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FROM THE DIRECTOR OF GOLF JOHN MALINOWSKI



At many courses, the end of the summer is, in effect, the end of the golf season. However, we all know that in this area, fall is one of the busiest times for golf. With that said, it's not too late for some much-needed improvements to be made to the clubhouse.

You may have heard talk

about changing the patio and porch areas of the building. I can assure you that Landscapes Unlimited, Ocean Pines Public Works and the golf course staff are supportive of any possible improvements. While decisions are still being made about the future of the clubhouse (i.e. repair vs. replace), in the short-term we can still make changes that are financially reasonable and that will improve the aesthetics of the facility. To that end, I can tell you officially that new furniture for the covered patio has been ordered. We will be replacing the seating that currently exists with several sets of round tables and chairs.

This will not only allow

room for more people to gather, but will also enable people to sit, eat and drink while enjoying the view of the pond and the 18th green. We will also be placing planters with flowers around the area and doing some touch-up painting on the posts.

We've long struggled to make sense out of the patio area. What we know is that the current configuration just doesn't work. While it sometimes serves as overflow for events, people aren't utilizing the space on a regular basis. It's dark, unwelcoming and cut off from the activities in the rest of the building. Again,

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MEMORIAL SERVICE

It is with sadness that we share the news of the passing of Bob Fralley, who was an active golf member at Ocean Pines for many years before relocating to Florida with his wife, Emma. Although a funeral was held in New Jersey, a memorial service is scheduled for Saturday, September 10 at 10 am at the Community Church at Ocean Pines. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Tall Cedar Foundation for Muscular Dystrophy, 4309 Linglestown, Suite 116, Harrisburg, PA 17112 or Community Church at Ocean Pines.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 7—Ocean Pines Veterans Memorial Tournament

September 10—OPMGA Member-Member Tournament

September 20—OPLGA Member-Member Tournament

September 21—Happy Hour

OTHER NEWS

To avoid a conflict with trivia at the Yacht Club, which many of you play, we'll be switching our Happy Hours to Wednesdays. Our next scheduled Happy Hour is Wednesday, September 21. We hope to see you all there!

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT RUSTY MCLENDON

Woo hoo! August is over, September is here! Let's hear it for shorter days, cooler nights, lower dew points (maybe) and, of course, college football!

The golf course limped its way through one of the worst summers for turf in recent history. The good news is that there is a lot of

turf to work with this fall. The recovery will begin, as the temperatures subside, with aeration and fertilization. As part of our continued soil modification program, topdressing sand was applied to the fairways and tees. This, along with deep tine aeration, will slowly lead to firmer playing sur-

faces and better drainage.

In the upcoming weeks, the maintenance staff will be out seeding the roughs to turf-type tall fescue and a more desirable type of bentgrass to some of the thinner areas on the fairways.

Get out and enjoy the cooler weather—I know we will!

LADIES' ASSOCIATION NEWS

The OPLGA played its annual Solheim Cup on Tuesday, August 30. The participants were split into two teams to play against each other. The team with the most points at the end of the

event won. The three formats were alternate shot, better ball and individual matches—each format was used for three of the nine holes in the match.

The winning team mem-

bers, who each took home a \$4 gift card to be used in the Golf Shop or The Tern Grille, were: Geri Fasulo and Meg Herrick, Susan Morris and Elinor Lees, Joan Sarisky and Deb Schwertner,

Diana Earhart and Dot Smith, Frankie Gomsak and Ann Shockley, Pat Beisler and Connie Phipps, Karen Gerhart and Dottie Stotz and Nancy Rakow and Betty Holloway.

MEN'S ASSOCIATION NEWS

Member-Member Tournament

The OPMGA Member-Member tournament is scheduled for Saturday, September 10 with an 8 am shotgun start. This is the OPMGA's final major competitive event for 2016. Joe Lynch is taking the registrations; the flyer is available in the Golf Shop and at OceanPinesGolf.org.

Senior Tournament

Forty-six competitors entered the OPA Senior Tour-

namment on Saturday, August 20. This year's competition was open to all senior Ocean Pines residents and OPGCC members, and a handful of non-OPMGA members participated along with OPMGA membership. Participants were divided into four flights by age with prize money going to those with low gross and low net scores. Charles Acquard, who joined the OPMGA earlier in the summer,

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Ron Sieka was the overall net winner and Charles Acquard is the 2016 Senior Champion.

HANDICAP & RULES COMMITTEE NEWS

Oops! That's not my ball! Now what happens?

The responsibility for playing the proper ball rests with the player. Each player should put an identification mark on his ball. If a player believes that a ball at rest might be his but he can't identify it, the player may lift the ball for identification without penalty. The right to lift a ball for identification is in addition to the actions permitted under Rule 12-1. Before lifting the ball, the player must announce his intention to his opponent in

match play or his marker or a fellow competitor in stroke play and mark the position of the ball. He may then lift the ball and identify it provided he gives his opponent or fellow competitor an opportunity to observe the lifting and replacement. The ball must not be cleaned beyond the extent necessary for identification when lifted under Rule 12.2

If the ball is the player's and he fails to comply with all or any part of this procedure, or he lifts his ball in order to identify it without having good

reason to do so, he incurs a penalty of one stroke. If the lifted ball is the player's ball, he must replace it. If he fails to do so, he incurs the general penalty for a breach of Rule 12-2.

Penalty for Breach of Rule 12-2 (Lifting Ball for Identification): Match Play-Loss of Hole; Stroke Play-Two Strokes.

A "**wrong ball**" is any ball other than the player's ball in play, provisional ball or second ball played under Rule 3-3 or Rule 20-7c in stroke

play.

A ball in play includes a ball substituted for the ball in play, whether or not the substitution is permitted. A substituted ball becomes the ball in play when it has been dropped or placed (Rule 20-4).

Match Play: If a player makes a stroke at a wrong ball, he loses the hole. If the wrong ball belongs to another player, its owner must place a ball on the spot from

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long-term solutions about the clubhouse have to be addressed, but in the meantime we'd like to have people using this area. After much thought, we've decided that for now, the best approach is to make some minor cosmetic improvements that will make it lighter and brighter. We plan on

removing the windows during the warmer months (but retaining the screens) to allow more light and airflow into the space, replacing the ceiling fans and painting the walls and support beams a lighter color. We'll also remove the carpet, which is already starting to pull up and presents a safety hazard as it

now exists. We know there is cement underneath, and for our current purposes having a cement floor is probably fine. Once the carpet is pulled up completely we'll be able to better assess the condition of the floor, but we anticipate that Public Works will probably have to do some power washing to remove the adhe-

sive.

These minor improvements don't begin to address the real issues surround the clubhouse, but they will help to make the space we have more usable and appealing. I hope you agree they accomplish both of those goals.

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and Ron Sieka were the overall winners with Charles turning in the low gross score of 79 and Ron shooting an 82-15 = 67 net.

Bob Reifsnnyder's 85 won the prize for the score that was closest to the player's age. In the closest to the pin competitions Harry van der Vossen, fresh off his hole-in-one last week, took the honors with a shot on

the fifth hole that came to rest 6'9" from the pin. Kevin Hughes took the prize at the seventh hole when his ball landed just 6' from the hole.

The winners were:

Overall:

Low Gross: Charles Acquard

Low Net: Ron Sieka

Flight A (Age 75 and up):

Low Gross: 1st Paul Tishuk,
2nd Bill Stafford, 3rd Steve

Neal

Low Net: 1st Bob Reifsnnyder,
2nd Bob Kessler, 3rd Fred Kaufmann

Flight B (Ages 70.5—74)

Low Gross: 1st Bud Humphries,
2nd Ron Olszewski, 3rd Joe Lynch

Low Net: 1st John McNult,
2nd Scotty Wheatley, 3rd Harry van der Vossen

Flight C (Ages 66.5—70.5)

Low Gross: 1st Mike Bahr,

2nd Jim Phipps, 3rd Bob Long

Low Net: 1st Kevin Hughes,
2nd Frank Brown, 3rd Mike Mason

Flight D (Ages 50—66.5)

Low Gross: 1st Doug Jeffries,
2nd Ernie Stiles, 3rd Tom Furlong

Low Net: 1st Mark Dornes,
2nd Frank Ruggiere, 3rd Al Wolski

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which the wrong ball was first played.

Best-Ball-4 Ball Match

Play: If a player incurs the loss of a hole penalty under Rule 15-3a for making a stroke at a wrong ball he is disqualified for that hole. His partner incurs no penalty even if the wrong ball belonged to him. The owner of the ball must place a ball on the spot from which the wrong ball was first played.

If the player and opponent

exchange balls during the play of a hole, the first to make a stroke at a wrong ball loses the hole. When this can't be determined, the hole must be played out with the balls exchanged.

Stroke Play: If a competitor makes a stroke or strokes at a wrong ball, he incurs a penalty of two strokes.

The competitor must correct his mistake by playing the correct ball or by proceeding under the Rules. If

he fails to correct his mistake before making a stroke on the next teeing ground or, in the case of the last hole of the round, fails to declare his intention to correct his mistake before leaving the putting green, he is disqualified.

Strokes made by a competitor with a wrong ball do not count in his score. If the wrong ball belongs to another competitor, its owner must place a ball on the spot from which the wrong ball

was first played. There is no penalty if a competitor makes a stroke at a wrong ball that is moving in water in a water hazard. These strokes do not count in the competitor's score.

So, bottom line, mark your ball for identification purposes and follow the rule to identify your ball so you do not incur penalties. Play smart, play penalty-free and have fun.