

# Golf Advisory Committee

## 2022 Annual Report to the Board

### Section I: Committee Members and Status of Terms

Committee Member	Term	Term Ends
<b>Frank Brown – Chair</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	2-15-2025
<b>Fritz Lahner</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	3-23-2023
<b>Bob Long</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2-16-2025
<b>Don McMullen</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2-16-2025
<b>Bob Moulden</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	11-24-2024
<b>Ann Shockley</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	11—18-2023
<b>Susan Morris</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	3-7-2023
<b>Frank Daily – Board Liaison</b>		

### Section II: Summary of Major Activities During the Reporting Period

- A. Membership 2021
  - a. 91 Members, 14 Lifetime Members
- B. Membership 2022
  - a. 170 Members including:
    - i. Individual
    - ii. Family
    - iii. Juniors
    - iv. Lifetime
    - v. Afternoon
- C. The number of rounds played can be found by contacting the Golf Professional, Bob Beckelman
- D. Charitable contributions by the Ocean Pines members through their membership organizations
  - a. OPLGA \$2550 to AGH Foundation (Pink Lady Event)
  - b. The Golf Members Council awarded \$10,500 in scholarship aid to local high school graduates
  - c. This year's Taylor Bank Tournament replenished the scholarship account through donations from The Taylor Bank, Deely Insurance, Mike's Flooring and Design, American Legion Posts #123 and #166, the Elks, Hamilton Physical Therapy and individual members of Ocean Pines Golf Club.
- E. The OPMGA and the OPLGA contributed a huge amount of new toys to the Toys for Tots Program run by the USMC during OPGMC end of year banquet.
- F. 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
- c. The Mary Mac Foundation Golf Tournament

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 during the winter

- A. Edge bunkers as needed and add to the depth of the sand.
- B. Cut rough lower for winter play especially from cart path to drainage ditches.
- C. Additional tree removal and trimming.
- D. Rehabilitate gazebo between 12 green and 13 tee.
- E. Address foundation problems on 5<sup>th</sup> hole restrooms.
- F. Repaint both restrooms.
- G. Provide club wash stations on or near the driving range.
- H. Provide divot mix on the driving range when the mats are not being used.
- I. Add signage where the AED defibrillator is located.

### Section IV: Improvements made during the winter of 2021 and 2022 and the 2022 Season

- A. 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.
  - 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. Constructing a widened fairway and new cart path in front of #18 green.
  - g. Treating of #8 fairway to remove persistent weeds that have existed for years.
  - h. Refinishing teak benches on most tee areas.
- B. The Sand Dawgs headed by Nelson Fenwick have continued their volunteer work to fix fairway divots and report course conditions that need to be addressed.
- C. We would like the PGA Golf Professional to present an introduction to the new season emphasizing USGA rules, the handicap system, local rules and golf etiquette.
- D. The re-establishment of Club Championship postings and parking privileges.

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

- A. To maintain the profitable operation of our golf facility the board needs to create a finance plan that addresses the need to accomplish course excellence that can be maintained throughout the upcoming year and beyond.
- B. Request name tags for all golf course employees who interact with the public. This request is to make service more personable, especially to outside golfers.
- C. Provide information to the membership of the approximate date for the arrival of new golf carts.

## VI: Recommendations for Board Members

- 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 golf building and the community at large to promote the following:
  - a. Benefits of being a member.
  - b. Display OPLGA and OPMGA events
  - c. Upcoming tournaments
  - d. Junior Golf information and events
  - e. Services provided by the Pro Shop
    - i. Lessons, inside (golf monitor) and outside
    - ii. Club Fitting
    - iii. Club Regripping
    - iv. Pro Shop Merchandise
- D. The Board should support the marketing of the golf course to the Ocean Pines community as well as outside players.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Brown

OPGAC Chairperson