

## ORLGA Quarterly Meeting---April 11, 2023

Meeting was called to order by President Diane Wright at 3:17. Diane thanked Anita Andersch and her hospitality committee for the wonderful array of refreshments for our meeting today. She then announced that Donna Shank had recently made a Hole In One on April 3 at Tiger's Eye. Diane went over our Hole In One Policy briefly. The policy covers up to \$200 in free drinks. All league members, men and women playing that day in the games are included. The golfer who made the Hole In One is responsible for opening and closing the tab. Further information can be found on our website.

**Secretary's Report**--Elaine Benedict is subbing for Kris Heurich who is out of town. She asked for a motion to approve January minutes. Peggy Wilson made the motion and Carole Milnichuk seconded. The minutes are always posted on the website.

**Treasurer's Report**—Margie Oehmke reported we have a balance in our checking account of \$7729.41. We've exceeded our membership goal of 90 players, as we currently have 97 paid members. Thus far in 2023, all tournaments have come in either at or under budget. We are in good shape!

**Vice President's Report**—Jane Arnold made some tournament announcements for tournament assistant Kris Heurich. Since our last quarterly meeting we have successfully run 2 tournaments...Winter Challenge and Spring Ringers. Signups are open for several upcoming tournaments:

--Charity Scramble on April 26 (more on that from Margie later). Minimum play rule NOT in effect.

--President's Cup. This is a summer-long match play tournament with 2 person teams. We have 13 teams signed up but we would really like 16 to enable us to have four flights with four teams in each. Please consider participating. Sign-up closes April 21.

Spring Fling Member-Member Tournament on May 22 and 24. This is another tourney with 2 person teams so pick a partner and sign up. We have 16 teams signed up but we have tee times to accommodate 24 teams so lots of room left. Sign-up closes May 5.

Remember...President's Cup and Member-Member require members to have played a minimum # of plays in the past year. New members or members recovering from medical issues are encouraged to submit a minimum play waiver. Rounds played by each ORLGA member in league are posted on the league events page on our website.

Other tournaments to pencil into your calendar:

--Memorial Scramble Tournament which honors OR residents who passed during the 2022 calendar year. It will be held on May 29 with an 8:30am shotgun start on Lion's Paw. Signup is scheduled to open April 18.

--Battle of the Sexes is being planned for Wed June 7 which should also be on Lion's Paw. Signup won't be opening until probably May. The format is match play: 2 ladies vs. 2 men.

--We have requested tee times for our Carolina Cup on June 28. This is played in the spirit of the Solheim Cup. Everyone signed up will be divided into 2 teams by the captains. More details to come!

General comment about tournaments: Unlike our weekly games where you pay on league day, it is VERY important to turn in your tournament entry fees before the sign-up closes to enable the directors to pay for expenses and organize prize money in advance without using their own money. In general, once the signup is closed, the entry fee is non-refundable unless a replacement is found.

## **Tee Times**

**Message from Jack: We must be on time with our list of golfers for the weekly games.** The lists must be received by the pro shop 7 days in

advance. If this is not done they will be released and sold! Also when we need extra tee times or other special requests like shot gun starts, directors must coordinate directly with ONLY Jack or Gary. No one else on the pro shop staff is authorized. If you have any questions or concerns contact Jane!

ORG has only released league tee times through the end of May. Lately Jane has only been getting them one month at a time. She is hoping to get June and beyond soon. When she gets it, she will post onto the website and let the directors for those months know via email.

Nancy O'Connell asked a question about flighted play. Is it always necessary to include one flighted play event per month when directors are picking their games for the month? The answer is no although many members do like to play games that are flighted.

Jane also mentioned that if you change your tee choices on Tiger's Eye, the time to do that is April 1-15.

### **Committee Reports**

Welcome--Colleen Plebanek welcomed new members Teresa Hannon, Sheri Monaldo, Sharon Taube, Marti Gray.

Ringers—Deb Lebkicker reporting for Mary Faulkner: Currently there are 46 golfers participating in the Ringers program. Please remember to sign and date your scorecard. Also, when doing your ringers card fill in date even if you have no improved holes. Also record your gross score.

Hospitality—Anita Andersch reminded us that for league meetings the hospitality committee will continue to provide water but please bring your own beverages if you wish to drink something else.

Catering and Christmas Party--Anita asked for location suggestions for our Christmas Luncheon. We may repeat restaurant Talk of the Town. It is close by and they were very pleasant to work with last year.

Handicap—Diane Wright (ORLGA Liason), clarified for us, since there is still some confusion regarding when we have to post a C (Competitive) score. For Mon/Wed league days, Lady Cats, Away Golf, post with a C score only when playing in an individual event for example, flighted play. Special tournaments/events like: Ringers, Member/Member postable rounds, Day 2 of Couples Championship, President's Cup and Club Championship should also be posted as a Competitive score. You can find this information on the website under League Information/Standard Operating Procedures.

Web Page—Laura Wheaton was not at the meeting but sent in her report to say all is well in the web, nothing to report. Sue Manfredi did ask if the scrolling banner we have from time to time at the top of our web page could be slowed down. Karen McCloskey answered that the banner is coming down but when it is reinstalled the web team will make it slower!

Publicity—Elaine Benedict reminded members to please use the template that begins “Dear Sportswriter...” when emailing game results to her for newspaper publication. You can find that template on web page under League Information/Guidelines and Forms.

Charity Scramble—Margie Oehmke reported that the deadline to sign up for this event ends tomorrow, April 12, and encouraged everyone to participate. This is the only charity tournament that our league sponsors and benefits New Hope Clinic, an organization which provides medical, dental and pharmacy services to those who do not have insurance.

The tournament is a scramble format played with the men's league and is a lot of fun. Everyone gathers afterwards at Tamers for a light meal and distribution of prizes.

Education—Sharon Giblin reported that golf clinics are off to a good start. A clinic for beginning golfers was held in March. The clinics are held by Joan and Gary Port of Lori's Golf Shoppe and 3 more clinics are offered in May. Dates and details may be found on our League Events web page.

The Education Committee has also started a “Golf Quiz.” Each month via email members receive one question concerning a golf rule with the answer following. This has been a very enlightening exercise, great idea!

Brunswick Interclub—Sheree Seben encouraged everyone to participate in this fun, friendly competition between Brunswick County golf clubs. Each club sends 10 golfers to compete but only the top 5 scores are used from each club. A Stableford scoring format is used. There are 5 tournaments held during the summer and the first one is April 29 at Brick Landing. Sign up!

Sunshine—Elaine Benedict reminded members to let her know if someone needs a get well or sympathy card. Thank you!

Peggy Rowland Women’s Golf Championship (formerly known as Hope Harbor Tournament)—Our own Peggy Rowland passed away suddenly last spring. Peggy was a board member at Hope Harbor, the only shelter in Brunswick County that provides help for abused women and their children. She was very involved in the golf tournament and was the ORLGA representative for many years. The golf tournament has been held for 23 years and is Hope Harbor’s biggest fund raiser. Kathy Sanchez is our rep now and told us that the date this year is August 17 at Thistle Golf Club. Each club sends a team of 12, you can sign up now on our website. Carys Price mentioned that ORLGA also donates a “Lottery Tree” for the tournament’s silent auction which is held the same day as the tournament. Carys Price and Donna Shank are in charge of organizing that. You can purchase lottery tickets or donate for the tree. Carys also mentioned that Hope Harbor now provides a kennel for the pets of abused women who stay at Hope Harbor. Colleen Plebanek reminded us that Hope Harbor has a trailer where you can drop off used clothing, household goods, etc. It is located across the street (Hwy 17) from Novant Hospital.

Local Rules—Beth Grunewalder and her committee have spent many hours providing us with a revised document of the local rules. Beth sent out an email before today’s meeting with this document attached. All are

encouraged to print this out. It is concise, easy to read and understand. Thank you Beth! This document is also on our website.

### **Old Business**

President's Cup trophy—At the January meeting it was discussed whether we needed a President's Cup trophy and was put to a vote. The membership voted not to fund the trophy. However, since the last meeting a group of members felt strongly that a President's Cup trophy was important in order to capture and preserve the ORLGA history of all past winners. Many members made donations toward this effort to pay for the engraving and other associated costs. OR Pro shop donated an old trophy and parts of it will be used for the new trophy Bob Houser is making.

### **New Business**

Sharon Giblin noted that there have been 5 key changes to the USGA Rules of Golf in 2023. Going forward there will not be a "physical" Rules of Golf handbook. It will only be online. There is now an app you can download for this.

Diane Wright called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:32. Patti Dugan made the motion, Myong Jenson seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Benedict