



THE SCORECARD

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FROM THE DIRECTOR OF GOLF JOHN MALINOWSKI



By the time we reach August, I'm ready for the season to slow down a bit. After a couple of months filled with tournaments, junior golf camp, and heavy play, a break is welcomed, making now a good time to take care of some "housekeeping" items. First, speaking of junior golf, I'd like to give a huge "thank

you" to Bob Long and Geri Fasulo for all of their help during last month's junior golf tournament. There is no question that I'd be lost without their assistance providing snacks and drinks, shuttling players around and keeping things moving.

Please keep in mind that course aeration will take place August 21-22. At least 9 holes will be closed each day.

Outings will be held at the course on August 14, 16, 28 and 30. As per usual, if your lottery tee time requests are rejected, please call the Golf Shop at 410-641-6057 as we may still be able to fit you in on the tee sheet on those days.

The reinstated Golf Advisory

Committee meets the 4th Tuesday of every month at 3pm. Bob Kessler is the chair of this committee. Please email him at normakessler@mchsi.com if you have any issues pertaining to golf that you'd like to share with the committee. The minutes from the meetings can be found at OceanPines.org>Administration>Forms and Documents>Golf Advisory Committee.

As you may have noticed, renovations to the first level of the clubhouse are nearing completion. If I receive more information about work on the second level I'll be sure to pass it along. See you on the course!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

August 11

Live Music in the Tern Grille with First Class

August 16

OP/Taylor Bank Tournament

August 18

Live Music in the Tern Grille with First Class

August 19

OPMGA Senior Championship

August 21-22

Course Aeration

September 5-6

OPLGA Club Championship

HANDICAP/RULES COMMITTEE GERI FASULO, CHAIR

RULE 20-2: DROPPING THE BALL

One area of the Rules of Golf that many players have difficulty with takes place when they are dropping their ball under a specific rule. It appears to be a simple process but there are several ways we can do it the wrong way! The USGA has proposed several new rules changes for 2018.

For some reason, many golfers have a tendency to

"throw" the ball in an underhanded fashion or drop it from waist high. Other golfers may raise their arm as high as they can before they let the ball go. If a ball is dropped in any of the above ways—or by anyone but the player—and played, the player incurs a one-stroke penalty in either match or stroke play.

The simplest way to remember how to drop a ball under USGA rules is the

following: "E" (Erect Stance), "A" (Arm's Length), "S" (Shoulder Height) and "Y" (You Drop). — E.A.S.Y. "Easy" is right! In addition, there are a few other reminders when dropping your ball. If your ball touches any person or the equipment of any player before or after it strikes a part of the course and before it comes to rest, the ball must be re-dropped without penalty. Until the new rules are accepted, do it

the E.A.S.Y. way!

New Proposed Rule:

The only requirement is for the player to hold the ball above the ground without it touching any growing thing or other natural or artificial object, and let it go so that it falls through the air before coming to rest. To avoid any doubt, it is recommended that the ball be dropped from at least

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LADIES' ASSOCIATION NEWS

On August 1 the OPLGA hosted a WDGA Invitational for 40 women from golf clubs all over the Eastern Shore. The ladies played a 9 hole best ball format followed by lunch at The Cove.

The winners were: 1st place Geri Fasulo, Paula Gardner (Ocean Pines), Lynne Kirby-George (Prospect Bay) and Linda Duncan (Maple Dale); 2nd place Sally Stafford, Susan Morris, Olga Novy (Ocean Pines) and Sue To-

cafondi (Rookery); 3rd place Peg MacDonald (Rookery), Barbara Engel (Prospect Bay) and Norma Kessler and Sue Eccleston (Ocean Pines); 4th place Meg Herrick (Ocean Pines), Jean Hitchens (Maple Dale), Robbie Proffitt (Prospect Bay) and Diane Tricogion (Rookery).

Linda Duncan sank a hole-in-one on #7 and also won closest to the pin. Lynn Schneider won closet to the line.



The OPLGA hosted the WDGA on August 1.

On August 10 the OPLGA will travel to Maple Dale Country Club for the WDGA Championship.

September will be a busy month for the OPLGA.

The Club Championship will be played September 5-6 and the Governors Cup will be played on September 12.

MEN'S ASSOCIATION NEWS



OPMGA President Don McMullen congratulates 2017 club champion Tom Furlong.

Club Championship

Forty-one OPMGA members came together July 22-23 to compete for club champion honors. The extreme heat of the weekend coupled with wet conditions took its toll on the players, though most survived to enjoy the finish and good spirits of the Tern Grille.

The tournament format

divided the field into four flights that used the blue, white, gold and red tees based on handicap and on the results of Saturday's first round.

When the final foursome putted out on 18 on Sunday afternoon, the tenant of the champion's parking spot was still in doubt as Tom Furlong and former

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one inch above the ground or any growing thing or object.

Example 1: A player hits her tee shot into the rough. Upon approach she sees a large seagull fly away from the area carrying a ball in his mouth, and then drop it. Does she play the ball where she saw the bird pick it up or where it fell to the ground? Poor bird thought it had a cookie! According to Rule 18-1, when a ball is moved by an outside

agency (the bird) you have to replace it at the spot where it was picked up. The player has to replace her ball back in the rough, as close to possible where she thinks the bird stole it. Rule 20-3a.

Example 2: A player sets his ball down for putting but before striking the ball, he realizes the ball marker wasn't his although it was the same color. He replaced the ball marker, proceeded to his

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marker, putted and made par. Was there any penalty involved? First, try not to have the same ball markers as your fellow players or opponents. The player did the right thing. As long as he did not hit the ball he incurred no penalty stroke for accidentally placing his ball in the wrong spot before correcting his error. Rule 20-6.

Training Aid: May a play-

er use a swing-training aid between shots during an actual round? The USGA and the R & A amended the rule in 2016, so the penalty is no longer a DQ for the first breach of Rule 14-3: It's two shots in stroke play and loss of hole in match play. The penalty for any subsequent breach of Rule 14-3 is disqualification.

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champion Domenic Monaco were tied with two-day totals of 164. The two went back to the 18th tee to begin a sudden-victory playoff. They were still tied after the first extra hole, but the championship was settled on hole #1, which Tom parred and Domenic bogeyed.

Match Play

The 2017 Match Play Championship at Ocean Pines started June 1 with 25 golfers. After two months of competition, two golfers are

vying for the title of Champion Match Play Golfer of the Year—Bob Long, 2016 Club Champion, and Roger Gardner, a new member. Kevin Hughes and Al Wolski, the 2016 Champion Match Play Golfer of the Year, will match cards for third place. The awards ceremony will be held on August 19 after the Senior Club Championship.

Senior Championship

The OPMGA 2017 Senior Championship will be held

on Saturday, August 19 with an 8am shotgun start. This tournament is open to OPMGA members who are 50 years or older.

Play will be from the gold tees. Players will be arranged in flights by age—size and number of flights will be determined by the number of entrants and their ages.

Prizes will be given for overall low gross and low net winners plus gross and net winners in each flight. Closest to the pin prizes will be awarded as well, and there

will be a special prize for the participant whose gross score is closest to his age!

The cost to participate is \$35, which includes donuts, coffee, beer, soda, lunch and prizes, plus any applicable greens/cart fees, which may be paid the day of the event in the Golf Shop.

The deadline for entry is August 10—make checks payable to OPMGA. Entries can be turned in at the Pro Shop: Attention Don McMullen

OTHER NEWS

Taylor Bank/OP Scholarship Tournament

This annual tournament will be held on Wednesday, August 16 with a 9am shotgun start. The deadline for entry is Monday, August 7. The event is a major fundraiser for our scholarship and junior fund. Entry forms can be found in the Golf Shop. Singles, twosomes, threesomes and foursomes are all welcome.

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. If you can help round up some items, such as gift certificates from local businesses, for door prizes, please do so.

For more information, contact Scotty Wheatley at scottyw717@gmail.com.

Ocean Pines Veterans Memorial Golf Tournament

Ocean Pines will host the 11th Annual Worcester County Veterans Memorial at Ocean Pines Golf Tournament on Wednesday, September 6. 12pm shotgun start, captain's choice scramble.

The cost is \$90 per player, which includes greens fees with cart and range balls, grab-and-go lunch, door prize entry, dinner buffet, awards, prizes and goody bag. The cost is \$20 for dinner guests only.

Contests will include hole-in-one, straightest drive, putting and closest to the pin. Sponsorship opportunities are available – call Carol Rose at

410-430-7540 or email c.rose.307@comcast.net.

Please make checks payable to "Worcester County Veterans Memorial" and mail to W.C.V.M.F., PO Box 1576, Ocean Pines, MD 21811.

For more information, contact Marie Gilmore at 410-726-2881 or OPMarie@aol.com. For information regarding players, contact Bob Rose at 410-926-2558 or BobRose1@aol.com. Or visit www.OPVets.com.

Fall Golf Clinics

A women's intermediate golf clinic will be offered on Thursdays September 7-28 from 10-10:45am. A women's beginner clinic will be held on Saturdays September 9-30 from 11-11:45am. The cost is \$50 per person for either clinic.

A junior golf clinic will be held Saturdays September 9-30 from 10-10:45 am. The cost is \$40 per person. Register online at OceanPinesGolf.org.



Participants in the fall 2016 women's beginner golf clinic practice their putting.