



# THE SCORECARD

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## FROM THE DIRECTOR OF GOLF JOHN MALINOWSKI



It's not often that golf professionals are asked about food and beverage operations, but in truth it's an integral part of the job for many of us. In fact, my PGA certification program included extensive training in that area, and I also received additional specialty certification from the PGA in general management, which included further food

and beverage instruction.

One of the challenges we face at OPG&CC is that The Tern Grille is a relatively small operation with limited staff and space. At the same time we need to meet the needs of sometimes close to 200 golfers on the course (with a beverage cart) and in the restaurant itself. In the season, we'll be open at 7:30 am to serve breakfast and stay open until 6 pm to take care of after-round drinks and food. We also, at times, serve food for other events and tournaments. We do all of this with a staff of six, half of whom are part-time.

I mention all of this because many of you, I'm glad to say, have told me how

much you've enjoyed the monthly happy hours we've been able to reinstitute and wish we could hold them weekly. It's been wonderful to see The Tern Grille packed with people hanging out and having a good time. Right now, though, we're still only able to hold these events monthly. Having them more often would necessitate bringing on more staff, and while there are times when extra hands are needed, most often the staff we have is able to manage the amount of business we have on a daily basis. This allows us to keep our expenses in line with budgetary expectations. In the

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

The annual spring golf membership meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 11 at 3 pm upstairs in the clubhouse.

Other events....

June 3—Ravens Roost Tournament at 9 am

June 12—ESG Magazine Jr. Golf Tournament at 2 pm

June 21—OPLGA Member-Guest Tournament at 9 am

June 25—OPMGA Member-Guest Tournament (Time TBD)

### OTHER NEWS

The deep cleaning of the clubhouse bathrooms and upstairs kitchen has been completed. The bathrooms and clubhouse are also now being thoroughly cleaned on a regular basis. As always, please let us know if you notice anything around the course that needs extra attention. We always appreciate a heads-up and will work hard to correct any problems that arise.

## FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT RUSTY MCLENDON

Spring has sprung, the mower blades are sharpened and the golf season is upon us.

The maintenance staff is looking forward to another great year on the course. We are out looking and scouting for any potential

issues each and every day. If something catches your eye or a question arises, please let us know.

The soil temperatures continue to rise daily. Here in the Pines, the surrounding water temperature will keep our soil temperature

in check in the springtime and keep us a littler warmer later in the fall. This translates to a slow start for the turfgrass but a prolonged growing season towards the end.



## LADIES' ASSOCIATION NEWS

The OPLGA-9 has had a tough time getting underway this year—3 of 5 events this season have been canceled due to weather, including snow and rain! However, the Low Putts event on April 26 was a “go.” The ladies competed for individual honors in low putts. The results are as follows:

### 1st Flight:

1st—Carolyn Neal 12 putts  
2nd—Elinor Lees 14 putts

### 2nd Flight:

1st—Norma Kessler and Gail Lynch 15 putts (tie)  
2nd—Ginny Lewis, Janet Stoer and Rose Olszewski 18 putts (tie)

In other news, the OPLGA will hold its annual Member-Guest Tournament, “The Olympic Trials of Ocean Pines,” on Tuesday, June 21 with registration, lite fare and coffee at 8 am and a shotgun start at 9 am. An all-

American picnic will follow.

The cost is \$45 per person, which includes greens fee, cart, tip, lunch and prizes. Payment may be submitted online at OceanPinesGolf.org or in the Golf Shop. A sign-up sheet will also be in the ladies locker room. Please contact Karen Gerhart at 410-208-4237 for more information. The deadline to register is June 14.



## MEN'S ASSOCIATION NEWS

Men's Day on May 5 was again played in cold weather; the ground was very damp but there was a little less rain in the air than a week ago. Six teams played a 4-man Stableford. The results are as follows:

### 1st Place: 94 points

Art Henshaw, Ron Olszewski, Nelson Fenwick, and Bob Rosdahl

### 2nd Place: 84 Points

Tom Sandusky, Walt Lis-

chak and Bob Long with the help of a blind draw of Bill Thomson

### 3rd Place: 83 Points

Mike Daley, Tom Cronin, Ernie Stiles and Bill Thomson

### Closest to the Pin on Hole #16:

Bob Long at 15 ft., 0 inches

Art Henshaw shot a gross score of 76 in leading his team to victory, and Tom Sandusky helped his team

when his tee shot on #7 ended up 3 inches from the cup. For Tom that was a birdie two/net double eagle 0 and lots of Stableford points for his team!

On a separate note, after a very wet weekend and week with heavy outside play there were a good many divots in the fairways. This is a fact of life when there is heavy play and it is wet and cart path-only. We can all help by re-

pairing as many divots—some of our own making and some made by other golfers—as we reasonably can and filling those that are beyond repair. Also, let's be sure we set a good example to everyone playing our course by keeping the carts 100 percent on the path when the conditions are as wet as they have been.

## FROM THE DIRECTOR OF GOLF



The Tern Grille was packed for the Cinco de Mayo Happy Hour on May 5.

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past, we had to absorb significant financial losses from our happy hours because our expenses (including overtime for workers who had to stay later than normal business hours) were greater than the revenue that we received.

In short, the monthly happy

hours seem to be striking a balance between social opportunity and financial responsibility. Our staff is better able to plan and prepare and ensure that everyone has a fantastic time. We look forward to more of these monthly events as well as to your continued support.