

ORLGA Quarterly Meeting January 6, 2026 at The Ridge Center

The meeting was called to order at 3:04 pm by Vice President Juli Miller as President Diane Wright was not present. Juli thanked the Hospitality Committee for the wonderful work done of providing food for those attending and the wonderful decorations in the room. Juli also reported that Jim Brown, Ocean Ridge Golf Director of Agronomy, recently passed away. He had done a great job with our courses this past year. He was a US Marine serving in Vietnam and received several medals for his service. Jim was an excellent athlete, outdoor sportsman and exceptional golfer. Elaine Benedict (Sunshine Committee) will send his family a sympathy card from ORLGA.

Secretary's Report: Kris Heurich asked for a motion to approve the October 7, 2025 minutes. A motion was made by Debbie Novellino and seconded by Myong Jensen.

Tournament Assistant's Report: Kris Heurich reported on the following Tournaments.

Tournaments – Held

- Mixed Couples Championship – October 12 & 19 – Panther's Run & Lion's Paw - Committee: Robyn Albert, Linda Johnston
 - First Place – Margie & John Oehmke
 - Second Place – Rosie & Mike Savoia
- Neighborhood Challenge – October 22 – Lion's Paw – Committee: Diane Wright, Anita Andersch, Jane Arnold, Barb Augone & Sandy Hayes
 - First Place – Estate of Tiger's
 - Second Place – Abbington
 - Third Place - Brookfield
- Charity Scramble – November 3 – Lion's Paw – Committee: Margie Oehmke, Barb Augone, Robin Barone, JoAnn Fastiggi, Mary Faulkner, Tina Grauerholz & Sue Rephann-Smith
 - First Place – Laura McCadden, Sue Smith, Gene Marcelli & Jason Potter
 - Second Place – Elaine Benedict, Kathy Sanchez, Brian Babb & John Oehmke
- Bah Humbug – December 10 – Course TBD - Committee: Kathy Ferrari, Robyn Albert & Peggy Wilson
 - First Place – Anita Andersch, Kris Heurich, Rosie Savoia, Stephanie Tate
 - Second Place – Chris Macke, Carys Price, Donna Shank

Future Tournaments

- Winter Challenge – February 25 & March 4 – Course TBD - Committee: Kathy Ferrari, Robyn Albert, Mary Lou Atkinson
- Spring Ringer – March 23 & 25 – Course TBD – Committee: Kathy Ferrari, Robyn Albert, Barb Van Bergen
- Carolina Cup – April 13 & 15 – Course TBD – Committee: TBD
- President’s Cup – Signup will begin February 1 in Unknown Golf and close on February 28. You must sign up as a team. Matches will take place April 1 – June 30 with playoffs and finals completed by September 1. Flights will be defined by March 3 and will be determined based on the total indexes of both players as of March 1. Match schedules need to be provided to the PC Committee once they are established. The matches will be setup on Unknown Golf by the Web Team. Teams will use at least one printed scorecard which will serve as the final score for tournament purposes. Entrance fee is \$20/team. Partners’ indexes must have a difference of no more than 8 strokes the day after sign up closes. If the difference is greater than 8 at the time scorecards are created for a match, the higher indexed player will be capped at a difference of 8. Awards will be presented at the October quarterly meeting. Committee: Kris Heurich, Juli Miller, Margie Oehmke
- Spring Member/Member – May 11 & 13 – Course TBD - Committee: TBD
- Memorial Tournament – May 25– Course TBD - Committee: Diane Wright, Kathy Sanchez, Mary Lou Atkinson

Away Golf – Kris reported for Diane that the next event for Away Golf is January 23 at Arrowhead County Club in Myrtle Beach. Cost is \$44 and sign up should be done through the web portal or on Unknown Golf.

Treasurer’s Report: Rosie Savoia reported for Margie Oehmke

The Board has approved a working budget for 2026. This is based on a year-end balance of \$3,674.86 and a membership goal of 92 ladies. Thus far, 72 registration payments have been received. We currently have no outstanding bills. As follow up from the December luncheon, Margie thanked the League for the donation of \$1,100 for the bag boys and cart girls, \$600 to ORCA for the Warm Homes Warm Hearts program, and \$550 cash plus an ORLGA logo quarter-zip long sleeve shirt for Jack Roberts. Jack was so touched and offered sincere thanks to all the ladies of the league. Rosie indicated that prior to a tournament, either Margie or Kris will let the chairs know what the budget is for each event. We have included some increases in budget over last year. If someone wants to know the amount well ahead of time, please reach out to one of them.

The use of Zelle has been well received. Please remember to always add the \$0.25 to every transaction. This helps offset the fees we are charged for the use of Zelle.

Rosie indicated that Margie was appreciative that tournament chairs got the financial information to her timely as it was a huge help in closing the books for the year.

Vice President's Report: Juli Miller

Juli reported that we still have a need for Tournament Coordinators for the Carolina Cup, Spring Member/Member and the 9-Hole Tournament. More volunteers are needed for the Memorial Tournament, Wild N' Crazy, Mixed Couples and the Charity Tournament. She also reiterated our cancellation policy for events. Any one canceling after the event closes should notify the coordinator as soon as possible. They should also notify the Pro Shop. Cancellations can cause the coordinators to have to scramble to redo the pairings and the work that stems from that (e.g. create and print new scorecards, blind draws, new reports to the Pro Shop). If you sign up, members should make every effort to play.

Committee Reports

Welcome Committee: Rosie Savoia

As of today, the Committee welcomed two new members for 2026 membership and a third will be welcomed soon. We had two new members present at the meeting (Barbara Bates and Nancy Murray). Three other ladies who will most likely be joining this year were also in attendance. The annual membership recruitment notice was posted to Engage. Rosie indicated that new members receive a Bag Tag when they are welcomed. Any current member needing a new Bag Tag should notify Rosie. The cost to the member is \$5.

Education: Sharon Giblin

Sharon said that the summer clinics given by Joan and Gary (of Lori's Golf Shop) were completed successfully. The Committee provided quizzes throughout the year on USGA and local rules. Sharon informed the group that she will be leaving the Committee. She thanked Rosie and Kris for the work they have done as they are leaving too. Sharon did an excellent job of leading the Committee and she will be missed. The incoming Chair is Juli Miller who indicated that the members of the committee are now Chris Macke and Laura McCadden. There are openings for two more members. Let Juli know if you are interested. The Committee's first meeting will be held soon. Juli thanked Sharon Giblin for her work in leading the Committee. She also thanked the Committee for developing the informative quizzes using Wacky Wanda, Bunker Betty, Pokey Patty and Boozie Susie.

Brunswick County Interclub: Chris Macke (New Chair for 2026)

Chris indicated that Kris and Margie will be leaving the Committee this year. Sue Rephann-Smith will stay on with Laura McCadden joining the Committee. The first meeting of all the Interclub representatives will be held January 7 at Lockwood Folly. Chris said that ORLGA now has a core group of ladies who are available for the six events. If within two weeks of the event more players are needed, she will reach out to the League for additional ones.

Ringers: Mary Faulkner

Mary reported that there were two ladies whose achievements were not recognized at the Christmas Luncheon. She recognized Juli Miller's hole-in-one and Kathy Ferrari breaking 90 for the first time today. She apologized and gave them their prizes. Mary thanked the Committee (Deb Lebkicher, Carole Milnichuk, Peggy Wilson, Kathy Ferrari, Maureen Craik, Gene Whidden, Sharon Benson, Sue Manfredi and Jan Schneider) for all their work done in 2025. There are teams of two who each month validate the Ringers cards. She also indicated that most have agreed to continue as members on the Committee in 2026.

There are 38 ladies participating in Ringers in 2026 thus far. She reminded the group that members will join the Challenge the first of the month following receipt of the annual fee. She also reminded the group to only post gross scores and to be sure to record chip-ins, birdies/eagles/holes-in-one, and threshold breaking scores on the back of the cards. If someone gets a natural eagle, hole-in-one or broke 100, 90, 80 or 70 for the first time and they are not part of the Ringers Challenge they should write down their name, course played, date of play and achievement and put the paper in the Ringers pouch in the Pro Shop. Mary said that ladies need five 18-hole rounds on each course to be eligible for recognition (prizes) at the conclusion of the Challenge.

Handicap: Deb MacFarlane

Deb reported that the Committee still reviews scorecards but that fewer are submitted for review due to the use of Unknown Golf (UG). The Committee now has time to focus on other things. They are currently reviewing the Code of Conducts rules that exist for both leagues. Since they are basically the same (but they are maintained separately), the Committee will issue one Code of Conduct that will apply to both leagues. ORLGA's current Code of Conduct document can be found on our web site under Rules & Behaviors Guides in the Rules/Regulations tab on the home page. The Handicap Committee will serve as the adjudicating body related to the Code of Conduct. Deb reminded the group to post scores for rounds on the day of play.

Publicity/Sunshine: Elaine Benedict

Elaine indicated that most directors are using the online Publicity Report when submitting the results of the games to her for the newspaper. She thanked those who are using it. If a member knows of someone needing a get well or sympathy card, let her know. She will send one from the League.

Photography: Lilia Kierez (New Chair for 2026)

Juli reported for Lilia that the Committee consists of Lilia, Paula Higgins and Patti Dugan. Karen McCloskey is stepping down from the Committee but will continue handling the photo postings to the ORLGA web site. Tournament/Special Events coordinators who would like pictures taken at their event by the Committee should contact Lilia to schedule a photographer and coordinate with Karen.

Hospitality: Anita Andersch

Anita thanked the Committee for the great job they did with the drinks and snacks at this meeting. Debbie Lebkicher, Joyce Edwards, Jan Schneider, Nancy Ward, Colleen Plebanek and Sheila White will remain on the Committee this year. Sue Kane and Laura McCadden have stepped down and Deet Carden has joined.

Christmas Luncheon: Anita Andersch

Anita reported that Debbie Lebkicher, Barb Augone, Margie Oehmke and Sheila White will remain on the Committee this year. Roxie Gaeng and Sue Kane have stepped down and Deet Carden has joined. The December luncheon was held at Le Volte in Ocean Isle Beach. It was very well received by the membership. We have reserved a date for this year's luncheon at Le Volte. Anita thanked the League for the generosity shown in contributing to the Bag guys and Cart ladies.

Catering: Anita Andersch

Anita reported that Sue Manfredi and Sheila White will remain on the Committee while Barb Van Bergen is leaving. Deet Carden has joined the Committee. If Tournament/Special Events coordinators would like food for their event, please contact Anita.

Bylaws & Local Rules: Barb Van Bergen (New Chair for 2026)

Committee members are Laura McCadden, Sharon Giblin and Deb MacFarlane. Barb's report can be found in the Old Business and New Business sections below.

Web Team: Laura Wheaton

Laura and Barb Van Bergen provided Unknown Golf (UG) training to the group using a PowerPoint presentation and a hands-on demonstration while members followed using the app on their phones. The training focused on how members will use UG on

the course while playing in League games. The training included, but was not limited to, downloading the application to the phone, locating events, signing up for an event, reordering players in a four-some, what to do if you need to add a player to your team, how to delete a player from your team, how a blind draw works, how to record scores, what to do if there's a discrepancy between the app if both cards are keeping score in UG and how to post the scores to GHIN. Any member needing help with UG should reach out to Laura or Jane Arnold. Training for game coordinators will be held on March 10. If you are interested in this session, you can sign up in UG.

Old Business:

The revised Bylaws were passed by the membership in the later part of 2025. They were signed off by President Diane Wright on October 26, 2025. The Bylaws can be found on the web site.

New Business:

- The Bylaws & Local Rules Committee has reviewed and proposed changes to the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP). The Board is in the process of reviewing the proposed changes. The new SOP will be rolled out and presented at the next quarterly meeting in April.
- Laura Wheaton suggested that we think about adding honorary memberships to the League. There have been some ladies who have been long-time members and supporters of the League who are not playing golf anymore and are not renewing their membership with the League. In some cases, they have held officer positions, served as coordinators and on committees, and have been strong supporters of the League. Supporting honorary members is a way to include them in the social aspects of the League without them being golf-playing members.

Juli made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:18 pm which was seconded by Elaine Benedict.

[NOTE: There were 63 members in attendance at this meeting.]

Respectfully Submitted,

Kris Heurich