



# THE SCORECARD

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## FROM THE DIRECTOR OF GOLF JOHN MALINOWSKI



The cooler temperatures make it seem like the golf season is coming to a close but we still have two good months of weather to play and hopefully we'll have many days of dry weather. In the last 3 weeks of August we counted 25 ¼" of rain at the course. That's a lot of water! The maintenance crew has been trying to stay on top of mowing everything but it has been a

little tough to get the mowers through the rough on a consistent basis. Rest assured that they are working hard and doing all that they can to get the course back into playable condition.

The summer season, despite all of the rain, produced a record-setting jr program. Each of the four camps was sold out (actually oversubscribed) and all of the participants had a great time learning how to play and act on a golf course. My staff and I would like to thank all of you for your never-ending support for the program and for your patience as we herded the kids around the facility this summer.

At the Taylor Bank/

Ocean Pines Tournament awards banquet I was given a certificate from the members' council, the men's golf association and the ladies' golf association for a brick to be placed at the OP Veterans Memorial in honor of my father, who passed away in May. What a very thoughtful and special gift and on behalf of the entire Malinowski family, I'd like to thank you all. Words cannot effectively express what it means to me to have had all of your support throughout this very difficult ordeal this summer. I am privileged and proud to work for you at the golf course and am humbled by this generous gift to honor my father.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**September 8**

*Live Music in the Tern Grille  
with First Class Duo*

**September 12**

*OPLGA Governor's Cup*

**September 15**

*Live Music in the Tern Grille  
with Josh Pryor*

**September 22**

*Live Music in the Tern Grille  
with First Class Duo*

**September 23**

*OPMGA Member / Member  
Tournament*

**September 29**

*Live Music in the Tern Grille  
with First Class Duo*

## HANDICAP/RULES COMMITTEE GERI FASULO, CHAIR

### Rules Throwback – The Thirteen Articles

The earliest known written rules for the game date back to 1744 and were called the "Thirteen Articles." These Articles directly influenced the future sets of rules for the game of golf. Here are a few of these "oldies but goodies."

You Must Tee your Ball within a Club's length of the Hole; Your Tee must be

upon the Ground; You are not to remove Stones, Bones or any Break Club, for the sake of playing your ball; If your ball comes among water, or any watery filth, you are at liberty to take out your Ball and bringing it behind the hazard and Teeing it, you may play it with any Club and allow your Adversary a Stroke for so getting out your ball; At holling, you are to play your Ball honestly for the Hole; If a Ball be stopp'd by any

Person, Horse, Dog or anything else, the Ball so stop'd must be play'd where it lyes; He whose Ball lyes farthest from the Hole is obliged to play first; Neither Trench, Ditch or Dyke, made for the preservation of the Links, nor the Scholor's Holes, or the Soldier's Lines, Shall be counted a Hazard; But the Ball is to be taken out teed and play'd with any Iron Club.

These Rules became the basis for how the game is played today.

### Real Rules – A Temporary Tee Doesn't Mean You Can't Post Your Score for Handicap Purposes (USGA)

It's unfortunate, but sometimes players are faced with a hole under construction or have temporary greens or tees in play. The USGA Handicap System has procedures in place (of course) to keep a player's accurate scoring record intact. As

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## LADIES' ASSOCIATION NEWS

The OPLGA-9 played its Club Championship on September 5-6. They played the front 9 on Tuesday and back 9 on Wednesday. The winners were:

**Club Champion:** Geri Fasulo

**First Flight:** 1st low gross Meg Herrick, 2nd low gross Carolyn Neal, 1st low net Sally Stafford

**2nd Flight:** 1st low gross Ginger Burke, 2nd low gross, Joan Sarisky, 1st low net Gail

Lynch

**3rd Flight:** 1st low gross Nancy Rakow, 2nd low gross Olga Novy, 1st low net Connie Phipps

The event was followed by lunch at Taylor's Restaurant, where prizes were presented.

On September 12 the OPLGA will compete for the Governor's Cup, which is a "Low Net" event, followed by lunch at Taylor's Restaurant.



Carolyn Neal, Club Champion Geri Fasulo, Meg Herrick, Sally Stafford



Joan Sarisky, Ginger Burke, Gail Lynch



Connie Phipps, Nancy Rakow, Olga Novy

## HANDICAP/RULES COMMITTEE

long as the Rules of Golf can be followed during the temporary period, scores are acceptable for handicap purposes. **Closed Holes:** The score for that hole must be posted using "par plus" any handicap strokes the player is entitled to on that hole.

**Temporary Greens/Tees:** The Handicap Committee must notify its local authorized golf association when temporary greens and/or tees will be utilized so the authorized association can decide whether the Course Rating

and Slope Rating should be modified temporarily. **Guide to Posting a Score for Temporary Greens/Tees - Temporary Greens:** These greens are typically a mowed-out area in front of or near the normal green and can change their position from time to time. They do not always reflect normal green conditions. When these are in use, the player should post the score using "par plus."

**Temporary Tees:** Provided that the effective playing length is maintained, scores

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should be posted using the existing USGA Course Rating and Slope Rating or modified per the Handicap System.

**Question:** Is there a limit of temporary tees a player can play in order to maintain an acceptable score?

**Answer:** There is no limit to the number of holes played with temporary tees.

**Question:** How many temporary greens can there be before a player cannot

post a score?

**Answer:** Temporary greens are treated as "holes not played" under the Rules of Golf. A maximum of two holes for a nine-hole score, or five holes for an 18-hole score, could have temporary greens in order for the score to remain acceptable.

*Posting Par Plus or holes not played: Your score to post is par plus any handicap strokes you receive on that particular hole.*

## BAVARIAN HOPS MATCH DONATIONS



Even if you were unable to participate in this year's Bavarian Hops Match, you can still help support the charities the event benefits. This year, the proceeds of the match will be sent to the Cancer Research Institute



and the ALS Association.

The mission of the Cancer Research Institute is to save more lives by fueling the discovery and development of powerful immunotherapies for all types of cancer. It has a 4-

star rating from Charity Navigator and an "A" rating from Charity Watch.

The ALS Association is leading the fight to treat and cure ALS through global research and nationwide advocacy while also

empowering people with Lou Gehrig's Disease and their families to live fuller lives by providing them with compassionate care and support. It has a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator and an "A-" rating from Charity Watch.

If you'd like to write a check made out to one of these charities, you may do so and give it to Don McMullen, who will include it with the other funds raised for the same charity.

## OTHER NEWS

### Taylor Bank / Ocean Pines Junior Golf Scholarship Tournament

Tournament Chair Scotty Wheatley shared the following about this year's tournament:

To All Ocean Pines Golfers,

The Taylor Bank/Ocean Pines Junior Pines Golf Tournament was held on August 16, 2017, and with the help and support of all who contributed and played, our tournament was very successful. We exceeded previous years not only in participants but also in support from local area businesses and cash donations to our cause.

We are thankful for the support from Taylor Bank as our Title Sponsor, the Ocean

City-Berlin Optimists as a Gold Sponsor and Mike's Carpet Connection as a Silver Sponsor. Many local businesses, members and friends contributed to the success with cash donations, donated gifts and purchases of Tee Box signs. Of course, none of this would happen without the 80 golf members and guests who played this year.

The money raised will enable us to continue to give back to the local community with our scholarships to high school golfers and our support of our junior golf program at Ocean Pines.

The tournament committee would like to thank all the Ocean Pines golfers who supported us this year and hopes for your support in continuing this same success in future years.

Thank you for your support!

Scotty Wheatley, Chairman Taylor Bank/Ocean Pines Golf Members' Council Tournament

### OPMGA Member-Member Tournament

The OPMGA Member/Member Tournament is scheduled for September 23

with an 8:00 am shotgun start and better ball format. The cost is \$38 per person, plus applicable golf/cart fees (payable in the Golf Shop on the day of the event). The entry fee includes donuts, coffee, lunch and prizes; checks can be made payable to the "OPMGA." Sign-up forms are available in the Golf Shop.



Participants in the 2017 Taylor Bank/Ocean Pines Junior Golf Scholarship Tournament before the event.