

Golf Advisory Committee

2023 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
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 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 various sponsors and individual members of Ocean Pines Golf Club.
- B. 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.
- 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
 - c. While we did not host the Mary Mac Foundation Golf Tournament, sponsors continued their annual support and the event was still a success
- D. In addition to these events the OPMGA and OPLGA sponsored many tournaments within the OP Golfing community. These include:
 - a. Opening Day Scramble
 - b. President’s Cup
 - c. Mens and Ladies Club Championships
 - d. Thursday Men’s Day
 - e. Member/Member Tournament
 - f. Ryder Cup 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. Provide club wash stations on or near the driving range.
- E. Provide divot mix on the driving range when the mats are not being used.
- F. Add signage where the AED defibrillator is located.

Section IV: Improvements made during the winter of 2022/23 and the 2023 Season

- A. Repainted both restrooms.
- B. Rehabilitated gazebo between 12 green and 13 tee.
- 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.
 - 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. Repaired cart paths and addition of widening of path behind 7th green
 - g. Treating of #8 fairway to remove persistent weeds that have existed for years.
 - h. Refinishing teak benches on most tee areas.
 - i. New plantings left of 1st tee box & right of the 7th green.
 - j. New Tee boxes and extension of tee boxes on Holes #7, #8, # 15 and 18.
 - k. Installation 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. PGA re-evaluated course per the Committee's request and changes are approved 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
- F. Establishment of a location in the clubhouse for posting upcoming events for the OPMGA and OPLGA

- G. Name tags made for all golf course employees who interact with the public. This made service more personable, especially to outside golfers.

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.

VI: Recommendations for Board Members for 2024 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 golf building and the community through our participation at OP Day and 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.
- E. PGA Golf Professional plans to present an introduction to the new season emphasizing USGA rules, the handicap system, local rules and golf etiquette.
- F. Update scorecards with the following
 - a. Renaming of tee boxes following a discussion with PGA Professional Bob Beckleman
 - b. New handicap ratings as approved by the MGA (Maryland Golf Association)

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Brown

OPGAC Chairperson