



THE SCORECARD

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FROM THE DIRECTOR OF GOLF JOHN MALINOWSKI



Anyone who thinks that golf is dying in Ocean Pines has only to look at our robust junior golf program. The dozens of kids who participate in our clinics and camps are evidence that the sport is growing in our community. One of the reasons for that growth is the support that the golf members have given to our

junior program.

At this year's Spring Members' Meeting & Derby Party I accepted, on behalf of Ocean Pines Golf Club, a set of junior clubs and a check for \$240 to purchase additional junior sets. Following the meeting three additional junior sets were donated. The OPLGA also recently donated over \$500 in memory of Elinor Lees to purchase junior clubs. These sets make it easier for young golfers who don't have equipment to try golf out. Please trust that these sets will get good use.

The Sunday Socials and the upcoming scholarship tournament organized by the Ocean Pines Golf Members Council also provide

generous scholarships to local junior golfers. This year scholarships were presented to four high school seniors, including OP golf employee Hailey Brown.

Additionally, many of you have assisted with our annual junior golf tournament, which will be held this year on July 19. I know those of you have helped in the past have seen the sportsmanship these young players exhibit as well as a love of the game that all of us can understand.

Thank you all for continually serving as golf ambassadors for Ocean Pines and for showing, in your words and deeds, that golf is indeed the sport of a lifetime.

TAYLOR BANK/OP SCHOLARSHIP TOURNAMENT

This annual tournament will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 16 with a 9am shotgun start. The event is a major fundraiser for our scholarship and junior fund. Entry forms can be found in the Golf Shop. Members can also provide additional support through the purchase of tee signs for \$25. There are opportunities for businesses to help with the event through donations of gift certificates, sponsorship of long drive and closest to the pin holes or by being a tee box sponsor at \$30 each. For more information, contact Scotty Wheatley at scottyw717@gmail.com or visit OceanPinesGolf.org.

HANDICAP/RULES COMMITTEE GERI FASULO, CHAIR

Bulkheads: Beautiful to Look at But....

Many of our players think they can get "free relief" if their ball lies too close to the bulkheads and they do not have a proper swing without falling into the water.

We do know if your ball goes into the water hazard players are allowed to take their legal drop with its

appropriate penalties.

Here at Ocean Pines Golf Club, when a player does not have a proper swing at a ball lying near a bulkhead, the ball is deemed to be unplayable and a player must follow the rules for an unplayable lie.

Rule 28: The player may deem his ball unplayable at any place on the course, except when the ball is in a

water hazard. The player is the sole judge as to whether his ball is unplayable.

The player has the following options, under penalty of one stroke: a) proceed under the stroke and distance provision of Rule 27-1 by playing a ball as nearly as possible at the spot from which the original ball was last played, b) drop a ball behind the point where the ball lay, keeping that point

directly between the hole and the spot on which the ball is dropped, with no limit to how far behind that point the ball may be dropped or c) drop a ball within two club lengths of the spot where the ball lay, but not nearer the hole.

Drainage Areas Between the 10th & 18th Fairways and to the Left of the 10th Fairway

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LADIES' ASSOCIATION NEWS

The OPLGA will hold its annual Member-Guest event on Tuesday July 11. A nine-hole best ball format will be played followed by lunch at Mumford's Landing in Ocean Pines. This year's theme is "Christmas in July." Many thanks to Chair Laura Thomson, Ann Shockley and Olga Novy.

On Aug. 1, the OPLGA will host a WDGA (Women's

Delmarva Golf Association) invitational golf tournament. Clubs from Prospect Bay, Chester River, Talbot, Maple Dale, The Rookery and Ocean City will participate.

The OPLGA was honored to make a donation of over \$500 to the Ocean Pines junior golf program in memory of long-time golf member Elinor Lees, who



passed away on June 1. Carolyn Neal (left) and Olga Novy (right) pre-

sented the check to Director of Golf John Malinowski.

MEN'S ASSOCIATION NEWS

The 2017 OPMGA Championship will be held Saturday and Sunday, July 22-23. This tournament is open to all OPMGA members. Entry forms are at the Golf Shop counter. Please get your entries in early.

There are a few important changes to the 2017 format: 1) There will be a flight from the red tees for those whose game is suited for a somewhat shorter course. 2) Scores from both Saturday's and

Sunday's rounds will be used. 3) Lower handicaps will play from the white tees on Saturday; they will divide into the Championship Flight and the White Flight after play on Saturday. The Championship Flight will move back to the blue tees for Sunday's play. 4) Higher handicaps will play from either the gold or the red tees on Saturday; these flights will remain unchanged for Sunday.

Team Blue won the 2017

Ocean Pines Ryder Cup/Member-Guest event. Thirty-two participants battled through four different matches Saturday & Sunday, June 23-24. The Blue team of Mike Zaia and Bill Azelmoose, Al Fasulo, Walt Lischak, Bud Humphries and Jeff White, Nelson and Neil Fenwick, Joe Lynch, John Ferinde, Roger Gardner and Joe Pinnex, Bob and Robert Long, Scotty Wheatley and

John McNult took an early lead after Saturday's 2-man scramble and 2-man better ball matches. Team Blue never looked back on Sunday during the alternate shot and individual matches. That evening the participants enjoyed a cook-out at White Horse Park with food provided by Em-ings. Thanks go to Ron Sieka, Jim Beisler and Walt Lischak, who coordinated the entire event.

HANDICAP/RULES COMMITTEE

These areas are no longer treated as ground under repair. These are lateral water hazards and should be dealt with as any other lateral hazard.

#7 Pump House Fence & Bulkhead

The fence around the pump house behind the 7th hole continues to be an out-of-bounds fence. The corners of this fence should be treated as

white stakes in determining out-of-bounds. Players claiming an "unplayable lie" in these areas will incur a one-stroke penalty and proceed as stated above. Sometimes finding a spot no closer to the hole may not be feasible and the player will need to return to the tee.

Match Play & Better Ball Note: Most Likely Score & Holes Not Played for Handicap Posting

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Players are to post their scores when playing match play or better ball competitions under Section 4-1 of our USGA Rules. Your "most likely score" is the number of strokes taken so far plus the estimated number of strokes needed to finish the hole, not to exceed your ESC. Place an "X" in the score card box along with your score- "X-7." For any holes that are not played or not played under the

Rules of Golf post, for handicap purposes, par plus any handicap strokes the player is entitled to receive on those holes- Section 4-2. These scores should also have an "X" next to them. Example: On a par 4 you receive one stroke so your score for that particular hole not played would be X-5.