



# THE SCORECARD

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## FROM THE DIRECTOR OF GOLF JOHN MALINOWSKI



March is a big month for golf. It brings us spring (at long last!), the official beginning of the Maryland handicap season (on March 15) and an extra hour of daylight (on March 13), all of which make March the unofficial start of the golf season.

In a few short weeks, our tournaments, outings and

play days will begin, and the Golf Shop staff and I are excited about partnering with the OPG&CC men's and women's associations with their events this year. This partnership will allow us to streamline event management and enhance the experience for participants. Please trust me when I say we're not interested in taking over these events. Rather, we'll now be a part of the planning process and can offer support, assistance and insight. I personally love running tournaments and outings. It's truly one of my favorite parts of being a PGA professional. However, you can be assured that the outing or tournament coordinators will still

be points of contact and will be responsible for meeting with me to set up and plan the events. The main advantage for me and my staff is that since we will be a part of the conversation from the beginning, we can offer better, more accurate information when people ask questions. This will also allow us to help promote the events, whether via email, on OceanPines-Golf.org or through print media.

We're also looking forward to offering tournaments for all golf members and for the general golfing public. We know that we have over 2,000 Ocean Pines residents who have played the course in the past

few years and many more golfers from surrounding areas. We're hoping that additional opportunities for competitive play will allow us to further engage these golfers.

Finally, we are planning to expand our social events this year. Our Friday Happy Hours have been well received, and we plan to continue those for the foreseeable future. Although we are somewhat limited by the space at the Country Club, we are thinking of some fun and creative ways to bring golfers together. Stay tuned! In the meantime, if you have any suggestions for future events, please let me know. Happy golfing!

## FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT RUSTY MCLENDON



It's that time of year again!!! Getting the season kicked off with another round of aeration! Your maintenance staff is fired up and ready; the sand and the soil amendments are on site and available to be applied. Now with a little cooperation from the weather, we should be able to pull cores on the greens and approaches, while deep tine aerating the tees and fairways. I

realize core aeration is an inconvenience to the membership... However, it is a crucial step in the overall health of the turf. Removing thatch and replacing it with sand will provide better playing conditions in the months to come. Think of it as a short-term inconvenience for the long-term improvement to the playing surfaces in the upcoming months.

### UPCOMING EVENTS



When you head off the green, join us for a wearin' of the green at our special St. Patrick's Day Happy Hour! The Tern Grille will be serving up corned beef & cabbage and green beer on Thursday, March 17 from 4-7 pm. Look for more details in future member emails.