

JANUARY 2024 ORLGA QUARTERLY MEETING

President's Report - Thanks to the HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE for making snacks for our meeting. Sorry that we did not get a chance to eat them! Thanks to the generosity of all of you the Bag Boys and Cart Girls had a nice Christmas. \$792 was donated from ORLGA along with \$115 for the greenskeeper.

Secretary's Report – Kris Heurich

October meeting minutes are available on the website. If there are any needed corrections, please notify Kris of any needed changes. Otherwise, the Board approves the minutes as they are currently written.

Treasurer's Report – Margie Oehmke

We are starting the year with a balance in our checking account of \$5072.61. This is about \$1070 more than the balance we started with in 2023.

We currently have 76 paid members and 42 paid ringer's participants. Our membership goal in 2024 is 88 (or more) members.

We did a good job of controlling expenses in 2023 thanks to the really good work of our committee chairs and their committees, and all our tournament managers.

The annual budget for 2024 has been completed and due to our strong financial position, we will be able to accommodate increases in tournament budgets. Kris will relay each tournament's budget allowance when she sends out a Tournament Report to the directors.

Asst Tournament Director – Report – Kris Heurich

Tournaments – Held

- **Bah Humbug** – December 13 – on Lion's Paw - Led by Kathy Ferrari, Laura McCadden and Kris Heurich
 - Winners - 1st place – Mary Faulkner, Nancy O'Connell, Linda Wanzer & Laura Wheaton
 - 2nd place – Jane Arnold, Joyce Edwards & Debbie Lebkicher
- **Member/Member/Guest** – November 3 & 4 – led by Laura Wheaton
 - Winners – 1st place
 - Flight A – Carys Price & Judy Wetzel
 - Flight B – Karen Hughes & Sue Carano
 - Flight C – Pam Bank & Bev Furman
 - Flight D – Sue Manfredi & Mary Lou Atkinson
 - Flight E – Mary Faulkner & Phyllis LaClair
 - Winners – 2nd place
 - Flight A – Sharon Benson & Karen McCloskey
 - Flight B – Carole Milnichuk & Terri Redmond
 - Flight C – Donna Shank & Ruth Lauver

- Flight D – Deb MacFarlane & Peggy Jones
- Flight E – Ann Turner & Marie Pugh
- Couples Championship – October 22 & 29 – led by Laura Wheaton and Diane Wright
 - 1st place – Pam & Fred Bank
 - 2nd place – Karen & Steve Hughes
 - 3rd place – Sue & Fran Manfredi
- President's Cup – Concluded in October. Margie Oehmke & Kris Heurich won the Cup.
 - Winners
 - Flight A – Karen McCloskey & Maureen Craik
 - Flight B – Margie Oehmke & Kris Heurich
 - Flight C – Mary Faulkner & Myong Jensen
 - Flight D – Tina Grauerholz & Fran Mason

Tournaments – Future

- 3 Ring Ringers – 9 Hole – January 15 & 22 – Led by Juli Miller
- Winter Challenge – February 21 & 28 – Led by Laura Wheaton & Diane Wright
- Spring Ringers – March 25 & 27 – Need volunteers
- Carolina Cup – April 15 & 17 – led by Laura Wheaton & Diane Wright

Vice President Report – Jane Arnold

Tee times

We currently have received tee times from ORG through the end of Feb only. We continue to get 6 tee times on Wed when playing Lions and Panthers and usually 3 on Mondays (occasionally 4). We have submitted our tee requests to ORG. Unfortunately, a golf trip that conflicts with our proposed golf championship was brought to our attention after submission. We are actively trying to reschedule our September tournaments to accommodate this trip. If you would like to view our tentative dates, they have been added to the list of tournament/game coordinators which can be accessed here: <https://www.orldga.org/pages/lists/2024ORLGACoordinators.pdf>

Once we have the September tournament requests completed, we will have the web team update the Special Events on the league events page. Stay tuned!

Games Directors needed

We are in need of MANY directors for games and tournaments. At the moment, I am most concerned about completing the 1st quarter. To do that we need the following:

- Wednesdays (18 hole): March
- Spring Ringers

Most months in the 2nd half of the year for both Monday (18 holes) and Wednesdays and some tournament committees are still open. Note: the Monday 9-hole game coordinators for the year are filled! If you play regularly and own a computer, PLEASE sign up for something! It is unfair to rely

on the SAME ladies to do it all. Both Kris Heurich and Jane Arnold are available to train and assist in any way. The signup for coordinators is open on the league events page: [here](#)

Tiger's Tee changes

If you want to change your Tiger's tee designation for the Jan 15 – Apr 14, you only have a few more days to do it. There is a form on the league events page for this (link: <https://orlga.org/pages/TeeAreaRequest.html>). The web team will make the changes on Jan 15. Remember this change will only work for new signups. If you are already signed up for a game on Tiger's, it will not automatically make the switch. Please contact the games director or anyone on web team to fix it.

Committee Reports

Welcome – Rosie Savoia

We welcomed 11 new members and 1 returning member in 2023. The Annual Membership Drive email was sent out to the community on January 1. I have heard from 2 ladies interested in joining our league. As soon as I receive their registration information, we will welcome them into our league. I have a supply of ORLGA bag tags. If any current member needs a new bag tag, please let me know. A replacement tag is \$5 (check made out to ORLGA or cash). New members will receive their bag tags once they have paid their dues and are welcomed into the league. I would like to thank Colleen Plebanek for her many years as the chairperson for the Welcome Committee. She has passed her baton on to me, and I will do my best to follow in her footsteps. My committee members are Roxie Gaeng, Sharon Giblin and Susan Carano.

Ringers – Mary Faulkner

Thank you to the committee Members: Maureen Craik, Kathy Ferrari, Peggy Jones, Debbie Lebkicher, Sue Manfredi, Carole Milnichuk, Jan Schneider, Gene Whidden, and Peggy Wilson. If you have any questions feel free to ask any of the Committee members.

The Ringers cards are in the boxes for those who paid the fee before Dec 31, 2023. The competition began on January 1, 2024. If you are only just paying your dues and the fee your card will be in the box by Feb 1, 2024. (the Ringers fee must be paid at the same time as your dues) and your participation begins on Feb 1, 2024.

Record only your **GROSS SCORES** on all holes the first day of play. On subsequent days of play only record a hole with an improved score.

If there is no improvement please record the date of play in the small box at the bottom of the card.

Don't forget Birdies, Chip-ins and Chip-in-birdies as well as any special achievements are to be recorded on the back of the card.

If you are playing Tiger's please indicate which tee at the top of the card. When changing your tee on Tiger's please let me know so a new card can be provided.

As always please make sure your score card is dated and signed.

Christmas Party - Anita Andersch

A big THANK YOU to the ORLGA CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON committee. The event went off smoothly. Everyone enjoyed the luncheon and we collected \$725 for BFA and received a thank you letter from them.

Hospitality - Anita Andersch

I want to thank the HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE for all their tasty treats for our meetings and setting up and breaking down the room.

Catering – Anita Andersch & Sue Manfredi

If anyone needs catering for their next event or tournament, Sue Manfredi and I are at your service.

Handicap – Overview of 2024 Changes

In the USGA Rules of Handicapping - effective January 16, 2024:

Rule 2.2a: For an 18-hole score to be acceptable for handicap purposes, a minimum of 10 holes must be played.

Rule 2.2b: For a 9-hole score to be acceptable for handicap purposes, all 9 holes must be played. If a player has not played at least 9 holes, the score is not acceptable for handicap purposes.

Education – Sharon Giblin

Thought I would briefly review the changes when posting your score for 2024. Note these changes are effective January 16, 2024.

Let's begin with posting 9 holes here at home.

Prior to 2024 your 9-hole score waited in limbo to be combined with another 9-hole score to give you an 18-Hole Score Differential. (I hated this!) So, now when you play 9 holes, your 9-hole score will automatically be calculated to an 18-hole Score Differential based on your current handicap index allowing your handicap index to be calculated immediately. No waiting!

“The player’s Handicap index is used to determine their **EXPECTED SCORE Differential for holes not played.**” Get used to this terminology.....**Expected score is defined as: The score a player is expected to achieve over a specified number of holes on a course of standard difficulty.** I am not getting into the calculation part. Ugh!

The other revision change is posting a score when more than 10 holes are played but not all 18. In 2023 you could only post a 9-hole score when you played less than 14 holes. When 14-17 holes were played, Net Par scores were used for the unplayed holes. Now when you don't finish the round, and only play 10-17 holes, you will be required to post Hole by Hole the holes played so that the

expected Score Differential can be calculated for the remaining holes which will produce an 18-Hole Score in GHIN.

Here's the bottom line, the GHIN app will be your friend - use it and let it work for you.

Publicity – Elaine Benedict – Please remember to use the form on the website when sending me results of league play and tournaments.

Sunshine – Elaine Benedict – Please let me know if you hear of any league members who we should send a get well or sympathy card.

Web Page – Laura Wheaton – nothing to report

Brunswick Interclub – Rosie Savoia

Rosie Savoia reporting for Sheree Seben. Information regarding Brunswick County Interclub is on our website. We are in the process of scheduling matches with the 6 clubs (including Ocean Ridge) for the 2024 season. More information will be forthcoming once we have our schedule in place.

Hope Harbor Tournament – Kathy Sanchez spoke to the folks at HHH and reports the following:

Ocean Ridge will be hosting the 2024 Peggy Rowland Hope Harbor Ladies Golf Championship on Thursday September 19th at Tiger's Eye. Current plans call for OR food & beverage to provide a box lunch while Hope Harbor finds a sponsor (perhaps such as Publix) to provide the breakfast.

As host team, we can field 2 teams (24 players), if we choose.

(NOTE: If you can't play, there will be volunteer opportunities to help with the setup the night before and/or the morning of. Please reach out to Kathy Sanchez if you are interested.)

More info will be provided as the tournament gets closer.

Local Rules – Local Rules were updated Nov 2023. Only 3 local rules:

- 1.** Tournament Directors will let participants know if Preferred lies are warranted
- 2.** Root rule in effect if roots interfere with swing and your ball lies within 8 club lengths from fairway
- 3.** Alternative to Stroke and Distance relief if ball is lost or out of bounds

NOTE: All Drop Zones are now included in ORG Local Rules which govern league play.

Old Business – Relief for Sodded Areas on Greens – Thought that there was no longer a need for temporary GUR. However, after play Wednesday on Panther's there were several holes that have been patched up and should probably warrant line of putt relief. Ocean Ridge Golf has not overseeded Panther's greens which is necessary to fix the sodded areas on several of the greens. They have to wait now until the temperature at night is over 45 degrees. Jack feels that the overseeding will take place in the next couple of weeks. In the meantime, if your line of putt has to

cross the sodded areas, then you may take your nearest point of relief no closer to the hole. This is not intended to provide relief for sandy areas – only the sodded areas.

New Business –

Kathy Ferrari would like for the league to pursue recruiting new members to the league. She is suggesting that we introduce them to the league and facilitate participation. Anyone interested in joining Kathy on this initiative should contact Kathy. This group can meet and come up with ideas on how to accomplish this effort and present ideas at the April meeting.