

ORLGA Quarterly Meeting July 11, 2023 at the Plantation Club

The meeting was called to order at 3:03 pm by President Diane Wright. Diane thanked the Hospitality Committee for the wonderful work done of providing food and drink to those attending.

Secretary's Report: Kris Heurich asked for a motion to approve the April 11 minutes. A motion was made by Patti Dugan and seconded by Sharon Giblin. Kris reminded members that the minutes are posted and archived on the website.

Treasurer's Report: Margie Oehmke reported we currently have a balance in our checking account of \$8,322.87. We have no outstanding payments due currently. We have exceeded our membership goal of 90 players, as we currently have 101 paid members and 100 active members. Thus far in 2023, all tournaments have come in either at or under budget.

We have given two donations: 1) In conjunction with ORMGA, we raised \$4,115 for New Hope Clinic at the Charity Scramble event which included a budgeted amount of \$100 from ORLGA; and 2) we gave \$100.00 (as budgeted) to Hope Harbor Inc. as a donation to the upcoming Peggy Roland Golf Tournament. These two donations fulfill our budgeted donations for the year.

Margie thanked all the tournament chairs for submitting Tournament Reports thus far in 2023. It is greatly appreciated.

Vice President's Report: Jane Arnold reported that Directors are needed for Monday 18-Hole games for September and December. She asked for members to consider being a director for one of these months. All Wednesday Director slots have been filled. If there is no Director available, golf will go on but without a game. Directors are needed for 9-Hole golf on Mondays for November and December.

Jane indicated that the Pro Shop is only providing tee times and courses to be played about a month before play month. She suggested that directors wait to receive this information before submitting the games to the Web Committee for posting.

Jane provided data related to tee times. We usage of Monday and Wednesday tee times are as follows:

January 70%
February 96%
March 88%
April 94%
May 96%
June 97%

Jane thanked everyone for coming out and playing. She also thanked Juli Miller for her work with the 9-hole games. Juli has provided Director training to some of those playing in these games.

Anyone wanting to change tee boxes on Tiger's can do so every three months. The current change period is open and closes mid-July. The next selection period will be in October.

Jane reported that the next Away Golf is being played on July 28 at the Heritage Club in Pawley's Island. Members can sign up through the golf portal.

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

1. **Charity Tournament** was held April 26.
2. **President's Cup**. This is a summer-long Match Play tournament with 2 person teams. Competition began May 1. We have 16 teams – 4 teams in each flight. Team standings are on the web – Flight D has completed their matches and Tina Grauerholtz and Fran Mason are the winners of that flight. Playoffs will occur as soon as winners in the Flights are determined.
3. **Spring Fling Member/Member** took place on May 22 (Panthers) & 24 (Lions)
Winners were: Flight A – Nancy O'Connell & Roxie Gaeng
Flight B – Donna Shank & Carys Price
Flight C – Deb Lebkicher & Gene Whidden
Flight D – Tina Grauerholtz & Maureen Donahoe
4. **Memorial Tournament** – Chaired by Diane Wright who worked with the men to put on the 18th Annual Memorial Tournament. 92 golfers participated with 108 people enjoying the lunch afterwards. This tournament honored the 23 men and women from Ocean Ridge, who passed away in 2022. Teams included players from both leagues. The results from the golf tournament are:

- 3rd Place - Sue Manfredi, Bob Major, Bob Plebanek, Ed Gruver, and
 - 2nd Place - Karen Hughes, Myong Jensen, Steve Mason, Hal Bilbo
 - 1st Place - Carys Price, Gene Whidden, Jim Hughes, Charlie Augone
5. **Battle of the Sexes** – Teams of 2 women playing matches against teams of 2 men. Each match was worth 1 point to the winner or ½ point for ties. The Women beat the men 15.5 to 5.5. This means the men get to pick the course for next year – and they have selected Panther’s.
 6. **Carolina Cup** – This is a 2-day tournament that was played on Lion’s Paw this year. We had two teams of 18 each playing matches against each other, which was like the Solheim Cup. The teams this year were led by Sharon Giblin and Nancy O’Connell. Nancy’s Navy beat Sharon’s Ship Sinkers by only 1 point. Fun was had by all.
 7. **Wild N Crazy 1 Net Tournament** is being held July 26. Mary Lou Atkinson, and Patti Dugan are co-leading this event. Thirty-seven women have signed up with 3 alternate slots available.
 8. **Summer Ringer’s Tournament** is August 14 & 16. Laura McCadden & Robyn Albert co-leading this event.
 9. **Neighborhood Challenge** is September 6.
 10. **Club Championship** – Sept 18, 20, 22 – Diane Wright is chairing and provided information in her committee report.

Committee Reports

Welcome Committee: Colleen Plebanek and Rosie Savoia

Colleen indicated her member numbers are different than Margie’s numbers. She will reconcile them with Margie. She asked that if we know anyone who is thinking about joining the League to let Rosie know.

Rosie said that each quarter she submits a League recruitment notice to NABR. If someone joins July - September, the fee is only \$20 (1/2 price sale). There is no

fee for someone joining October-December (and no bag tag is given for this free period.)

Rosie indicated that she was asked by a new golfer if the League gives lessons. We do not, but she said that Lori's Golf Shop offers lessons as well as Gary Webber and others in the area. New golfers should be encouraged to have lessons.

If any member needs a bag tag, they can purchase one from Colleen for \$5.

Ringers: Mary Faulkner

This was discussed under New Business.

Hospitality Committee: Anita Andersch

Anita thanked the committee for all their great work with the meeting setup and creation of food and drink. The team is very creative and comes up with great ideas.

Catering Committee: Anita Andersch & Sue Manfredi

The committee is not currently working on any events. If any Committee needs food for an event, please talk with Anita.

Christmas Party: Anita Andersch

This year's Christmas party will be held at Talk of the Town on December 7 from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm. It will cost around \$40, which includes salad, entrée, dessert, soft drinks, coffee, and tea. It also includes a bartender and table decorations. Some felt that there was too much going on at the entrance table (seat cards, donation box, membership renewal envelopes) when you first entered the restaurant. Rosie suggested that we move the membership renewal envelopes to each table, which everyone agreed was a good idea.

Web Page: Laura Wheaton

Laura indicated that the submission timing of some of the Pairings Report is creating a challenge for the Web Team. She said they might not be posted as quickly as one may want. Juli said that for PALs and 9-Hole, she sends an email to the players providing a copy of the Pairings Report.

Laura said that games directors should provide the roster to Jack right after signup closes and let him know if additional tee times are needed. If additional tee times

are needed, work with the men's league as they may agree to move their times earlier or later.

There are some instances where emails sent through Signup Genius (SUG) were returned even though they have valid email addresses. Laura works with SUG to accept the extensions (e.g. .LIVE) they are rejecting. If you are not receiving SUG emails, let Laura know.

We are still having issues with emails being sent using the "Web Committee" email address. If anyone is not getting a response from the Web Committee for a request made using this email address, let Laura know. Also, if your email address is changing, let Laura know this as well.

Member/Member/Guest Tournament: Laura Wheaton

This is being held November 3 & 4. A "Save the Date" notification was sent to members. The theme this year is "Friendsgiving". If you think you are interested in playing, add your name to the signup that can be found on our web site. This is only to get a general idea of the number of players interested and if you think you will be inviting an outside guest. We had 17 guests last year and we would like to get more this year. Laura said that she is not getting as many sponsors this year so the price may be higher than last year. She is trying to keep it under \$100. This is a "minimum rounds played" tournament.

Sunshine: Elaine Benedict

Elaine indicated that if you know of someone needing a get well or sympathy card, let her know.

Publicity: Elaine Benedict

Elaine thanked the games directors for providing her with the publicity reports. There is a fillable PDF form on the League Information Page under Guidelines/Forms, under Monday/Wednesday Events that should be used when creating the publicity report.

Photographer: Karen McCloskey

If you need photos taken, talk with Karen. She does a great job. You can preview her photos on the web site.

Education: Sharon Giblin

Sharon reported that there were 7 clinics held so far this year. They have been well received. The last one is being held in September and is an oncourse instruction for tough shots. Some of the clinics were opened to the men and a few attended. The Committee is thinking of opening the clinics to those who are interested in joining the League. Clinics are held on the days that work best for the instructors (Gary & Joan of Lori's Golf Shop).

The Committee began issuing a monthly Rules Quiz to members on topics including rules of the greens, tee boxes and bunkers. Many members have said they appreciate receiving them. Sharon encouraged members to print the emails so the rules will be handy to them.

Brunswick County Interclub: Sheree Seben, Rosie Savoia & Sharon Giblin

Rosie reported that several matches have been held so far this year. Using a modified Stableford format, ten of our women play with the top 5 scores counted. Handicaps are capped at 36. Ocean Ridge is doing well. There are 2 matches coming up in July at Meadowlands and Tiger's Eye. The last match is in August at Sea Trail. Other clubs playing are Brunswick Plantation, Carolina National and Brick Landing. A request for players for the remaining matches will be sent to the League members.

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

Carys reported that we are donating a Birdie Tree with lottery tickets to the raffle. Members can give cash or lottery tickets to Carys or Donna Shank by 8/11.

Handicap: Diane Wright

Diane is the ORLGA liaison on the ORPG Handicap Committee. She reminded members to post all rounds played, if it is a postable round (scrambles, shambles are not postable.) Most League play should be posted as "H" (home). Individually flighted rounds, PC matches, Club Championship, Ringers Tournaments, Day 2 Couples Championship should be posted as "C" (competition). Any golf played on non-OR courses should be posted as "A" (away).

Club Championship: Diane Wright

Diane reported that a “Save the Date” email will go out soon. Dates of play are September 18, 20, 22. All members are encouraged to participate. There are 2 Divisions (Caspian and Tigress) with the Tigress having 3 flights (Senior, Super Senior and Red). Jane had extensive negotiations to obtain agreement to hold our event a different week than the men’s event. We will be looking for marshals for help with pace of play and identifying location of balls.

Local Rules and Other Rules & Behavior Guides: Beth Grunewalder

Beth reported that the Standard Operating Procedures have been updated and will be posted to the web site soon. Changes include removing the requirement to use marshals and forecaddies with the Club Championship and Member/Guest.

Beth suggested that members should print the rules out (3 pages only) and review them periodically.

There was a lot of discussion on our current adopted local root rule that only applies if the root interferes with your intended swing, not your stance. Relief from the roots is only allowed if you are in the general area that is cut to fairway height or less or in the rough within 4 club lengths from the edge of the fairway. Otherwise, relief is not allowed. The Committee will once again seek to find a relief option that meets the intent of the use of a local rule and reduce the potential of injury to the player. It was also suggested that we look at other golf leagues in the area and see what they use for a root rule. Beth asked members to send her a photo of root areas on our courses that are encountered by members which can help the Committee with analyzing the rule.

Beth explained the use of the local rule for Alternative to Stroke and Distance. If you think your ball is out of bounds or lost you can choose to play a provisional ball. If you find your original ball then that ball is in play. If you do not play a provisional ball and your ball is out of bounds or after 3 minutes you cannot find it, then you can use the local rule for Alternative to Stroke and Distance. For a 2-stroke penalty you can drop a ball on the fairway within 2 club lengths from the edge instead of going back and playing from the original location of the ball before it was hit. Beth showed several diagrams related to this rule and suggested that we all review the rule details and the diagrams included in our Local Rules document.

It was suggested that the Education Committee provide a clinic on our local rules. The Committee will discuss this.

Other Rules and Behavior Guides: No Show Policy – It is the responsibility of each member to notify the event organizers and the Pro Shop if you need to cancel out of any league event after the sign up has closed. Laura Wheaton asked that games directors should notify her if someone did not show up to play and was also included on the Pairings Report.

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Sodded Areas on the Greens – Nancy O’Connell asked if we can treat the sodded areas on the greens as Ground Under Repair. Discussion ensued and it was decided that if sodded areas on the greens are in the line of a putt (for balls on the green), it should be considered Ground Under Repair and the player can move it to give a line outside of the sodded area. This is a temporary rule and does not include brown, sand, or missing grass areas on the greens. Jane will let the games directors know to include the rule on the score card.
2. Washed Out Bunkers – Beth Grunewalder asked the USGA about these conditions. They indicated that the Local Rules Committee can consider whether to consider washed out bunkers as Ground Under Repair. This does not currently apply to our rules. The Committee will talk about this.

The Education Committee included a bunker topic on a Rules Quiz email dated May 29 sent out by Rosie Savoia. Although the quiz was not specifically using a washed-out area of a bunker in the question, USGA Rule 19.3 (Relief Option for Unplayable Ball in Bunker) applies to these areas as well.

3. Ringers Challenge (new name for the year-long Ringers Tournament) – Diane Wright reported that reference to the Ringers Challenge was removed from the Standard Operating Procedures. The following changes are under consideration:
 - a. Shorten the season from 11/1-10/31 to 1/1-10/31.
 - b. Current members must join and pay before 1/1.

- c. New League members can join after the 1/1 cutoff. Ringers' scores will be counted only after payment is received.
- d. Cards will be provided by the Ringers Committee once payment is received. Blank ones will not be in the boxes.
- e. Educate members on how and when to mark a score with an 'X'. X scores cannot be used as a Ringer score.
- f. Review games and tournaments that can be modified so that members get credit for birdies, chip-ins, and Ringers scores. For example, Day 2 of Ringers can be played as postable rounds. If a player picks up on a hole, they should post their most likely score as an x score.

Mary Faulkner reiterated to the members that if a Special Achievement (Eagle, Hole in One, Breaking 80, 90, 100 for first time in League play) was met by a player, let Mary know – even if a player is not participating in the Ringers Challenge. Special Achievements are recognized at the Annual December lunch. Directors should also be recording the Special Achievements in the Publicity Report for their game.

Mary reminded members to correctly date scorecards and ensure they are signed and attested. Directors also should review cards for these items.

- 4. PC Matches – Sharon Giblin asked that we consider introducing Match Play games in our regular Monday/Wednesday league games to expose members to Match Play and increase their knowledge of it. Juli Miller said that PALS has already done this and it was well received.

Sharon asked if PC teams are playing by the same rules for each match and if not, we should make sure that the same rules are being followed. Players are encouraged to read the rules before playing a match.

Sharon also suggested that it may help to shorten the time line for the tournament if we play the PC matches for the group on the same day (perhaps on League play days), at the same time and under the same rules. The PC tournament directors (Jane and Kris) will discuss this.

Pace of play in PC matches was also discussed. If a putt/hole is conceded, players should pick up their ball, record the score and move to the next hole.

Patti Dugan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:00 pm which was seconded by Deb Lebkicher.

Respectfully Submitted, Kris Heurich