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FROM THE DIRECTOR OF GOLF JOHN MALINOWSKI



The first week of April is a great one for golf, and if you're like me, you'll be glued to the TV screen and watching the heart-stopping beauty and action of The Masters through Sunday!

On the home front, we have some excitement of our own. Our men's and ladies' groups kick off their seasons, renovations to the

Tern Grille and locker rooms will finish up and maintenance work will ramp up on the course.

The renovation work in the clubhouse should finish up by the middle of the month. If you've stopped by the Golf Shop lately you've

no doubt taken a peek into the new space. Tile work has been finished throughout and painting is currently being completed. New furniture has also been delivered. Several new TVs

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The view from the entry of the new Tern Grille

LOTTERY

The lottery system is up and running. If you are having an issue with a blank screen popping up and are using Windows 10, you may need to check your settings to grant permission for the images to appear. You may also be prevented from making a request if your membership is about to expire. Please check with the Golf Shop if you think this might be the case.

OPLGA

The OPLGA 9-hole league will start on April 11. The group is looking forward to new and returning members. If you're interested in weekly play with a fun group of women, contact Olga Novy at novsnet33@gmail.com or Ann Shockley at shock1030@verizon.net. Or find the OPLGA on Facebook!

HANDICAP/RULES COMMITTEE GERI FASULO, CHAIR

The United States Golf Association and the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews have announced a local rule change that took effect January 1. The USGA will make it an official rule in 2018. There will be other significant rule changes for 2019. Go to the USGA website to view

some of the changes that will come in 2019. Here is a new one that can be put into effect immediately at Ocean Pines Golf Club.

Accidental Movement of a Ball on a Putting Green

Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1 are modified as follows:

When a player's ball lies on the putting green, there is no penalty if the ball or ball-marker is accidentally moved by the player, his partner, his opponent or any of their caddies or equipment.

The moved ball or ball marker must be replaced as provided in Rules 18-2, 18-

3 and 20-1.

This local rule applies only when the player's ball or ball marker lies on the putting green and any movement is accidental.

Note: If it is determined that a player's ball on the putting green was moved as

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will be installed, and the expansion into what was formerly the screened-in porch means that the restaurant will be able to accommodate many more people, something we've long needed. Demolition and construction on the second floor of the clubhouse is slated to begin once work on the first floor is

finished. The upstairs will have meeting spaces as well as accommodation for special events.

Food and beverage operations at the golf club will be managed by the Mumford's Landing at Ocean Pines staff. Please welcome them aboard and feel free to contact them with any questions.

Plenty of work is also happening outside. The maintenance crew is working on drainage on holes 8, 9, 10 and 18. They will also be busy repairing irrigation leaks and bunker edging, filling the bunkers with new sand and reseeding and sodding areas as needed on the course.

With all of the changes,

we'll no doubt encounter some bumps along the road, but I'm confident that we'll be able to smooth them out as the season continues. Your patience and understanding, as always, are appreciated during this time of transition!

MEN'S ASSOCIATION NEWS

The OPMGA hosted its annual Opening Shamble on Saturday, April 1. Forty players teed off in breezy conditions, but three teams battled the elements to come out on top:

1st—Bob Long, Frank Brown, Keith Heins and Woody Gross

2nd—Mark Watts, Joe

Lynch, Larry Stover and Dale Christensen

3rd—Paul Kelly, Bunk Machen, Steve Howse and Phil Stoer

Closest to the Pin—Randy Lindell, 8'9"

Lunch and the awards presentation were held at The Cove at Mumford's following the tournament.



The winning team, from L-R: Frank Brown, Woody Gross, Keith Heins and Bob Long

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a result of wind, water or some other natural cause such as the effects of gravity, the ball must be played as it lies from its new location. A ball marker moved in such circumstances is replaced.

What happens if the local rule is not in effect? The one-stroke penalty for violating Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1

would still apply. Those rules specify a penalty for moving a ball or ball marker in many situations, including accidents such as kicking the ball or moving it when you make a practice stroke.

Adopting this rule for Ocean Pines Golf Club is the right move to make since it has been approved by the USGA and is used now at

many courses.

On a final note, since the OPLGA and OPMGA seasons are starting, please remember to sign your score cards when playing in the weekly competitions as per USGA rules and to post all of your scores every time you play.

RULES SEMINAR

Want to brush up on the USGA's Rules of Golf? Be sure to check out Ocean Pines Golf Club's free rules seminar, presented by Director of Golf John Malinowski, on Saturday, May 13 from 10:30-11:30am at the Ocean Pines Community Center. Call the Recreation & Parks Dept. at 410-641-7052 to reserve your seat!