

ORLGA Quarterly Meeting July 9, 2024 at the Plantation Club

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm by President Diane Wright. Diane thanked the Hospitality Committee for the wonderful work done of providing food to those attending.

Secretary's Report: Kris Heurich asked for a motion to approve the April 9, 2024 minutes. A motion was made by Patti Dugan and seconded by Sue Kane. Kris reminded members that the minutes are posted and archived on the website.

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

Tournaments – Held

- Carolina Cup – Held April 15 & 17 and led by Diane Wright and Laura Wheaton. This was a 2-day tournament that was played on Lion's Paw and Panther's Run. We had two teams of 20 each playing matches against each other, which was like the Solheim Cup. The teams this year were led by Laura Wheaton and Kathy Ferrari. Wheaton's Wheaties and Kathy's Fast & Furious tied (20-20) for the first time in the history of our tournament. Fun was had by all.

- President's Cup – Held April 15 – July 15 with Playoffs and Finals round through September 30. Flight A winner plays Flight C winner and Flight B winner plays Flight D winner to determine who plays in the Finals.
Flight Winners are:
 - Flight A – Sharon Gibson & Rosie Savoia
 - Flight B - Donna Shank & Carys Price
 - Flight C – Mary Faulkner & Myong Jensen (tied with Sue Manfredi & Peggy Wilson – determined the winner based on which team won their specific match.)
 - Flight D – Maureen Donohoe & Debbie Lebkicher

- Spring Member/Member – May 6 & 8 – led by Rosie Savoia, Kris Heurich, Sandy Hayes
 - Winners – 1st place
 - Flight A – Carole Milnichuk & Diane Wright

- Flight B – Carys Price & Donna Shank
- Flight C – Pam Bank & Carole Schuster
- Winners – 2nd place
 - Flight A – Sue Carano & Rosie Savoia
 - Flight B – Sandy Hayes & Lilia Kierez
 - Flight C – Sue Manfredi & Peggy Wilson
- Memorial Tournament – May 27 – Chaired by Diane Wright who worked with the men to put on the 19th Annual Memorial Tournament. Diane worked with Carys Price, Jane Arnold, Anita Andersch, Marie Gaddis, Donna Shank, Doug Smith, Ted White, Larry Wright and Jeff Kemmerer. 100 golfers participated with 115 people enjoying the lunch afterwards. This tournament honored the 13 men and women from Ocean Ridge, who passed away in 2023. Teams included players from both leagues. The results are:
 - 1st Place – Sue Kane, Linda Wanzer, Rob Ferrari, Steve Mason
 - 2nd Place – Jane Arnold, Patti Dugan, Greg Lipscomb, Larry Wright
- Battle of the Sexes – June 5 – Lion’s Paw - Led by Diane Wright & Jane Arnold. Tournament was a “better net of partner match play” between ORLGA & ORMGA. The women won 14 of the 16 matches.

Tournaments – Future

1. Wild N Crazy 1 Net - July 24 - Lion’s Paw – Led by Mary Lou Atkinson, Patti Dugan, Laura Wheaton, Diane Wright.
2. Summer Ringers – August 12 & 14 – Lion’s Paw – Led by Robyn Albert, Kathy Ferrari, Laura McCadden.
3. Neighborhood Challenge – Date may change from September 4 to October 23 – Lion’s Paw – Committee is made up of Carol Dunham, Kathy Ferrari, Anita Andersch, Barb Augone, Margie Oehmke and Diane Wright.
4. Club Championship – September 23, 25 & 27 –Run by ORG with help from ORLGA committee assistance led by Diane Wright, and hopefully others.
5. Mixed Couples Championship – October 6 & 13 – Courses requested: Lion’s Paw (day 1) and Panther’s Run (day 2) – Led by Linda Johnston & Nancy O’Connell.
6. Member/Member – October 21 & 23 – Course TBD – Directors are needed for this tournament.
7. Bah Humbug – December 11 - Panther’s Run requested – Led by Robyn Albert, Kathy Ferrari, Laura McCadden

Away Golf: Diane indicated the next event is July 25 at True Blue on Pawleys Island . There are only two ladies signed up. It may be canceled. If you want to play, sign-up through the Golf Portal. It closes July 18.

Treasurer's Report: Margie Oehmke was not present so Rosie Savoia presented for Margie.

We currently have a balance in our checking account of \$8,080.17. We have no outstanding bills and are on-budget for expenses thus far in 2024. We currently have 89 paid members and 50 paid Ringer's participants. Our membership goal in 2024 was 88 members and 45 Ringer's participants. With more tournaments coming up in the second half of the year, please remember that there is tournament budget money available. Tournament directors should reach out to Kris or Margie for details. Kris will also send out a Tournament Report form prior to each event.

Vice President's Report: Jane Arnold presented the following.

Tee times - We just received tee times from ORG through August. August games and tournaments should be available soon. Our tee times continue to fill 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 attempt to get sufficient tee times for everyone and sometimes we get last-minute cancellations. ORG does not currently give us an extra tee time for one player.

Directors Needed: We still need directors for Monday 18-hole games in September through December, Wednesday 18-hole games in August and November, and the Fall Member-member Tournament. Please consider volunteering to be a director.

Tiger's Tee changes: If you want to change your Tiger's tee designation for the July 15 – October 14 period, please do so asap. There is a form on the League Events page in the menu on the left side of page for this. The Web Team will make the changes on July 15. Tee changes are in effect until another change form is submitted.

Please note that you do not need to change your tee designation to match the Club Championship flight you intend to play as this is officially not ORLGA play. You will play the tees based on signup.

Committee Reports

Welcome Committee: Rosie Savoia

Rosie asked any new members present to identify themselves.

- Ginger Bryant
- Deb Conti
- Shelia Craft – Joined last year but was unable to play so she is rejoining us.
- Paula Higgins – Is rejoining the League.

Rosie indicated she will meet with them to show them how to fill out the online registration form (if needed.) Since January, we have gained six new members with four others soon to join. We are offering a summer ½ price deal (\$20) for ladies joining July 1 – October 1. You will receive a bag tag. If any other member needs a replacement bag tag, one can be purchased from Rosie for \$5.

Ringers: Mary Faulkner

Nothing to report.

Handicap: Deb McFarlane

Nothing to report.

Web Page: Laura Wheaton

We usually do not know what the course and tee times are when directors submit their games for posting. Once we are aware of these, the information is added to the games in TM. Sometimes the game that was initially selected by the director does not necessarily fit the course assigned. Please do not complain about the game.

Laura brought up that the process for changing tee boxes is confusing. She and Karen McCloskey will review the process to ensure and change or clarify it.

Karen indicated that there were issues with one of the online forms used to submit the Publicity Report. A new form has been added to ensure all scenarios have a form. There are forms for games that are individually flighted, individual games without flighting, and games having teams.

Karen has updated the member roster on our software system. It now contains only those who are current members of the league. This enables us to easily email

everyone in the league. If you do not have an Admin logon, please sign-in as Karen. Laura will review the list used in Signup Genius to see if that needs updating.

Publicity: Elaine Benedict

Elaine thanked the games directors for using the online Publicity Report when submitting the results of the games to her for the newspaper. Mary Faulkner asked that Elaine send a copy of the report to her when there are Special Achievements listed on the report (hole-in-one, first time breaking 80, 90, 100 in league play on an OR course, and an Eagle.)

Event Photographer:

Diane indicated that anyone running tournaments should be sure to take photos of the event (especially the winners). Send photos to the Web Team for posting to the website and Elaine for sending them to the Beacon.

Charity Tournament:

Jane indicated that a request was sent to ORG for Monday, November 4 with a shot-gun start. It may not be held if we cannot get a shotgun start.

Education: Sharon Giblin

Sharon reported that we have had a good year with the education offerings. We offered multiple clinics given by Joan & Gary of Lori's Golf Shop with great participation. One was canceled due to rain. If the clinics were not filled, we opened them to nonmembers. Some men chose to participate. The clinics are \$15 and are a great way to get an inexpensive lesson. We have published 3 rules quizzes thus far. Karen has added the quizzes to the web site (thanks Karen!) The quizzes also have links to excellent videos.

Hospitality: Anita Andersch

Nothing to report

Christmas Party: Anita Andersch

We are in the process of finding a restaurant and hope to hold the event on Tuesday, 12/10/24.

Catering: Anita Andersch

Nothing to report.

Sunshine: Elaine Benedict

Elaine indicated that if you know of someone needing a get well or sympathy card, let her know. She will send one from the League.

Peggy Rowland Women's Golf Championship (formerly known as Hope Harbor Tournament): Kathy Sanchez

Kathy described the tournament for the new members attending the meeting. It is being held on September 19 on Tiger's Eye. Since it is being played here, ORLGA gets to field two teams of 12 players each, all other clubs have one team. Kathy is looking for one player to replace someone who had to drop out. If you are interested in playing, let her know. Kathy thanked ORLGA for being a sponsor. If you want to be an individual sponsor, you can give your donation to Kathy. There will be a great raffle as well. You can enter the raffle even if you are not playing. If you want to donate a basket, talk with Kathy. ORLGA donates a Birdie Tree made up of Lottery scratch-off tickets each year. If you want to donate, give your money to Carys Price or Donna Shank. They will purchase the tickets with the donated funds.

Local Rules: Beth Grunewalder

Sharon Giblin reported the following for Beth. There have been many questions about the local root rule. If your ball rests within 8 club lengths (approximately 10 yards when using your driver) from the end of the fairway (closely mown area) and your swing is affected by roots (not your stance), you can take the closest point of relief (not closer to the hole), mark the spot and drop your ball within one club length for free relief. If your ball is further than the 8 club lengths from the closely mown area, you may take relief for a 1 stroke penalty or hit it as it lies.

Brunswick County Interclub: Sheree Seben

Sheree thanked everyone who has participated so far this year. This is a season-long competition between six local clubs using a Stableford format. Each club can

field up to ten players for each event. The Stableford scores for the top five players for each club are counted. We are struggling to fill the roster on those days when Lady Cats is also taking place. The next event is July 20 at Tiger's Eye. Sharon indicated we have our field of 10 ladies.

Nominating Committee – Mary Lou Atkinson

Mary Lou reported that the Committee is tasked with putting forth a slate of nominees to fill the officers' terms expiring in October. Kathy Sanchez and Lorraine Crosby worked with Mary Lou. Voting will start in August with the winners announced at the October meeting.

Mary Lou presented the following slate of nominees.

- President – Diane Wright
- Vice President – Juli Miller
- Secretary – Kris Heurich
- Treasurer – Margie Oehmke

Anyone else wishing to run for office, can self-nominate by contacting one of the ladies on the nominating committee.

Old Business: Diane Wright

None

New Business:

Slow Play – Diane Wright indicated that slow play is a continuing problem for us. Slow players are impacting the enjoyment of play for all the groups held up behind them. Awareness and education are the keys and incremental improvement is the goal. By bringing awareness that slow play is a problem and educating players on practical ways to be more efficient with their time, we can all have a better golf experience.

The average round of golf in the US takes 4 hours, 17 minutes. The average time for the first group out, is 3 hours, 46 minutes. The slowest group dictates the pace of play for everyone behind them. We expect our rounds to be no longer than 4 ½ hours (preferably less).

Slow play on the course is usually a bad habit that a golfer acquires over time. Or the result of the golfer never having been taught proper time management on the course. This means a slow golfer can usually be "cured" if they have awareness that they are slow.

Diane presented a list of suggestions for speeding up play (see the web site.) She noted that many of these suggestions have nothing to do with rushing your play, but rather simply being ready to play, and with using common sense on the course.

When players take an honest look themselves, they may discover they are doing some of the same things to slow down play that we are complaining about others doing. Each player should think about how they are impacting the pace of play as they are playing.

Diane indicated that beginning Wednesday, July 10, players should mark their scorecards with the time they began the round and the time they ended the round. This will be used to identify those who play on teams that complete a game in greater than 4 ½ hours or at least 15 minutes after the group in front of them (with extenuating circumstances taken into consideration). If a pattern is established, Diane will talk to the player privately and they may be assigned to the last groups going out on League days until improvement is seen.

A lively discussion ensued with many ladies providing slow play causes that bother them and how to correct it.

Neighborhood Challenge – Jane reported that the Neighborhood Challenge (NC) is the most popular event for ORLGA. It is currently scheduled for September 4 but many ladies will be away impacting many of the neighborhood groups. Jane suggested using one of the Fall Member/Member Tournament days (October 21 & 23) for the NC. Jane asked those present if they support holding the NC on Wednesday, October 23. The group unanimously voted for this move.

Diane asked if we should hold a one-day Member/Member on Monday, October 21. There was not support for this. It was decided to cancel the Fall Member/Member.

- September 4 - Regular League day
- October 21 – Keep 12 tee times and have some sort of one-day tournament
- October 23 – Neighborhood Challenge

Encouraging New Member Play – Kathy Ferrari asked that we encourage new members to play. She suggested that ladies reach out to new members and ask them to play with them. The 9-hole games are a good way for new members to start with the League. Kathy suggested we do another Scramble on October 21, since we canceled the Member/Member originally being played that day. Many liked this idea.

Hole-In-One Insurance – Sharon Giblin asked if we could look at our Hole-In-One Insurance policy and see if it should be changed to allow the insurance to be used for holes-in-one made during casual play days on ORG courses. Jane suggested Sharon form a committee and make a recommendation. Margie should be on it as she is the Treasurer. Rosie said she would be on it too.

Sheree Seben made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:33 pm which was seconded by Shelia Craft.

Respectfully Submitted, Kris Heurich