

## **ORLGA Quarterly Meeting October 10, 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 July 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 \$9,585.26. We have no outstanding payments due at this time though tournament expenses for the Member-Member-Guest, Club Championship, President's Cup and annual Ringers prizes will be recorded between now and year end.

We registered one new member during the \$20 sign-up period. Two ladies were present who were planning to join and have since joined – Barbara Neaverth and Ronnie Ambos. Our active membership will be 103 counting these 2 new members.

The 2024 annual budget will be prepared in the next six weeks. Committee chairs will be notified personally with a request for input and comments.

Membership for 2024 will begin at the Christmas luncheon. Envelopes will be provided; members are reminded to bring a check for \$40 to cover annual dues plus \$10 for the Ringers Challenge if choosing to participate.

### **Vice President's Report:**

Jane Arnold was not present. Kris reported for her.

Tee times - We currently have received tee times from ORG through the end of November.

ORLGA Tee time Usage Statistics:

- May – 96%
- June – 97%

- July – 99%
- August – 74%
- September – 80%

We have been given 4 tee times on Mondays in November. We will begin negotiating with ORMGA concerning the timing of our 2024 tournaments. If you have any thoughts/suggestions about how to improve our offerings, please contact me or Kris Heurich about it asap.

December Directors: We still need directors for Mondays (18 hole) in December. If we do not have one, Jane agreed to do the prep work for the game but she will assign one of the ladies who are golfing to be in charge on the day of the play. Diane is one of the directors for Wednesdays in December. They will use a Match Play format for one of the weeks.

Jack is aware that some of our Wednesday tee times in December are scheduled late, appearing that we may not finish our round before dark. He indicated that he has solved the issues in the past and believes that he will be able to do that for December play. He asked that the directors be patient and not keep asking him about it.

Handicap Index: When a member signs up in TM to play, her current handicap index is copied into the game. This index must be re-copied by the games directors into the game prior to creating foursomes and scorecards or the handicap may be inaccurate.

Report headings in TM are shared amongst all the games in TM. Be sure to update before sending or printing EVERY report. This is especially important for Monday games since we have both 18-hole and 9-hole games being played on the same day. It can be very confusing for the pro-shop.

Tiger's Tee changes: If you want to change your Tiger's tee designation for the October 15 – January 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 October 14. This change will only work for new sign-ups. 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 the Web Team to update it.

Away Golf: October 27 at Eagle Nest Golf Club in Little River. Ten tee times are available. We are double teed starting at 8:00 am. The cost is \$48 plus \$2 bag boy fee for a total of \$50. Sign-up is open.

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

**Tournaments – Held**

- Wild & Crazy – July 26 – on Panthers - Led by Mary Lou Atkinson and Patti Dugan.
  - Winners - 1<sup>st</sup> place – Donna Shank, Carys Price, Peggy Wilson, Robin Covelli - 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Barb Augone, Linda Johnston, Jan Mika, Joyce Edwards
  
- Summer Ringers – Aug 18 & 16 – led by Laura McCadden, Kathy Ferrari, Robyn Albert
  - Winners – 1<sup>st</sup> place
    - Flight A – Roxie Gaeng
    - Flight B – Carys Price
    - Flight C – Chris Macke
    - Flight D – Maureen Donahoe
  
  - Winners – 2<sup>nd</sup> place
    - Flight A – Jane Arnold
    - Flight B – Kathy Ferrari
    - Flight C – Juli Miller
    - Flight D – Anne Turner
  
- Neighborhood Challenge – Sept 6 – led by Diane Wright, Barb Augone, Anita Andersch, and Carol Dunham
  - 1<sup>st</sup> place - Brookfield – Donna Shank, Carys Price, Sue Manfredi, Kathy Wicke, Deb MacFarlane

OR Ladies Club Championship – Sept 18, 20, 22 – led by Diane Wright, Rosie Savoia, Kris Heurich, Robyn Albert, Kathy Ferrari, Laura McCadden. Thanks to the many Marshalls who volunteered to help make this a great event.

- Club Champion – Roxie Gaeng
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Jane Arnold
  
- Senior Champion – Diane
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Sharon Giblin

- Super Senior Winner – Sue Kane
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Pam Bank
  
- Red Flight Winner – Laura McCadden
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Juli Miller
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Robyn Albert
  
- President's Cup – Still going on. Will conclude by end of October.

### **Tournaments – Future**

1. Couples Championship – 10/22 & 10/29 – PR and LP
2. Member/Member/Guest – 11/3 & 11/4 – Lion's Paw
3. Bah Humbug –12/13 - Lion's Paw

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Welcome Committee:** Colleen Plebanek and Rosie Savoia

Colleen asked new members (or those thinking of joining) who were present at the meeting to introduce themselves. Three ladies were present. Shelia Craft, Barbara Neaverth and Ronni Ambos. If any member needs a bag tag, they can purchase one from Colleen for \$5.

#### **Catering Committee:** Anita Andersch & Sue Manfredi

Sue Manfredi reported that the Committee is working two events at this time. She encouraged anyone running a tournament who needs food to contact Anita.

#### **Christmas Party:** Anita Andersch

Patti Dugan reported that it will be held on Thursday, December 7 at Talk of the Town from 11:30 – 2:00. The cost is \$40. There is a limit of 60 people who can attend. There will be a choice of 4 entrees with salad, bread, dessert and tea/soda. The charity we will be supporting is the Brunswick County food pantry.

#### **Web Page:** Laura Wheaton

Laura was not present but asked that Kris remind the games directors of the following. The Web Team updates the handicaps in TM on Thursdays. This does not update the existing games in TM with the new handicaps automatically. Before creating final pairings, the director should update the HCs being used in

that specific game. Otherwise, they could be inaccurate. The process for updating the HCs in a specific game can be found in the Directors' instructions. If you need help, please contact a member of the Web Team.

**Member/Member/Guest Tournament:** Laura Wheaton

Laura was not present but asked Diane to mention that one team has dropped out and she is looking for a replacement team. If your plans have changed and you and your partner want to play or if you are a single and are interested in playing but do not have a partner, let her know. The 10-play rule is in effect for this tournament. Update – the tournament is now full.

**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 using the online Publicity Report when submitting the results of the games to her for the newspaper.

**Photographer:** Karen McCloskey

Karen is stepping down from this position. Anyone interested in taking her place, please let Kris know. Diane thanked Karen for the amazing job she has done for us in documenting our major events.

**Education:** Sharon Giblin

We have completed the clinics and quizzes for the year. The September on-course clinic was canceled due to weather. We will not be able to offer it again this year. Sharon will meet with Joan from Lori's in January to set up the clinics schedule for 2024. These clinics are a great way to get an inexpensive lesson. They are \$15 and usually last 1.5 hours. Quizzes should start back in January. If you have an area you would like to see included in a quiz, let Sharon know. She suggested printing the quizzes and keeping a handy file of them. Karen is also going to put them on the web page for easy access.

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

Sharon reported that we came in 2<sup>nd</sup> in the yearly competition. Brunswick came in 1<sup>st</sup>. Information for next year's competition will be issued in January.

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

Kathy was not present but asked Diane to thank everyone who supported this tournament. We have received thank you notes from Hope Harbor for our support. The tournament raised \$23,500 and goes towards breaking ground in 2024 for a new shelter.

**Handicap:** Diane Wright

Diane is the ORLGA liaison on the ORPG Handicap Committee. She asked members to post scores in GHIN hole-by-hole, especially if you post a round where you took more than your max on a hole. Depending on your handicap, your max could be no higher than a 5 on a Par 3, 6 on a Par 4 or a 7 on a Par 5. You can enter your score hole by hole and GHIN will adjust it to the max you can take.

**Local Rules and Other Rules & Behavior Guides:** Beth Grunewalder

Right before the Club Championship, ORG surprised us with changes to their local rules. They specifically eliminated the Alternative to Stroke and Distance, added the drop zone on Panther's hole 18 for everyone on your drive or subsequent shot and do not support a root rule. Beginning with the Club Championship, **we suspended our local rules** and are currently only following ORG's local rules. We will notify the League when this changes. Beth will update the web to remove our local rules as they are currently displayed. Diane will send ORG's local rules to everyone in the League.

We will be revisiting ORLGA's local rules based on ORG's changes. We will be able to drop the rule related to the drop zone on Panther's 18 because it is now in ORG's rules. We had updated our root rule to use 8 club lengths (approximately 20 yards) in determining if the rule can be applied to a situation. We are also discussing washout conditions in bunkers. Once our local rules are finalized, the Education Committee will cover the rules in quizzes.

## **Ringers: Mary Faulkner**

Mary was not present but asked Diane to remind members to send Mary any milestones they achieved this year, even if you are not in the Ringers Challenge. You are still eligible for a recognition award. This includes breaking 100, 90, 80, 70 for the first time in League play, an eagle, and holes-in-one. This year's Ringers Challenge ends October 31.

## **Old Business: Diane Wright**

Sodded Areas on the Greens: At our last meeting, it was decided that temporary relief on the greens was warranted if there is interference with your line of putt. Since then, the resodded greens have come in nicely and therefore, this temporary relief is no longer warranted. The only exception is on Panther's where there is newly resodded areas on the greens. Temporary relief is still warranted for interference on your line of putt on these newly resodded areas. Games directors do not have to include this on scorecards – assume it is in place until otherwise notified.

Washed out Bunkers: We are considering adding a local rule to consider a severely washed-out area in the bunker as an abnormal course condition. This would only be for the rare occasion when your ball has come to rest in a bunker where sand has been removed by the movement of water resulting in deep furrows through the sand – like a deep crevice that occurs after a torrential downpour.

Ringers Challenge: The season long Ringers Challenge is changing beginning January 1. The competition will run January 1 – October 31 so scores occurring in November and December will not count towards this competition. Special achievements will still be recognized (breaking 100, 90, 80 and 70 for first time in league, an eagle and a hole-in-one.) Each member is responsible for notifying the tournament directors on the day of play of any achievement. The directors will pass these to Elaine for publicity and the Ringers Challenge chair for year-end recognition. There will be no cards in the box to record your first round and improvements until the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month following receipt of the Ringers Challenge entry fee. To compete in the Challenge beginning January 1, you must pay your entry fee by December 31. Details of the Challenge will soon be finalized. It will be posted to the League Information page on our web site.

## **New Business:**

- Ground Under Repair: Lion's Paw Hole #10 is the only GUR known. Margie Oehmke mentioned that Lion's hole #13 in the middle of the fairway appears to have GUR, but it is not flagged as such. This area has since been repaired.
- Neighborhood Challenge – Lilia Kierez said that the heat during this tournament was too high causing some to drop out. Diane will look into changing the date of the tournament.
- ORCA Quilt – Carole Milnichuk displayed a quilt that is being raffled off with proceeds going to ORCA. She will be selling raffle tickets after the meeting.

Chris Macke made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:00 pm which was seconded by Patti Dugan.

Respectfully Submitted, Kris Heurich