

ORLGA Quarterly Meeting

April 7, 2026 at The Nature Pavilion

The meeting was called to order at 3:04 pm by President Diane Wright. Diane thanked everyone for coming to the Pavilion for the meeting which while not ideal allowed us to conduct a meeting. She also thanked the Hospitality Committee for the wonderful work done of providing food for those attending and the wonderful decorations in the room.

Secretary's Report: Kris Heurich asked for a motion to approve the January 6, 2026 minutes. A motion was made by Debbie Lebkicher and seconded by Sheree Seben.

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

Tournaments – Held

- Winter Challenge – February 25 & March 4 – Panther's Run & Lion's Paw - Committee: Kathy Ferrari, Robyn Albert, Mary Lou Atkinson
 - First Place – Deet Carden, Sharon Giblin, Rosie Savoia, Sheree Seben
 - Second Place – Sharon Bensen, Sheila Craft, Maureen Craik, Karen McCloskey
- Spring Ringer – March 23 & 25 – Lion's Paw – Committee: Kathy Ferrari, Robyn Albert, Barb Van Bergen
 - Flight 1 - 1st Place: Rosie Savoia
 - Flight 1 – 2nd Place: Priscilla Chambers
 - Flight 2 – 1st Place: Diane Wright
 - Flight 2 – 2nd Place: Carys Price
 - Flight 3 – 1st Place: Lilia Kierez
 - Flight 3 – 2nd Place: Marie Gaddis
 - Flight 4 – 1st Place: Tina Grauerholtz
 - Flight 4 – 2nd Place: Barb Van Bergen

Future Tournaments

- President's Cup – April 1 – June 30 with Playoffs & Final round July 1 – September 1 – Committee: Kris Heurich, Juli Miller, Margie Oehmke, Jane Arnold. We have nine 2-person teams comprising 4 flights. Awards will be presented at the October quarterly meeting.
- Memorial Tournament – May 25– LP - Committee: Diane Wright, Kathy Sanchez, Mary Lou Atkinson, Donna Shank, Anita Andersch, Mary Faulkner, Juli Miller (TSG).

- Battle of the Sexes – Dates and Course TBD – Committee: Laura McCadden, Marie Gaddis
- Wild & Crazy – July 22 – Course TBD – Committee: Sandy Hayes, Deb Novellino, Rosie Savoia (TSG), Kris Heurich (TSG)
- 9-Hole 2 Day – Dates and Course TBD – Committee: Needs volunteers
- Carolina Cup – Dates and Course TBD – Committee: Diane Wright, Sharon Benson, Maureen Craik, Deb Novellino
- Spring Member/Member – Dates and Course TBD - Committee: TBD

Away Golf – Kris reported that the next event for Away Golf is April 24 at Aberdeen Golf and Country Club in Longs, SC. Cost is \$55 (includes tax and bag boy tip.) Sign up closes April 18 and should be done through Unknown Golf.

Vice President's Report: Juli Miller

- **Tournament Support Group**

Juli explained the background on how the Tournament Support Group (TSG) came to be. Coordinators had expressed concerns arising from serving on tournament committees. Among the top concerns were the multiple and conflicting sources of tournament information, lack of current documentation for various components of a tournament as (e.g. payout guidelines and rules), dealing with the Pro Shop for reporting and tee times, and the newness of using Unknown Golf and its related issues. Another concern was how to best improve the overall management of tournaments.

From the discussion of these concerns, the idea of the Tournament Support Group (TSG) was born. For this year, the members are Juli Miller (Tournament Director), Kris Heurich (Assistant Tournament Director), Rosie Savoia, Laura McCadden and Robyn Albert. It is important to have members that bring experience and knowledge with tournaments and other events as well as league history.

Kris discussed how the TSG will be integrated with the tournaments' committees with the goals of ensuring tournament success, improving overall consistency of events and enhancing the experience for both the committees and participants.

There will be at least one TSG representative assigned to each tournament who in turn will serve as a member of that committee (in addition to the slots already assigned to the tournament.) The representative will assist the tournament chair and other committee members in the administration and rules of the tournament as well as provide tournament background and historic perspectives. At least 7-8 weeks prior to a tournament's date, the chair of the tournament will hold the kickoff meeting of the

tournament where the TSG representative will provide information on the representative's role, tournament rules, reporting dates and process, and Unknown Golf support procedures. After every tournament, a post-mortem meeting will be held to discuss what went well and where improvements can be made.

We have used the TSG concept with 2 tournaments so far – Winter Challenge and Spring Ringer. We will finetune the process as we use it through the year.

● **Event Signups, Tee Times and Player Cancellations**

Juli thanked the coordinators for all the work they do. It is greatly appreciated. She explained that since the departure of Jack Roberts from ORG, the scheduling of events has changed and we are being asked to follow stricter rules related to the events. Juli reviewed the new process indicating that signups now close 10 days before game day. Signup for Mondays closes on a Friday (10 days out) and Wednesdays closes on Sundays (10 days out). It is important that members who are signing up understand that they are committing to play. Our goal is to have all members who have signed up, including those on the waitlist, be able to play. When someone is on the waitlist, there is a good chance they will be playing, therefore, those who are waitlisted are also committing to play.

Juli said that we are now sharing a static number of tee times with the men's league and that available tee times are limited during peak season (mid-March to mid-May and mid-September to mid-November). Based on the number of members signed up (including the waitlist) for an event, Juli has started the negotiating process for tee times with both the men and the Pro Shop. When someone cancels after the close date, it disrupts the negotiations already in motion. Cancellations after the signup closes affect our coordinators, men's league coordinators, Pro Shop, other players and sometimes the Technology Group. There will be times when we will have to get extra tee times under member names. This requires us to work around public bookings and what is available one week prior. If tee times are taken under members' names and someone cancels late, the canceling party may be charged by the Pro Shop. We understand that there are rare occasions that cancellations are unavoidable. When this occurs, the member should notify the coordinators and the Pro Shop as soon as possible.

A question was raised as to how these changes affect the 9-Hole games. Since ORG does not assign tee times for the 9-hole games, Juli said that the group should follow

what they are currently doing – making tee times 7 days out. She will check to see if the close dates will be changed to 10 days before the event.

The Board recognizes the frustrations these changes are causing. The goal is to make sure everyone has a fair opportunity to play and that the tee times are being managed as efficiently as possible.

Treasurer's Report: Margie Oemhke

Margie reported that the League now has 96 members, surpassing the 2026 membership goal of 92 ladies. This goes a long way to help us keep within this year's budget. We currently have no outstanding bills. We have received payment from all ladies who will play in the Peggy Rowland/Hope Harbor Tournament in September, and we have paid the organizers for those 12 greens fees. We also have sent in the League's donation of \$125 to Hope Harbor.

Margie described the League's 2-Club which is a social-side game where 2-Club members are recognized and rewarded for scoring a 2 on any hole during a round. Those playing with the person scoring a 2 who are also 2-Club members are required to give \$1 to the one scoring the 2. Cost for the 2 Club Pin is \$3. Please leave your \$3 (**cash only**) in Margie's box on her porch. The pins are on back order but should be available in the next couple weeks. More information can be found on our web site under League Information.

Zelle continues to be used by many members. Please remember to always send payments to ORLGATREASURER@GMAIL.COM (not Margie's personal email address) and add \$0.25 to every transaction. This helps offset the fees we are charged for the use of Zelle.

Margie also thanked the tournament chairs for getting the event's financial information to her so soon after the conclusion of the event.

Committee Reports

Welcome Committee: Rosie Savoia

MaryLou Atkinson reported for Rosie. As of today, the Committee welcomed 3 new members for 2026 membership this year. Becky Williams, a former member, has rejoined the League. We also had a potential member present at the meeting (Note: Joanne Stocklin who has since joined.)

Anyone needing a new bag tag should notify Rosie. The cost to the member is \$5. New members get a free bag tag at their welcome meeting.

Education: Laura McCadden

The group has designed a hands-on learning experience spotlighting golf rules. The goals of the exercise is to increase players' knowledge of rules, promote rules discussion and build up players' confidence with the rules. This should enable them to play a better game. The 9-hole scramble will take place on April 20 on Panther's Run and is not a postable round. Each hole will have a different rule scenario. Players will read a short guide of the specific rule and decide how to proceed. For example, one hole relates to a ball coming to rest on the cart path. The team will go to the cart path location, review the rule guide, discuss with the team, and decide how to play their ball.

Laura indicated that the Committee has developed a document explaining how to calculate Most Likely Score (MLS). The President's Cup tournament and the Battle of the Sexes will use MLS for any holes not completed.

Brunswick County Interclub: Chris Macke

Chris Macke reported the BCIC held its first event of the year at Brunswick Plantation. ORLGA placed 5th but there were three teams tied for 2nd. The next event is April 17 at Brick Landing. Three additional players and 2 alternates are needed. There is no event in May. The June 12th event will be held at Ocean Ridge on Lion's Paw. Chris said they will speak to Clay about switching to Panther's Run (since it's in better shape.)

Ringers: Mary Faulkner

Nothing to report.

Handicap: Deb MacFarlane

Nothing to report.

Charity Tournament: Laura McCadden

Nothing to report.

Publicity/Sunshine: Elaine Benedict

Diane reported for Elaine as she was away. Diane reminded coordinators to use the online Publicity Report for results of events. Since Elaine will be away for several weeks, coordinators were asked to send the Publicity Report to Margie.

Diane also said that if a member knows someone who is ill, had surgery or lost a loved one, Elaine will send out a card on behalf of the League.

Photography: Lilia Kierez

As a reminder, Tournament/Special Events Coordinators who would like pictures taken and would like a photographer at their event should contact Lilia to schedule one or more as needed.

Hospitality: Anita Andersch

Nothing to report.

Christmas Luncheon: Anita Andersch

Anita reported that we will be holding our Christmas luncheon at Le Volte in Ocean Isle Beach on December 8th.

Catering: Anita Andersch

The Committee is working on the food for the Memorial Tournament with Lisa at Tamers.

Bylaws & Local Rules: Barb Van Bergen

Barb reported that the group reviewed and recommended changes to the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP). The section referring to the use of Marshals and Forecaddies was removed and will be housed elsewhere on the website. A section defining our committees was added to the SOP. Discussions of the changes were held between the Committee and the Board. The Board approved the new SOP on March 18. The SOP document can be found on the website under League Information.

Technology Group (formerly Web Committee): Laura Wheaton

Nothing to report.

Old Business:

- Standard Operating Procedures – See the Bylaws & Local Rules Committee report above.
- Honorary Membership – This is still being discussed with the Board. Diane gave a nice tribute to Carole Schuster, who recently passed away. She was a member of the League for many years, including serving as League President. Carole got to a point where she could not play golf any longer but still wanted to be a part of the League. She represents the person we will have in mind when we discuss Honorary Memberships.

New Business:

- **Transition of ORG League Support** - Diane added to the report Juli provided earlier in the meeting related to changes to the Pro Shop and our events process.
 - Jack Roberts Retirement - After 15 years of working in the Pro Shop in Ocean Ridge, Jack Roberts retired. He will continue to work on some of the larger tournaments and other outside tournaments (e.g. college tournament). Jack did a great job of providing adequate tee times for our regular League days and tournaments, even during Peak seasons – Spring and Fall. Since he left there has been a lot of changes.
 - Reduction of Assigned Tee Times – ORG has reduced the number of tee times both the men’s and women’s leagues receive. Instead of tee times assigned by league, ORG assigns a total of 8 tee times for Monday play and 14 for Wednesday play and 10 for play on Tigers for use by both leagues. If additional tee times are needed, we will most likely have to make them ourselves. Both league Presidents have emailed Becky Noble (ORG) about these changes but no response has been received from her. Clay Stanley (from Tiger’s) has picked up on some of Jack’s duties but he has not provided the level of support Jack had provided us. Communication with the Clay/Pro Shop has been limited to one person from each league - Doug Smith and Juli Miller.
 - Reduction in the Number of Special Events - The ORG/Pro Shop has limited the number of special events that our League can have that require a larger than normal number of tee times. We are working with the men’s league to give each other our designated tee times so that the other league can have enough tee times to run a tournament. In the future, we will most likely not be able to run a tournament during peak season unless the men give us all their tee times or vice versa. We are not a private club and ORG needs the revenue from outside play to cover maintenance and other costs for our 4 courses. The dues they receive from members is not enough. ORG makes the most money from outside players/groups during peak season.
 - Increased Duties – The Vice President is responsible for interacting with Clay/Pro Shop. Job difficulty and tasks have increased with the changes. It is our members’ responsibility to follow the new procedures and timelines. Diane asked that members make a commitment to play whenever they sign up for golf events and if someone needs to cancel, make sure it is before the signup closes. Canceling causes more work for those supporting the games. The hardest part of being a coordinator is handling last minute cancellations and no shows. Please do not be one of those people.

- **Election of Officers**

- o Diane reported that this is an election year for new officers. The President, Secretary and Treasurer will be completing their second term in October. While the Vice President is eligible for a 2nd term, Juli has chosen not to run again. She has done an outstanding job in a very demanding role –especially with Jack’s leaving and the recent turnover in the Pro shop, both of which have required a significant investment of her time. She will be here for the transition but plans to step down in October to allow someone new to take on the role.
- o Our By Laws require that we use a Nominating Committee for the process. The President shall appoint the Chairwoman who in turn shall select two additional members to serve on her committee. This committee is responsible for presenting a slate of officers at the July meeting. Diane has appointed Jane Arnold to chair the Nominating Committee.
- o Nominating committees play an important role in helping ensure a strong and balanced Board. Their goal is to identify candidates who collectively bring the skills, experience and commitment needed to lead effectively, while also providing continuity and upholding the rules, procedures, and guidelines set forth in our governing documents. At the same time, we want this to be an open and inclusive process. Additional nominations, including self-nominations, are encouraged and will be accepted in accordance with our procedures. Members interested in serving are invited to submit their names (or others who have agreed to be nominated) for consideration. The nominating committee will consider all submissions when preparing the slate of officers.
- o At the July meeting, the Nominating Committee will present its proposed slate. There will be an additional opportunity for nominations from the floor at that time. Elections will be conducted by online ballot in August, and the results will be announced at the October meeting. The current board will lead the October meeting after which the newly elected officers, along with the Past President will assume their roles as the new ORLGA Board.

Diane asked if there was any new business. Since there was no new business she made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:20 pm which was seconded by Donna Shank.

[NOTE: There were 41 members in attendance at this meeting.]

Respectfully Submitted,

Kris Heurich