

Golf Advisory Committee

2024 Annual Report to the Board

Section I: Committee Members and Status of Terms

Committee Member	Term	Term Ends
Frank Brown – Chair	1 st	2-15-2025
Fritz Lahner	2 nd	3-23-2025
Bob Long	2 nd	2-16-2025
Don McMullen	2 nd	2-16-2025
Bob Moulden	1 st	11-24-2024
Ann Shockley	2 nd	11-18-2025
Susan Morris	2 nd	3-7-2025
Denise Stevens – OPLGA Chair		
Dave MacGregor – OPMGA Chair		
Steve Jacobs – Board Liaison		

Section II: Summary of Major Events During the Reporting Period

- A. Charitable contributions by the Ocean Pines members through their membership organizations
 - a. OPLGA contributed \$8,975 to AGH Foundation (Pink Lady Event)
 - b. The Golf Members Council awarded \$15,000 in scholarship aid to local high school graduates
 - c. This year’s Taylor Bank Tournament replenished the scholarship account through donations from various sponsors and individual members of Ocean Pines Golf Club.
- B. The OPMGA and the OPLGA contributed over 60 toys and additional cash donations to the Toys for Tots Program run by the USMC during OPGMC end of year banquet.
- C. The OPLGA and OPMGA greatly supported the following charity events held at Ocean Pines
 - a. The Veterans Memorial Golf Tournament
 - b. The Raven’s Roost Golf Tournament
- D. In addition to these events the OPMGA and OPLGA sponsored many weekly and monthly events within the OP Golfing community.
- E. Within the OP Golf community, the events contributed over \$20,000 in scholarship and donations to sponsor the outreach programs of Worcester County.

Section III: Problems Identified that will require assistance

- A. Edge bunkers as needed and add to the depth of the sand.
- B. Cut rough lower to facilitate speed of play.
- C. Additional tree removal and trimming.

- D. Refurbish the aging bridge on hole #4.

Section IV: Improvements made during the past year and the 2024 season

- A. Refurbished both restrooms to ensure all facilities are working properly
- B. Substantial renovation of the driving range shelter to create space for professional golf instruction
- C. The course superintendent Justin Hartshorne and his team have made significant headway contributing to improved course conditions including the following:
 - a. Regular scheduled ninja tining and verti-cutting of the greens
 - b. Hand mowing the greens as much as possible
 - c. Consistent attention to the greens especially during the difficult weather conditions of July and August which include over a month with zero significant rainfall.
 - d. Extensive removal of lower limbs of trees on all holes to allow better air flow.
 - e. Removal of trees where necessary especially near greens
 - f. Complete new Tee boxes and extension of tee boxes on Holes #7, #8, # 15 and 18.
 - g. Complete electrical hookup of new fans on 5 additional holes.
- D. Volunteers have continued their work to fix fairway divots and report course conditions that need to be addressed.
- E. Completed new scorecards which reflected the changes by the PGA per the Committee's request for the following holes:
 - a. #2: Changed to handicap hole #7
 - b. #3: Changed to handicap hole #11
 - c. #15: Changed to handicap hole #10
 - d. #14: Changed to handicap hold #12

Section V: Request for items included in the next budget.

- A. Provide funding for 4th hole bridge refurbishment
- B. Provide funding for completion of practice and lesson facility on driving range

VI: Recommendations for Board Members for 2025 Season

- A. A plan, including funding, to make OPGC an exemplary course in the Ocean City area.
- B. Support the GM in his vision for the golf complex.
- C. This is OP's largest amenity and we need to expand communication within the community.
 - a. The development of a new, easy to find, Ocean Pines Golf Website
 - b. Display OPLGA and OPMGA events on new website including upcoming tournaments
 - c. Encourage the expansion of Junior Golf in Ocean Pines through information and events
 - d. Services provided by the Pro Shop

- D. The Board should support the marketing of the golf course to the Ocean Pines community as well as outside players.
- E. PGA Golf Professional plans to present an introduction to the new season emphasizing USGA rules, the handicap system, local rules and golf etiquette.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Brown

OPGAC Chairperson