



# THE SCORECARD

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## FROM THE DIRECTOR OF GOLF JOHN MALINOWSKI



With summer officially starting this month, there's no better time to talk about junior golf. Although we traditionally offer spring and fall junior clinics and I give lessons to juniors year-round, summer is when our junior programs officially heat up.

I'm pleased that we've added new junior members to our roster this year - proof that there's an interest in and an opportunity

for junior golf at Ocean Pines. Attracting younger golfers continues to be a mission of the PGA and is on the radar screen at most golf courses, including Ocean Pines. We all know that engaging younger generations is key to the growth of the game, and as someone with kids involved with the sport, it's certainly a priority of mine.

This summer, we'll be bringing back our popular summer golf camps. We'll be offering four sessions throughout the season: June 27-30, July 11-15, July 18-21 and August 15-18 from 9:30am - 1 pm each day. Last year some of our sessions sold out and had waiting lists. This year, the added convenience of online registrations and the reputation of the program has us

on track to sell out even more.

We'll also offer our Junior Golf Tournament, which many of our members have assisted with in the past, on July 20 beginning at 12 pm. Bob Long has graciously agreed to assist in rounding up volunteers for this event, and we're hoping to have a full field of players that day. Additionally, we'll be kicking off Eastern Shore Golf Magazine's Junior Tour on the Shore on Sunday, June 12. This is the second time we've participated in the tour and are looking forward to partnering with Ray Taranto in this event.

I am also very excited to announce that for the first time ever Ocean Pines has a

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Happy Hour

A Luau Happy Hour will be held on Thursday, June 16 from 4-7 pm in The Tern Grille.

### OPMGA Ryder Cup

The OPMGA Ryder Cup will be held June 25-26. The first 40 entries are guaranteed a spot in the tournament. The fee is \$100 per person, which includes a steak and lobster dinner following the event. Guests will also need to pay daily greens fees at a reduced rate of \$40, or golf members may use their golf passes plus a cart fee of \$22 each day. The cost for dinner only is \$30 per person. Ryder Cup entry forms were emailed and are also available online at [OceanPinesGolf.org](http://OceanPinesGolf.org).

## FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT RUSTY MCLENDON

"Overseeding" refers to the process of spreading grass seed on top of the existing grass to promote new growth or to replace one type of grass with another, as is often done with bermudagrass.

As a rule of thumb, bermudagrass requires 100 days without weed competi-

tion (overseeding) to fully attain optimum density in the mid-Atlantic. Overseeding is, in fact, introducing a weed species into the playing surface that will compete for nutrients and water in the shoulder months.

Overseeding comes with some caveats. Prepping an area for overseeding and

nurturing it for several weeks as it germinates would require closures in the fall. Transitioning in the spring back to bermudagrass would also require some extra time. Many golf courses also experience a gradual decline of bermudagrass density after years of overseeding.

Without competition from overseeded ryegrass, Bermuda grass can green up earlier in the spring depending on weather conditions. When overnight temps stay about 60 degrees, bermudagrass will begin to grow in its traditional aggressive manner.

## LADIES' ASSOCIATION NEWS

Summer is just around the corner and hopefully with it, the sun. The OPLGA has not been able to play very often on Tuesday mornings, but the group has high hopes for their upcoming events.

The league is comprised of women of every level of ability who just like to have fun. The handicap systems allows for all to play on an even playing field.

A member-guest tourna-

ment is coming up on June 21, followed by several more fun events. There is plenty of room in the league for new members and it is not too late to join. You do need, however, to be a member of the

league. If you would like to be a guest at the member-guest, or just play with us on a Tuesday morning at 8 am, contact Lynn Schneider at 936-371-9898.

## MEN'S ASSOCIATION NEWS

The annual President's Cup was held on Saturday, May 7. After 11 straight days of rain the course was a little damp, but the day's rain held off until after lunch was served.

Thirty players, divided into three flights, teed it up at 8:30 am. When the final putts were holed out, Domenic Monaco and Neil White were the President's Cup champions of 2016; Domenic won the low gross

with an 80 and Neil took low net with a score of 63. Bob Rosdahl won closest to the pin on #7 at 10' 10".

In the late afternoon, folks came back to The Tern Grille to cheer on their pick in the Kentucky Derby.

The main event—the annual Derby hat contest—was won by Connie Phipps, Donna Hickey and Margaret Long. The trio barely edged out Kevin Hughes and Bob Long. The winners each

received a bottle of wine.

In other news, the Men's Day continues to be held every Thursday. The standings can change drastically each week as four first-place finishers earn 25 points each, four second-place finishers earn 20 points each, four third place finishers earn 15 points each and the competitor closest to the pin earns 10 points. In addition to points, weekly prizes are given to the winners. Men's Day ends in mid-

October so all are still in the running for the awards for the top five finishers for the year. The top five leaders through the month of May are:

Bob Rosdahl, 105 points  
Ron Olszewski, 95 points  
Nelson Fenwick, 85 points  
Art Henshaw, 80 points  
Larry Stover, 80 points.

A hard copy, which is updated weekly, is posted in the men's locker room.

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*Participants received certificates and goody bags at a 2015 golf camp.*

PGA Junior League Golf team. I've heard from other courses that the key to success with this program is getting enough interest to form the

first team; after that, the program gains in popularity and interest rapidly grows. The kids who will be playing on our team are excited to get

started, and so am I! We'll be competing against other teams from golf courses in the Ocean City area. While I hope to report some winning scores, what I'm most looking forward to is watching the love of the game grow with these young players.

I think of all of you as ambassadors of OPG&CC as well as members, and I hope you'll take the opportunity to encourage any young people you know to get out on the course and to welcome those who come to Ocean Pines to

play. I have found our junior golfers to be enthusiastic and respectful of the sport and, above all, diehard golf fans, which is a wonderful thing to see.

Golf, as we all know, is not only a sport of a lifetime, it's a way to teach sportsmanship, good manners and patience. We can all agree that these are worth instilling in all players, but especially in younger generations.