



THE SCORECARD

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FROM THE DIRECTOR OF GOLF JOHN MALINOWSKI



Now that the golf season is well underway, we have several “housekeeping” matters to address....

First, with more people requesting lottery tee times, be sure to widen the parameters of your requests, especially if you are asking for multiple times. Remember that the lottery system is based on points acquired from requesting times and

showing up for those times. If you fail to show for your time or have fewer golfers than you requested, points will be deducted and your standing will drop in the system, making it more difficult to get your desired times in the future.

On a related note, please be aware that there is an outing scheduled for the morning of May 15. There should, however, be some spots open to play – contact the Golf Shop to get your name on the list starting on May 8. We will get as many members as possible on the course with the outing.

Also know that the maintenance crew will be mowing the range every Wednesday morning. The range will close at 5pm on

Tuesdays to be cleaned and picked and will reopen as soon as mowing is completed – approximately at 9:30am on Wednesday. We plan on moving to the grass tee by the end of May, as soon as the grass gets thicker. As in the past, once we move to the grass tee the covered stalls at the back of the range will be closed because of the shortened distance between the two ends. The maintenance crew is now almost fully staffed and has been diligent about trying to stay out of everyone’s way while they’re playing. There will be, however, times when you see and hear mowers and carts going around the

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- *The semi-annual Members’ Meeting & Kentucky Derby Party will be held on Saturday, May 6 at 4:30pm in the Tern Grille. The meeting will include committee reports, a report from the council president and an update from the director of golf. Following the meeting, enjoy complimentary hors d’oeuvres and a cash bar as you root for your picks in the derby pool. Everyone is invited to join the derby pool and the 50-50 as well as show off their best Kentucky Derby hats and compete for what is perhaps the most coveted prize in all of Ocean Pines!*
- *Mark your calendars now for the 33rd Taylor Bank/Ocean Pines Golf Tournament, scheduled for August 16. Personal and business tee signs as well as tee sign packages are available to help raise funds for this event, which benefits junior golf. Please contact Scotty Wheatley, tournament chair, at 410-641-7486.*

HANDICAP/RULES COMMITTEE GERI FASULO, CHAIR

To Post or Not to Post (Section 5 Handicap System)

The following are acceptable scores and must be posted for handicap purposes: Post scores when at least seven holes are played (7-12 holes are posted as a 9-hole score; 13 or more holes are posted as an 18-hole score. Holes not played are posted

as par plus any handicap strokes to which the player is entitled.); Post scores made in an area observing an active season; Post scores in all forms of competition including match play, stroke play and team competitions where players play their own ball. (This does not mean all holes must be physically completed as per Section 4-1. The committee

in charge of the competition should indicate whether the score should be posted as a “T” score, as in a club championship, etc.); Post scores played under the local rule of “preferred lies”; Post scores when a player is disqualified from a competition but still has an acceptable score for handicap purposes (e.g. failure to sign a score card).

Equity

A player pulled two pennies from her pocket and used one to mark her ball and put the other one back, then went to tend the flag. When she returned to her mark, she saw two pennies about ten inches apart. One must have fallen from her

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course as the crew works to complete its daily duties and keep the course in great shape.

Regarding the construction on the clubhouse, I'm pleased to announce that the bathrooms and locker rooms are now open downstairs. Demolition has also started on the second floor. A big thanks to the crew at Public Works for

working hard on the downstairs of the clubhouse. There were many long days for them with demolition, construction and painting. There were also many long hours for Paul and Tony, the flooring crew, as they worked late nights and into the morning hours laying tile.

Now that the Tern Grille is almost up and running, if you

have any questions or would like information about food and beverage options for tournaments and special events, please reach out to Brian Townsend, the director of the Venues of Ocean Pines. I know that he is looking forward to working with all of you and will be more than happy to offer his assistance.

Finally, all golf members now receive one large bucket of range balls per day that you may use to warm up before your round. This benefit is in lieu of the guest passes that members used to receive.

We have many changes going on, so if you have any questions, please know that my door is always open!

MEN'S ASSOCIATION NEWS

The OPMGA season is up and running. After a successful Opening Day Shamble on April 1, members are looking forward to the President's Cup Tournament on May 13. The President's Cup and many OPMGA tournaments are open to OPA members as well; those wishing to participate in the President's Cup can sign up online at the Ocean Pines

Golf website or by taking care of their entry at the Golf Shop counter.

Men's Day is now in its fourth week with 26 different participants earning points toward the end-of-season prizes. There are 24 more weeks of play so the standings could change as the Florida folks return. Members or guests interested in participating in Men's Day

should check with the Golf Shop, where sign-up sheets can be found—be sure to sign up by Wednesday at noon before Thursday's play.

To get the full benefit of men's golf at Ocean Pines, join the OPMGA! Membership materials can be obtained by emailing Bob Long (rmlong@aol.com)

and submitting them to membership chair Bob Kessler.

Men's Day Standings through April

Ron Olszewski 75, Walt Lischak 70, Ron Sieka 65, Bill Thomson 50, Scotty Wheatley 50, Woody Gross 45, Neil White 45, Bob Reifsnnyder 45

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pocket. She was not sure which one was right, so she played the one farthest from the hole. Is there any penalty?

The player did the right thing. First, she met her requirement to mark the position of the ball before lifting it (Rule 16-1b, 20-1). The Rules of Golf don't specifically cover anything about mistaken ball markers, but there

is a rule, of course (1-4), that says, "If any point in dispute is not covered by the Rules, the decision should be made in accordance with equity," by which they mean "treat it like other similar situations under the Rules." In equity, you should replace your ball at the marker that's farthest from the hole—without a penalty.

LADIES' ASSOCIATION NEWS

The OPLGA-9 is pleased to announce that now ALL women residents of Ocean Pines are invited to join the league—no golf membership required.

Since our April 11 meeting we have welcomed four new members: Joan Stearn, Helen Smith, Linda Frew and Suzanne Eccleston.

On May 18 some of the

OPLGA members will travel to Prospect Bay Country Club in Grasonville, Maryland for a WDGA Invitational.

For more information about the OPLGA or any of the above events or announcements, please contact Olga Novy at novsnet33@gmail.com, and be sure to visit the group on Facebook.