

Golf Advisory Committee

2022 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	1 st	3-23-2023
Bob Long	2 nd	2-16-2025
Don McMullen	2 nd	2-16-2025
Bob Moulden	1 st	11-24-2024
Ann Shockley	1 st	11—18-2023
Susan Morris	1 st	3-7-2023
Frank Daily – Board Liaison		

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 5th 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