closest to the pin money

went to Jim Phipps on hole #16 and Steve Neal on hole #5.

Men's Day on Thursday, Sept. 15 turned out to be "moving day" as all three of the leaders in the season-long point standings were out of the money, allowing a number of others to close the gaps on the leader

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## HANDICAP & RULES COMMITTEE NEWS

### The Flagstick: What am I supposed to do?

When it comes to the flagstick, there are written rules you must follow and the unwritten ones you should honor.

**USGA Rules:** Striking a removed flagstick or the attended flagstick (including the person tending it) when making a stroke anywhere on the putting green is a penalty (loss of hole in match play; two shots in stroke play and the ball is played as it lies). Remember this important key when you

play: If you authorize someone to tend the pin, the responsibility for what happens next is on you. In short, if your attendant doesn't pull the flag out in time, or someone in your group or match places it in a spot where your ball still hits it, *you* get the penalty.

Before making a stroke from anywhere on the course, the player may have the flagstick attended, removed or held up to indicate the position of the hole.

If the flagstick is in the hole and anyone stands near it while a stroke is being made,

he is deemed to be attending the flag. If, prior to the stroke, the flagstick is attended, removed or held up by anyone with the player's knowledge and he makes no objection, the player is deemed to have authorized it.

If an opponent in match play or a fellow-competitor in stroke play, without the player's authority or prior knowledge, attends, removes or holds up the flagstick during the stroke or while the ball is in motion, and the act might influence the movement of the ball, the oppo-

nent or fellow-competitor incurs the applicable penalty.

If you're lucky enough to have a shot from off the green get wedged between the flagstick and the hole and not fall below the lip of the cup, be careful how you proceed. If you move the flagstick, or authorize someone else to do it, and the ball comes to rest at the bottom, it's holed. But if it doesn't drop, you must place it on the lip of the hole (no penalty-yeah!) and tap in.

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*The OPLGA enjoyed lunch in the Tern Grille "sunroom" after their Member-Member competition.*

played the Chapman/Pinehurst format whereby both team members tee off, hit their partner's ball for the second shot and then choose the ball they want to score with and alternate from. They also had two closet to the pins and a "cash back" raffle where more players got to share in the monies collected. The Member-Member competition then christened the new "sunroom" with a great lunch

prepared by the Tern Grille staff.

The winners were: 1st Debbie Schwertner and Lynn Schneider, 2nd Dot Waters and Meg Herrick and 3rd Geri Fasulo and Chung Cho. Closet to the pin on #5 went to Sally Stafford and closet to the pin on #7 went to Chung Cho. Co-chairs Geri Fasulo and Gail Lynch wish to thank everyone who competed this year and look forward to next season's competition.

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board. The format for the day had each team using its best net score on the first six holes, the two best net scores on holes 7 through 12 and the best three scores on the final six holes.

Two teams shot scores of 117, 27 under par; the tie breaker had to go to the fourth handicap hole to determine the winner. The

team of Woody Gross, Bob Kessler, Walt Lischak and Bob Long came out on top due to their being three under par on the 18th hole. Mike Bahr, Mike Mason, Nelson Fenwick and Drew Lawrence were one under on the 18th and had to settle for second place. Three strokes back and in third place was the team of Ernie Stiles, Ron Sieka and Ed McGlennen.

The closest to the pin award went to Neil White, whose tee shot on the 5th hole came in at 8 feet, 3 inches.

As of Sept. 15, Ron Olszewski remained at the top of the season-long point standings with 260 points; Mike Daley and Art Henshaw were tied for 2nd with 255 points. Bob Kessler

earned 25 points that week and moved into 4th place with 230 points ahead of Bob Rosdahl's 215 points. Nelson Fenwick picked up 20 points and pulled into a tie for 6th place with Bill Thomson with 205 points. Prize money will go to the top five places at the end of the season on Oct. 13.

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### **Unwritten: Some tips on etiquette**

When tending the flag stick, hold it at arm's length. Your body and shadow should be away from the hole and your feet should be away from where the ball is going to roll. Loosen the flagstick a bit before someone putts to make sure it's not jammed into the hole liner. Once the ball is rolling pull the flag

straight up and make sure you move away from the action. When you remove the flagstick, place it gently on the ground. Letting it drop may cause damage to the green. The first person in the hole picks up the flag and replaces it, carefully, back in the cup, after everyone has holed out. Make sure the area around the cup is not damaged or any spike marks are left around the hole.

**Quiz:** If a stroke from on the green strikes the flagstick that was placed off the green, does the player still incur a penalty? Yes!

Be sure to visit the USGA website to watch the excellent videos on rules and etiquette.

Also, please remember posting of scores ends in Maryland on November 15, but if you are traveling anywhere from Virginia south or

out west you are still required to post your scores when you are in an area that still observes an active season. Just go to the MSGA website or Golfnet to post your scores. Your scores can also be automatically transferred from one club to another using each club's identification number and your member number. Ask your pro about setting this function up for you.