

## APRIL 9, 2024 ORLGA QUARTERLY MEETING

President Diane Wright called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm. Diane thanked the Hospitality committee for our refreshments. They always do such a great job! Diane read a thank you note from Paws-Ability thanking the ORLGA for the donations from the Lottery tree.

The rest of the board are away so Diane reported for them. Patti Dugan has graciously agreed to take the minutes today.

Secretary's Report - January minutes: Laura Wheaton made a motion to approve the minutes and Peggy Wilson seconded. The minutes are posted and archived on the website.

Tournament Assistant's Report:

### TOURNAMENTS HELD:

3-RING RINGERS 9-HOLE TOURNAMENT– January 15 & 22 – Tournament Directors: Juli Miller and Mary Lou Atkinson. 32 players competed in 4 flights. Format: Each Ringer score was the total net of 3 consecutive holes (1-3, 4-6, 7-9). There was a good turnout. We are planning on holding the tournament again in the Fall or at least next year. All members are welcome to play.

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and in some flights 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Winners:

Flight A - S. Carano C. Price

Flight B - M. Atkinson P. Bank K. Ferrari

Flight C - B. Augone M. Donahoe J. Miller, Flight D - L. Sutton J. Micka

WINTER CHALLENGE – February 21 & 28 – Tournament Directors: Laura Wheaton & Diane Wright  
1st Place – Robin Barone, Sue Smith, Linda Wanzer & Gene Whidden, 2nd Place – Kathy Ferrari, Roxie Gaeng, Sharon Giblin, Kris Heurich & Rosie Savoia, 3rd Place – Robin Covelli, Marie Gaddis, Sue Manfredi & Peggy Wilson 4th Place – Anita Andersch, Mary Lou Atkinson, Laura Wheaton & Diane Wright

SPRING RINGERS TOURNAMENT – March 25 & 27 – Tournament Dir: Stephanie Cappiello, Kris Heurich, Juli Miller & Margie Oehmke. 41 ladies played in the tournament held on Panthers Run  
Flight 1st Place 2nd Place 3rd Place Winners:

Flight A - R. Gaeng S. Giblin R. Savoia

Flight B - L. Wheaton K. Heurich D. Shank

Flight C - L. Kierez E. Benedict L. McCadden

Flight D - J. Miller G. Whidden R. Covelli

Flight E L. Wanzer J. Micka S. Rephann-Smith

### TOURNAMENTS COMING UP:

PRESIDENT'S CUP – Runs April 15 – July 15 with playoffs and final rounds being played July 16 – September 30. Kris is the Tournament Director. One more day to sign up. 16 teams have signed up so far. There will be 4 flights. (Update: 18 teams signed up and sign up has closed).

SPRING MEMBER/MEMBER – 5/6 & 5/8 – We do not have anyone signed up to serve as tournament director or to be on the committee. If we don't have any volunteers, we cannot hold the tournament. We usually get 10-12 tee times for this tournament but if we do not have a tournament then we will most likely be bumped back down to 4 tee times for Mon and 6 for Wednesday as in regular League days. Diane's concern is that if we do not have a tournament this year we will lose this slot and will not be able to get it back in the future. This is a pretty popular tournament. Would be nice if some of you would consider working on this. (UPDATE: Rosie Savoia who is running

Monday games in May and Kris Heurich who is running Wednesday games in May are collaborating to run this tournament with the help of Sandy Hayes who volunteered to help. Sign up is open.) The dates we have requested for all of our other tournaments can be found on the league events page. We do not have confirmation of those dates beyond May.

Treasurer's Report – Margie asked Diane to report the following:

We currently have a balance in our checking account of \$8,189.20. We are on-budget for expenses thus far in 2024. We currently have 85 paid members and 46 paid ringer's participants. Our membership goal in 2024 is 88 members. (UPDATE: 3 ladies who saw the membership drive in NABR came to the meeting and joined. We are now at our goal of 88 members!)

Please continue to submit entry fee money to the Tournament chair(s) and then on to the Treasurer. This helps to accurately record all revenues and expenses. Kris will relay each tournament's budget allowance to the directors when she sends out the Tournament Report form prior to each event.

Vice President's Report- Jane asked Diane to report the following:

Tee times - We currently have received tee times from ORG through the end of May only. We continue to get 6 tee times on Wed when playing Lions and Panthers and usually 3 on Mondays (occasionally 4).

We are in the busy season and our tee times are filling up fast. If you want to sign up for a game and all slots are full (including alternates) let the directors (or Jane Arnold) know of your availability. We always attempt to get sufficient tee times for everyone and sometimes we get last-minute cancellations.

Games Directors: We are in need of MANY directors for games and tournaments. At the moment, Jane is most concerned about completing the 2nd quarter. To do that we need the following:

Mondays (18 hole): June - - Mondays (9 hole): July; Wednesdays (18 hole): June

Tiger's Tee changes - If you want to change your tiger tee designation for the Apr 15 – Jul 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 Apr 15.

Remember this change will only work for new signups. If you are already signed up for a game on Tigers, it will not automatically make the switch. Please contact the games directors or anyone on the web team to change it.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Welcome – Rosie Savoia is away. She asked Diane to report the following:

We welcomed 3 new members in January 2024, Barbara Van Bergen, Sandy Hayes and Cynthia Lapp. Sandy and Barbara were present and introduced themselves.

The Spring 2024 Membership Drive email was sent out to the community on April 1. As a result, 3 ladies attended the meeting and joined: Susan Lehmann, Jenny McGurk and Jeanne Sprano.

Rosie has a supply of ORLGA bag tags. If any current member needs a new bag tag, please let her know. A replacement tag is \$5 (check made out to ORLGA or cash). New members receive their bag tags once they have paid their dues and are welcomed into the league.

Ringers – Mary Faulkner. Currently there are 46 ladies participating in Ringers. All 3 new members that joined have also joined Ringers so the new number is 49.

Hospitality- Anita Andersch – nothing to report except to extend her thanks and appreciation to the Hospitality committee for the good food they prepared.

Handicap – Deb MacFarlane - ORLGA Liaison. Deb reminded everyone that we are required to post our scores by midnight on the day we play so that our scores will be included in the daily playing conditions calculation and our handicaps can be updated overnight.

She also explained the 2024 change in the treatment of 9-hole scores on the World Handicap System (WHS). Prior to 2024, one 9-hole score would be combined with another 9-hole score to create an 18-hole Score Differential. Now when a player posts a 9-hole score, the WHS will automatically calculate an 18-hole Score Differential for the round based on the player's 9-hole Score Differential and expected Score Differential based on their current Handicap Index, allowing the 9-hole round to be considered in the player's Handicap Index calculation right away. Now in order to post a score in WHS, you must play a minimum of 9 holes to post. You post an 18-hole score if you play 18 holes but you also can post 10-17 holes if you do not finish the round. If posting 10-17 holes you must post hole by hole.

Web Page – nothing to report

Publicity/ Photographer – Tournament directors – please make sure to take pictures and send results of tournaments to the Web committee and results to Elaine who will send to the Beacon. There is a publicity form that you can find on the web site to fill out and send to Elaine.

Charity Tournament - Margie Oehmke – The Charity tournament with the Men's league has a proposed date of Nov 4. Need volunteers to work on this tournament.

Education – Beth Grunewalder will report for Sharon who is away. Joan and Gary will conduct clinics in June. There is a minimum of 4 persons needed to conduct the clinics. If we don't get the minimum, we will open to the community – ORLGA will have priority. They will continue with quizzes with Wacky Wanda, Bunker Betty and the newest members Boozie Susie and Pokie Patty.

Christmas Party- Anita Andersch – nothing to report at this time.

Catering – Anita Andersch reported that she is helping with the Memorial. Tournament directors are reminded that if you plan to have a social with food at your tournaments to reach out to Anita and Sue Manfredi who can help with that.

Sunshine – Elaine Benedict. Elaine sends sympathy and get-well cards to members who have lost a loved one or who is recovering from surgery or illness. Please let her know so she can send a card from the league.

Peggy Rowland Hope Harbor Tournament – Kathy Sanchez's sister-in-law passed away suddenly and Kathy had to be called away. She asked Diane to report the following:

The Peggy Rowland/Hope Harbor Tourney update (Sep 19 on Tiger's Eye) is as follows:

- 1) Good news! We have 2 full, 12 person teams all registered & paid for - a total of 24 players. I currently have 2 alternates. Happy to take additional names as a contingency.
- 2) As the Sep 19 date gets closer, we'll be putting out a notice looking for:
  - a) volunteers to help with set up on Wed and/or check in on Thursday;
  - b) folks to either donate to the lotto tree that we historically have put into the raffle, donate your own raffle item, or purchase a \$100 hole sponsorship (hoping ORLGA will also do this as in the past)

Local Rules – Beth Grunewalder discussed our 3 local rules:

1. Preferred Lies – Tournament directors or the Pro shop will determine on the day of the event when it is cart path only and course conditions warrant the use of lift, clean and place.

2. Root Rule – nearest point of relief if a root interferes with your swing and your ball is within 8 club lengths (approx. 10 yards) from the fairway.
3. Alternative to Stroke and Distance – when your ball is presumed to be lost (not in a penalty area) or Out of Bounds.

Our local rules do not have a rule with regard to taking relief in bunkers. The Committee has discussed whether there should be relief granted in bunkers on several occasions and determined that a rule on this could be misinterpreted. Beth explained that all of our local rules are supported by adopting a USGA sanctioned Model Local Rule. They did receive a ruling that would allow relief from washed out bunkers but it could only be granted on a temporary situation on a case by case basis. This would require the tournament directors to make the determination on the day of play or as determined by the Pro Shop which is not normally feasible.

The situation of a washed-out bunker creating a gully was discussed. This could be covered by the existing rule on abnormal course conditions and would not need a local rule. The Education Committee will be asked to provide education to the membership on how to apply this rule. (UPDATE: Beth decided to reach out to USGA Rules committee once again after the meeting and ask about relief from footprints in the bunker. They have verified that although unfortunate, there is no relief in this situation. The player could take penalty relief under rule 19.3, which is relief options for unplayable ball in bunker. Will ask Education Committee to come up with a quiz question with Bunker Betty.)

Brunswick Interclub - Sheree Seben explained what Brunswick Interclub was all about. Six clubs in Brunswick County compete and send 10 members from each club. The format is a Stableford and only the top 5 scores from each club are used. Carolina National has dropped out because they could not field a team and Lockwood Folly has joined. If anyone is interested, please let Sheree know and she will add you to email list.

Laura Wheaton asked Diane to explain Match Play. Diane explained how the Carolina Cup match play scoring is different from the President's cup. Diane also explained when to record your Most Likely Score and when and how to determine and record your maximum score. When you pick up and take your most likely score or your maximum score, add an X – for ex 5X. X scores cannot be used for the season long Ringers tournament competition.

Unfinished Business. Kathy Ferrari is out of town. Her agenda item will need to be deferred to the next quarterly meeting.

Since there was no new business, Mary Faulkner made a motion to adjourn and Debbie Lebkicher seconded.

Submitted by Patti Dugan