



## Introduction

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Thank you for volunteering your time and effort by serving as key liaison to your club and its members. A golf association such as ours could not operate without an extensive group of dedicated individuals, such as yourself, who are the lifeblood of our organization.

As Director, you play a key role in facilitating communication between the OGA and your club members about all of the various services and benefits of membership the OGA provides. Your club relies on you to keep them informed of upcoming events, offers and educational opportunities they may want to attend. In addition, by representing your club and its interests, you have a direct pipeline to the OGA staff to voice concerns and provide input about what goes on in your community.

I hope you will find this handbook to be a useful tool for you to refer to from time to time and that you will feel even more comfortable with your role as you get to know your Association better. We encourage you to ask questions, provide feedback and help further the mission of the Oregon Golf Association where possible. In turn, we want to assist you and your club in growing and maintaining membership and being responsive to your members' needs.

Again, thank you! I look forward to working with you throughout the year.

Best Regards,

Barb Trammell  
Chief Executive Officer  
Oregon Golf Association



## Duties of a Director

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**You are a VIP to the OGA & PNGA! You represent both your club and the Oregon Golf Association.** Please familiarize yourself with all OGA & PNGA programs. We encourage you to promote and attend OGA & PNGA activities and review OGA & PNGA publications and our website at [www.oga.org](http://www.oga.org).

- **Communicate** the vision, purpose, services and programs to your club's leadership and members.
- **Promote** activities at your club. Don't forget to implement FREE services such as the Online Membership Program, eClubhouse and take full advantage of the [ExploreOregonGolf.org](http://ExploreOregonGolf.org) and the ExploreOregonGolf Marketing Initiatives available to all clubs & facilities.
- **Publicize, promote and attend** the following activities in your area: Championships, junior golf events, rules seminars, handicap seminars, course rating activities, and OGA Tour events
- **Post and distribute:** tournament information forms, competitions calendars, Rules Education flyers, OGA news and other information as made available
- **Encourage** your membership to participate in Championships, OGA Tour events or to volunteer at OGA events, Championships & Junior Golf competitions
- **Represent** your club by ensuring that a team is entered in the Men's Team Championships & Women's Interclub Play.
- **Assist** with golf course participation in programs and events at your club or in your region. Examples include volunteering for events, encouraging participation.
- **Educate** your membership about the programs that the OGA & PNGA supports, such as Evans Scholars, Turf grass research, OGA Junior Golf, The First Tee, and more! (find more online at [www.oga.org](http://www.oga.org))
- **Ensure** your club's compliance with the rules of the USGA Handicap System and the Handicap Certification and Licensing Program.
- **Support** your Handicap Chair, Committee, and the PNGA! Ask us how!
- **Attend** educational opportunities including the Annual meetings and inform your membership of all important issues from these meetings such as by-law revisions, election of officers and member fees.
- **Advocate** for your club and be the conduit between your club and the OGA & PNGA. Let your club's voice be heard!

## About the Oregon Golf Association

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### Purpose and Vision

The Oregon Golf Association was founded in 1924 as an organization of private member clubs to take over the management of the Oregon Amateur Golf Championship.

**Today**, the OGA has evolved into a non-profit entity of approximately 320 public and private clubs close to 40,000 members throughout Oregon. The Oregon Golf Association operates under a license from the United States Golf Association with the exclusive jurisdiction and responsibility of administering the USGA Handicap System™ and is solely responsible for rating and measuring courses in accordance with the USGA Course Rating System.™

As guardian of the game of golf for this region, our **Mission** is promoting golf to benefit the communities and people of Oregon and Southwest Washington. While the activities and services of the Oregon Golf Association are often overlooked or misunderstood by many members, the OGA does play a crucial role in support and development of the game in our region.

<b>Founded:</b>	1924
<b>Type:</b>	Non-profit 501(c)(6) State Amateur Golf Association
<b>Members:</b>	Approximately 40,000 (men and women)
<b>Clubs:</b>	Approximately 260 regular (real-estate) clubs & 60 associate clubs
<b>Governance:</b>	Volunteer board of directors comprised of men and women, elected by their golf clubs throughout Oregon and SW Washington. Each golf course is entitled to appoint two OGA Directors from the rosters of their OGA Member Clubs. All Associate Clubs can appoint one Director per club.
<b>Dues:</b>	Currently \$35 annually per individual paid through their club.

The staff of the OGA, along with its many volunteers and member clubs, shares in the following vision:

**OGA Vision** “Enriching lifestyles through golf”

**OGA Subsidiaries:** In structuring the operation of the golf course, the OGA reviewed the tax implications of a non-profit organization running a golf course, which under tax regulations is a taxable business activity. With advice and rulings from the IRS, the OGA created the following operating structure:

1. The Oregon Golf Association is the owner of the golf course land;
2. A subsidiary corporation, OGA Properties, Inc. (OGAP) was created to provide golf course construction services and course maintenance. OGAP is a for-profit operation governed by a separate board of directors.
3. A subsidiary of OGAP, OGA Golf Course, Inc. (OGAGC) was established to operate and manage the golf course and pays rent to the OGA for use of the land. OGAGC is also a for-profit entity. Rent income paid to the OGA is non-taxable income to the OGA and is a deductible expense for OGAGC.

### OGA Golf Course, Inc.

The concept of the Oregon Golf Association building its own golf course was adopted by the OGA Executive Committee in the 1970's and ratified by the OGA Directors. The reasons for building an association owned golf course were several fold. There was a need to reduce – not eliminate -- the number of requests for member clubs to host OGA championships by two or three per year. Also, the course could serve as a focal point for junior golf development and growing the game. Additionally, the golf course could provide a financial foundation to help keep dues at an affordable level for members.



With this in mind, the Executive Committee of the OGA established a fund to build a golf course. This action, too, was ratified by the OGA Directors. All OGA members initially contributed one dollar from their annual member dues, eventually increasing to two dollars in 1980.

In early 1992, the OGA was approached with an astonishing offer from Tukwila Partners Development Corporation to donate over 179 acres of farmland in Woodburn, Oregon alongside their residential real estate development, for the purpose of constructing and operating a golf course on the land. As a result of cautious investing of funds along with the partnership between with Tukwila Partners, the OGA, along with the support of its Directors, was able to initiate development of a three-phase construction project that began in July of 1993. Phase I included the construction of the first nine holes, a driving range, course maintenance facility, and a temporary clubhouse. The first 9-holes opened in August of 1994. Phase II saw the completion of the second nine holes in April 1996. The final phase saw completion of a 14,000 square foot clubhouse and permanent OGA headquarters in February 2000.

As one of only six golf associations in the United States that own and/or operate their own golf course (of which only Oregon and Northern California have built their own), the OGA Golf Course gives back to the game in numerous ways and will continue to do so for many years. Over the past several years, the OGA Golf Course has hosted more than 50 OGA Championships, plus USGA qualifiers, PGA Chapter and Section pro-ams, OSAA District and State competitions and other charitable events while offering as many starting times to the public as possible.

### **OGA Golf Course Vision**

*To provide our customers an outstanding experience with consistent and unsurpassed service at an affordable price, while promoting the history and game of golf with the cooperation and collaboration of the Association to all demographics.*

### **OGA Executive Committee & Staff**

Executive Committee members are unpaid volunteers representing clubs throughout the Oregon and SW Washington who govern the Association. Current OGA Executive Committee members are:

President	Jeff Allen	Eastmoreland GC - Portland
Vice President	Helen "Rusty" Beckel	Eastmoreland GC – Portland
Immediate Past President/Treasurer	Eric Schoenstein	Portland GC - Portland
Junior Golf Chair	Lara Tennant	Waverley CC – Portland
Director	Bob Harrington	Portland GC – Portland
Director	Scott Baines	Pumpkin Ridge GC – North Plains
Director	Lynn M. Myrick	Grants Pass GC – Grants Pass
Director	Don Clark	Running Y Ranch Resort - Klamath Falls
Director at Large	Cameron Azari	Rose City GC – Portland
Director	Barbara Gee	Orchard Hills CC – Washougal, WA
Director	Travis Schoen	NW Golf Guys – Portland
Director at Large	Zack Hall	NW Golf Guys – Bend
Director at Large	Donna Smoot	Rock Creek GC – Portland
Director at Large	Vincent Johnson	Portland Parks & Recreation
Director at Large	Patrick Siver	Broadmoor GC – Portland

### **OGA Golf Course:**

Katie Norquist, Director of Finance – [Katie@ogagolfcourse.com](mailto:Katie@ogagolfcourse.com)

Ryan Garry, Event Sales and PR Manager – [rgarry@ogagolfcourse.com](mailto:rgarry@ogagolfcourse.com)

Mark Keating, PGA Head Professional – [mkeating@ogagolfcourse.com](mailto:mkeating@ogagolfcourse.com)

Tyler Morse, Assistant Professional – [tmorse@ogagolfcourse.com](mailto:tmorse@ogagolfcourse.com)

Bret Carroll, Superintendent, [bcarroll@ogagolfcourse.com](mailto:bcarroll@ogagolfcourse.com)

Paul Eaton, Building Maintenance Supervisor – [paul@ogagolfcourse.com](mailto:paul@ogagolfcourse.com)

### **OGA Administration:**

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Cody Stover, Creative Services & Outreach Coordinator – [cstover@oga.org](mailto:cstover@oga.org)

**OGA Staff:** The day-to-day business affairs of the OGA are conducted by eleven full-time staff members along with seasonal interns headquartered at the OGA Golf Course in Woodburn.

## **OGA Membership**

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The OGA is incorporated as an Association of Member Clubs. It is not an association of individuals or golf courses.

However, our stakeholders/customers include everyone and every organization that benefits from the services we offer including golf courses, golf professionals, superintendents and the media.

A club is defined by the USGA as an organization of at least ten individual members that operates under bylaws with committees (especially a handicap committee) to supervise golf activities, provide peer review and maintain the integrity of the USGA Handicap System™.

OGA Member Clubs must be licensed to utilize the USGA Handicap System by the Oregon Golf Association, which is licensed by the USGA and has been granted jurisdiction in Oregon & SW Washington. An OGA Member Club can be one of three (3) types:

**Type 1** – The members are located at a single specific golf course with a valid USGA Course Rating and Slope Rating where a majority of the club's events are played and where scoring records reside.

**Type 2** – The members are affiliated, or known to one another via a business, fraternal, ethnic or social organization prior to organizing or joining the club. The OGA presently has more than 60 Type-2 clubs that have been established at companies such as Nike and Hewlett-Packard, Churches, Restaurants and social groups such as Golf Adventures GC.

**Type 3** – The members have no prior affiliation. The OGA presently has one Type-3 (Internet) Club -- -NW Golf Guys.

Individual memberships are not presently offered. An individual "joins" the OGA when he/she joins an OGA Member Club. Clubs may choose to participate in the OGA's Join Online program which makes it convenient and easy for an individual to join OGA Member clubs from the OGA website.

Golf Courses are also not members. Unlike many associations, the Oregon Golf Association does not charge a membership fee to golf courses. Golf Courses that are home to OGA Member Clubs, however, do receive a number of free services and benefits.

The OGA provides many services that enhance the enjoyment and protect the time-honored traditions of the game of golf for its members, as well as for all golfers throughout Oregon and Southwest Washington.

The organization prides itself on operating the association in a professional, business-like manner, providing services at the lowest possible costs, while maintaining a high level of customer service. Currently, the portion of a club's membership dues that are OGA dues is very affordable and comparable to other state and regional associations in the west coast region.

## The Best Value in Golf – OGA Support & Services

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When you partner with the Oregon Golf Association as an individual member, a member club or a golf course, you can feel proud knowing that you have joined an alliance committed to promoting the game and fair play, safeguarding its integrity, preserving the game's traditions and enhancing the playing environment for all golfers. The OGA supports the golf industry in many ways:

**Ensuring the Future of the Game:** Through our support of Junior Golf programs we promote the grass roots efforts necessary to develop golf participation. In addition to providing **FREE HANDICAP SERVICES TO ALL JUNIOR MEMBERS 18 & YOUNGER**, our initiatives include Oregon Junior Golf Fund, Inc., that conducts a comprehensive schedule of more than 40 Junior Golf competitions throughout the state each summer and selects (and provides financial assistance) to the state's top juniors each year to compete in national and international team competitions. It also includes the Erling Jacobsen Developmental Tour, Youth on Course Program, support for USGA/LPGA Girls Golf, U.S. Kids Golf, support for OSAA High School Golf Championships as well as the First Tee program that teaches both life skills and golf. You too can help ensure the future of the game by becoming an OGA Volunteer!

**Turfgrass Research:** Your Association funds research leading to improved disease-resistant turfgrass. Turfgrass is one of the leading exports in Oregon, with Oregon turfgrass growers providing seed to the vast majority of golf courses throughout the U.S.

**Advisory Services:** We conduct workshops to help your golf course staff and club officers administer the USGA Handicap System with the GHIN Software Suite, create successful events using USGA Tournament Management powered by Golf Genius – included with GHIN, and educate golfers in the Rules of Golf. We also provide Course Rating & Measuring services and Course Marking services.

**Grants & Fellowships:** The OGA, along with assistance from the USGA, PNGA and WGA, provides opportunities for personal development through golf and its values. In addition to offering internships to those interested in a career in the golf industry, the OGA supports the Evans Caddie Scholars Foundation, providing full tuition and housing support for a select number of young people each year.

**Championships:** Your Association runs all state amateur championships and USGA qualifiers, supporting competition at the highest level.

**Golf Alliance of Oregon:** The OGA is a leading participant in the Golf Alliance of Oregon, a consortium of organizations devoted to the game including the Oregon Golf Course Owners Association, the Oregon PGA, the Oregon Club Managers Association and the Oregon Golf Course Superintendent's Association. We also serve as liaison with national & regional associations including the United States Golf Association, Western Golf Association, Professional Golfers' Association of America and the Pacific Northwest Golf Association.

Together, our goal is to improve economic & political conditions for the golf industry in Oregon & SW Washington by serving as an advocate for the industry before the state legislature and other governmental bodies, as well as be the conduit through which we can communicate the economic benefits and environmental stewardship provided by the game of golf.

***We're Always Looking For Opportunities  
To Expand and Enhance the Services and  
Benefits We Provide To Golfers, Clubs & Courses***

## Individual Benefits of OGA Membership

Individual benefits are provided to golfers who belong to any OGA Member Club and who have been issued a USGA Handicap Index. The USGA Handicap System™ requires golfers be members of licensed clubs.

### Full Details on OGA Membership:

- **USGA Handicap Index:** The OGA provides all members with the online and mobile app score tracking resources - GHIN USGA Handicap™ computation service - the best method to allow all golfers to compete fairly on any course.
- **Golf Savings:** Savings on 2017 ExploreOregonGolf Passport, and members-only pricing at Chambers Bay (University Place, Wash.), OGA Golf Course (Woodburn, Ore.), The Home Course (Dupont, Wash).
- **Bonus Magazine Subscriptions:** OGA members will receive subscriptions to Golf Digest and Pacific Northwest Golfer magazines. Both are mailed directly to your home, with Golf Digest mailed monthly and Pacific Northwest Golf sent quarterly. [Click here for more information on the bonus magazine subscriptions.](#)
- **Employee Store Access:** OGA Members gain periodic access to shop the Columbia Employee Store, NIKE Employee Store and the adidas Employee Store.
- **Original Golf Features and Content:** Through the Rule of the Month, the 18 Most Interesting Holes Series and Handicap Hub, the OGA brings rich golf content to you - the member. In addition to those original features, we've partnered with retired Register-Guard Sports Editor Ron Bellamy who shares his feature stories with the OGA Member community.
- **Hotel & Entertainment Savings:** OGA Members exclusive discounts up to 70 percent off retail rates at hotels and resort properties through a partnership with Affinity Travel Benefits, a leading edge, online travel aggregation platform.
- **Ticket Savings:** Members-only ticket specials for both Oregon & Oregon State football and basketball games, and special ticket offers from the Portland Trail Blazers, Rose Quarter Box Office and Portland Golf Show.
- **Tournament Eligibility:** OGA members are eligible to participate in a variety of different playing opportunities, including OGA Championships, OGA Tour and Women's Interclub Play (WIP) events.
- **PNGA Membership:** OGA members, free of charge, automatically become a member of the Pacific Northwest Golf Association, joining more than 500 clubs and 175,000 golfers in the region. With this membership privilege, OGA members will be able (where eligible) to participate in regional championships conducted by the PPGA.

### **Golf Clubs Receive Numerous Benefits!**

*OGA Member Clubs include Type-I Regular Clubs (based at regulation golf courses), Type-II Associate Clubs (members are affiliated via business, fraternal, ethnic or social organizations) and Type-III Associate Clubs. All organized clubs must meet the definition of a golf club as outlined by the USGA Handicap System manual.*

### **Benefits of Establishing an OGA Member Club:**

- USGA Club Licensing assistance and administration support for club to be able to issue Handicap Indexes to individual members
- Handicap Certification programs and seminars
- Ability to offer handicap computations through GHIN. Recognized worldwide and only available via Golf Associations, GHIN is the world's largest handicap computation service representing more than 70 golf associations and 4 million avid golfers
- GHIN software for Member Score Posting and Index Calculation
- Membership Cards & Handicap Labels
- GHP Online Clubs Website for Handicap Chair's private Internet access to club/player maintenance
- Event management solution, called USGA TM powered by Golf Genius, for generating computerized pairings, scorecards, and scoring reports for club events
- GHIN e-Clubhouse personalized Internet website for clubs
- GHIN software technical support
- Peer review through the Internet
- Membership in IGN (International Golfers Network) allowing your members to post scores throughout the U.S.
- Exceptional Tournament score reporting service
- Rules of Golf support for club events
- USGA publications and communications including USGA Handicap System manual & Rules of Golf.
- Amateur status monitoring
- Advertising of club events on ExploreOregonGolf.org & through Explore Oregon Golf Initiatives
- Access to USGA, NGF (National Golf Foundation) and OGA informational materials
- Membership listing on ExploreOregonGolf.org and, if applicable, link to club website
- Eligibility for participation in State Club Team Championships
- Support of developmental junior golf programs and other "good of the game" initiatives
- OGA Annual Awards, including Club of the Year Recognition
- Toll-free resource line to Oregon Golf Association staff



## **Golf Course Benefits**

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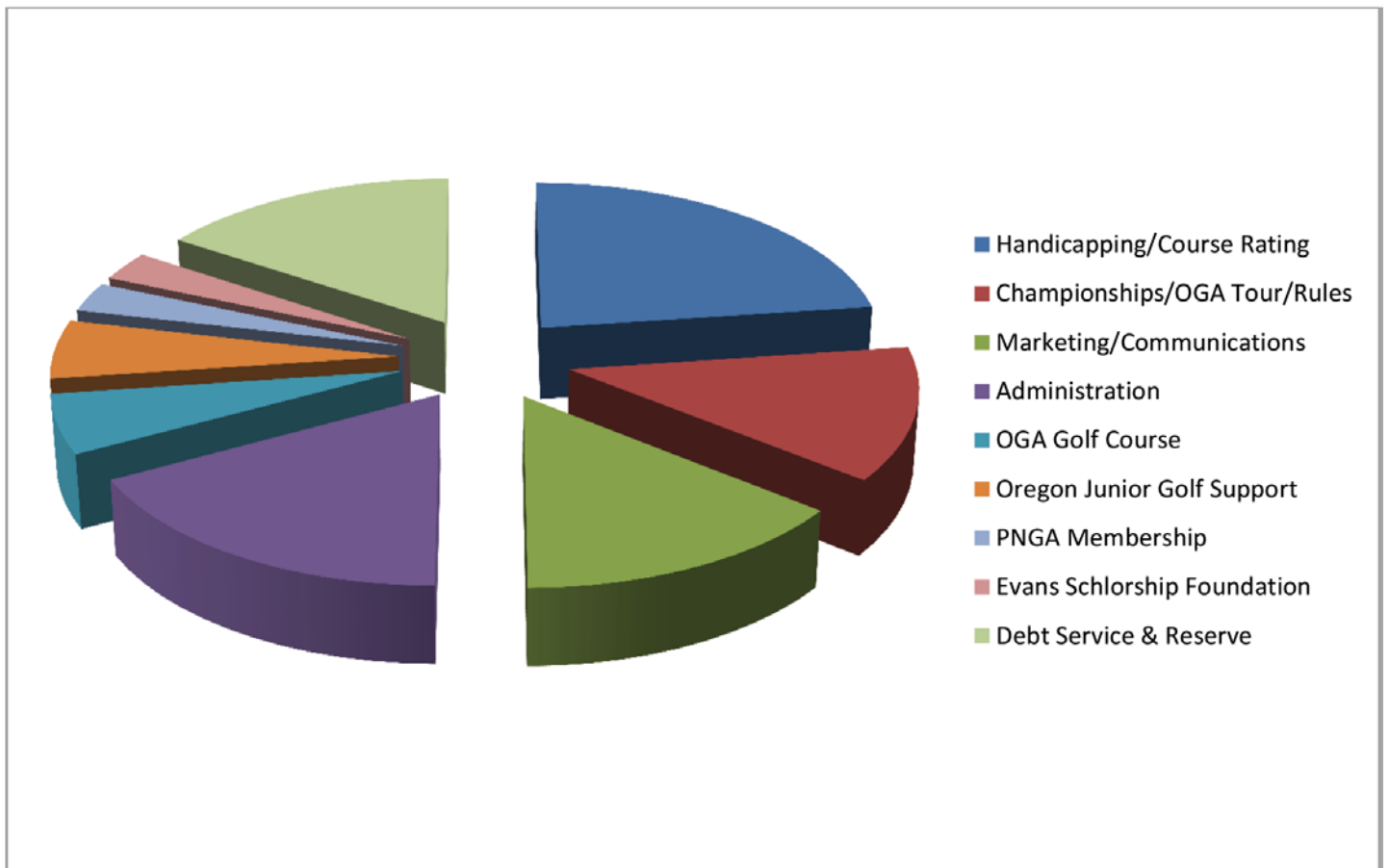
*Golf Courses Receive Numerous Benefits At No Additional Cost!*

### **Benefits for Golf Courses With OGA Member Clubs:**

- Laser Course Measuring
- USGA Course and Slope Rating
- Course marking consultation
- Initial GHIN product installation and setup for Guest Score Posting
- Members & Guests appreciate the convenience of being able to record scores on GHIN and being connected to nearly 100% of all other golf courses in the region
- Only Golf Courses connected to their State/Regional Golf Associations enjoy IGN (International Golfers Network) services allowing your members to post scores throughout the U.S.
- Event management software, USGA TM powered by Golf Genius
- GHIN & USGA TM software technical support
- Handicap Stroke Allocation Utility software
- Additional Golf Course promotion for hosts of OGA administered Championships, Junior Golf events, and OGA Tour events
- Directory pages for the golf course, golf clubs and golf events in ExploreOregonGolf.org
- Course promotion & marketing consultation services and programs
- Link from ExploreOregonGolf to facility website (if applicable)
- Access to USGA Green Section Turfgrass Advisory Service
- Rules of Golf support for facility events
- Support of developmental junior golf programs and other "good of the game" initiatives
- Support for Turfgrass research
- OGA Annual Awards, including Facility of the Year Recognition
- Toll-free resource line to Oregon Golf Association staff

# 2017 "Where Do My Dues Go?"

Handicapping/Course Rating	\$ 8.00	22.9%
Championships/OGA Tour/Rules	\$ 4.50	12.9%
Marketing/Communications	\$ 5.00	14.3%
Administration	\$ 6.00	17.1%
OGA Golf Course	\$ 2.00	5.7%
Oregon Junior Golf Support	\$ 2.00	5.7%
PNGA Membership	\$ 1.00	2.9%
Evans Schlorship Foundation	\$ 1.00	2.9%
Debt Service & Reserve	\$ 5.50	17.0%
	<u>\$ 35.00</u>	<u>101%</u>



## Become a Volunteer

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Here are the areas where we most need dedicated volunteer assistance from those who'd like to give back to the game.

**Tournament Assistance Group (TAG Team):** Without the assistance of the TAG Team it would be impossible to provide an enjoyable experience to all competitors at OGA events, including OGA Junior tournaments. TAG Team members serve as Starters, Rules Officials, Forecaddies and Checkpoint Officials. The Starter sees to it that groups tee-off on the proper starting hole at the proper time and is also responsible for distributing the official score cards, reviewing playing procedures, and answering any inquiries a contestant might have prior to play. Rules Officials assist players in the proper execution of the competition and acts to prevent players from breaching any rules. Scoreboard Officials are responsible for seeing to it that scorecards are properly turned in, maintained in their proper order and assisting in posting scores on the scoreboard or internet. Checkpoint Officials are essential to the smooth operation of a championship round ensuring that a reasonable pace-of-play is maintained by and for all groups. Email [volunteer@oga.org](mailto:volunteer@oga.org) for more information.



**Course Raters:** Each year, course rating teams assist the OGA in measuring, compiling and analyzing the physical attributes of 30-40 Oregon and SW Washington golf courses including (but not limited to) roll, elevation changes, doglegs and forced lay-ups, prevailing winds, altitude, topography, fairway width, green target size, recoverability and rough, bunkers, out of bounds and extreme rough, water and other hazards, trees, green surface and psychological reactions. These evaluations provide each course with accurate measurements for each set of tees including yardages, and Course and Slope Rating.



The USGA Course Rating System is an enhancement of the Handicap System, ensuring that players of differing abilities are able to participate in enjoyable and competitive games. We look forward to bringing new contributors into the OGA family. Email Gretchen Yoder, Manager of Handicapping & Course Rating, at [gretchen@oga.org](mailto:gretchen@oga.org) for more information.



Interested in becoming a Volunteer? Visit our website and fill out an application form, or contact the OGA at (503) 981-4653 for more information.

## Roster of OGA Directors

Organization	First	Last
A.A.G.A. - Mens 18	Michael	White
Agate Beach Golf Club - Mens 18	Stan	Hart
Agate Beach Golf Club - Womens 18	Ramona	Martin
Alderbrook Golf Club - Mens 18	Aaron	Dunn
Alpine Meadows - Wvga - Mens 18	Bill	Ables
Alpine Meadows - Wvga - Women	Rochelle	Danielson
Applegate River Golf Club - Mens 18	Julian	Chavez
Applegate River Golf Club - Womens 18	Leah	Bernard
Arrowhead Golf Club - Mens 18	Denny	Taylor
Arrowhead Golf Club - Womens 18	Linda	Ignowski
Aspen Lakes Golf Club - Mens 18	Jim	Hawkes
Astoria Golf & Country Club - Womens 18	Joyce	Benson
Awbrey Glen Golf Club - Mens	Hal	Cowan
Awbrey Glen Golf Club - Womens	Ardene	Fullerton
Bayou Golf Club - Mens 18	Steve	Belt
Bayou Golf Club - Womens 18	Loretta	Bishop
Bear Creek Golf Club - Mens 18	Robert	Burkett
Bend Golf & Country Club - Mens	Jim	Henderson
Bend Golf & Country Club - Womens 18	Madeline	Henderson
Big River Golf Club - Mens 18	Tony	Villanueva
Big River Golf Club - Womens 18	Terri	Smith
Black Butte Ranch - Mens 18	Owen	Osborne
Black Butte Ranch - Womens 18	Judy	Osborne
Brasada Canyons - Mens 18	Glenn	Grant
Broadmoor Golf Club - Mens 18	Howie	Smith
Broken Top Club - Mens	Tina	Burnside
Broken Top Club - Womens	Tina	Burnside
Camas Meadows Golf Club - Players Club M	Leon	Austinson
Camas Meadows Golf Club - Players Club W	Dick	Smith
Cascadia Golf Club - Mens 18	Jerry	Hauser
Cedar Bend Golf Club - Mens	Anton	Jacobson
Cedar Bend Golf Club - Womens	Audrey	Jacobson
Centennial Golf Club - Mens 18	Jerry	Hauck
Charbonneau Golf Club - Mens 18 & 9	Jim	Gibbons
Charbonneau Golf Club - Women's 18 & 9	Sue	Oberg
Chehalem Glenn Golf Club - Mens 18	Aaron	Purser
China Creek GC - Mens 18	Leslie	Walborn
Chinook Winds Golf Club - Mens 18	Justin	Mena
Chinook Winds Golf Club - Womens 18	Diane	Rinks
Clackamas Golf Club - Mens 18	Hollis	Hess
Claremont Golf Club - Mens 18	Fred	Logan
Claremont Golf Club - Womens 18	Bronagh	Kirwan
Club Green Meadows - Mens 18	Art	Ashton
Club Green Meadows - Womens 18	Karin	Ross
Columbia Edgewater CC - Mens 18	John	Adlard
Columbia Edgewater CC - Womens 18	John	Adlard
Condon Golf Club - Mens 18	Dennis	Bruneau

Coquille Golf Club - Mens 18	Stanley	Warner
Coquille Golf Club - Womens 18	Molly	Coonse
Coquille Valley Elks Lodge #1935	Molly	Coonse
Corvallis Country Club - Mens	Jon	Maestri
Corvallis Country Club - Womens 18	Adrene	Niederlehner
Cougar Canyon Golf Club - Mens 18	Greg	Watters
Creekside Golf Club - Mens 18	Terry	McEville
Creekside Golf Club - Womens 18	Eva	Corbin
Crestview Golf Club - Mens 18	Rich	Way
Crestview Golf Club - Womens 18	Maryann	Cherrier
Crooked River Golf Club - Mens	Bob	Holloway
Crooked River Golf Club - Womens	Jeanne	Holloway
Cross Creek Golf Club - Mens	Lynn	Hurt
Cross Creek Golf Club - Womens	Laurilee	Hatcher
Crosswater Club - Mens 18	Ken	Cleveland
Crosswater Club - Womens 18	Steve	Spina
Customs Golf Club - Mens	Dennis	Dodge
Dallas Golf Club - Mens 18	Dennis	Fritz
Desert Peaks Golf Club - Mens 18	Sam	Brown
Diamond Woods Golf Club - Mens	Michael	Porter
Eagle Crest Resort - Mens	Jim	Hawkes
Eagle Crest Resort - Womens	Donna	Hawkes
Eagle Point Golf Club - Womens 18	Doris	Grosch
Eagle Point Men's Golf Club - Epmgc Mens 18	Rick	Hutchinson
Eagle Rock Golf Club - Mens	Todd	Biddle
Eastmoreland Golf Club - Mens 18	Vincent	Digiano
Eastmoreland Golf Club - Womens 18	Helen	Beckel
Echo Hills Golf Club - Mens 18	Randy	Sperr
Echo Hills Golf Club - Womens 18	Carol	Neely-Stephens
Elk Ridge Golf Club - Mens 18	Jerry	Smith
Elkhorn Valley Golf Club - Mens 18	Janice	Long
Emerald Valley Golf Club - Mens 18	Rick	Albin
Emerald Valley Golf Club - Womens 18	Kathy	Nicholsen
Eugene Country Club - Womens 18	Gail	Phillips
Evergreen Golf Club - Mens 18	Jeremy	Reding
Evergreen Golf Club - Womens 18	Karen	Govier
Ewga Pdx GC - Women's 18	Robin	Dea
Fairway Village Golf Club - Womens 18	Hazel	Fleck
Federal Employees Golf Club - Mens	Steve	Westmoreland
Federated Lake Oswego Golfers - Men	Steve	Morelock
Forest Hills Country Club - Mens 18	Jim	Wells
Forest Hills Country Club - Womens 18	Mary	Wells
Forest Hills Golf Club - Mens	Bruce	Belt
Forest Hills Golf Club - Womens	Sandy	Fitzpatrick
Fred Meyer Golf League - Mens	Joey	Mumm
GC of Oregon Players Club - Mens 18	Bob	Farmer
Gearhart Golf Links - Mens 18	Dean	Barr
Gearhart Golf Links - Womens 18	Marie	Gann
Glendoveer Golf Club - Mens	Rodger	Jarmer
Golf Club @ Bandon Dunes - Mens 18	Brian	Gibson
Grants Pass Golf Club - Mens	Lynn	Myrick

Grants Pass Golf Club - Womens	Terry	Faulkner
Gresham Golf Club - Mens 18	Jeff	Wilcox
Gresham Golf Club - Womens 18	Lewella	Scrivens
Harbor Links Golf Club - Mens	Wayne	Bridges
Harbor Links Golf Club - Womens	Lonie	Douglas
Heron Lakes Golf Club - Mens 18	Thomas	Gaffney
Heron Lakes Womens GC - Tuesday Team	Janet	Elliott
Hidden Valley Golf Club - Mens 18	Craig	Royce
Hidden Valley Womens Golf Club - Womens 18	Marla	Lewis
Hood River Golf Club - Mens 18	Tom	Godwin
Hutch Golf Club - Mens 18	Dave	Kimmel
Illahe Hills Country Club - Mens 18	David	Fiskum
Indian Creek Golf Club - Mens 18	Greg	Pedersen
Intel Golf League - Mens	Ray	Stach
John Day Golf Club - Mens	Ed	McCrary
Juniper Golf Club - Mens 18	Paul	Coon
Kah-Nee-Ta Golf Club - Mens 18	Jake	Coochise
Kah-Nee-Ta Golf Club - Womens 18	Janell	Smith
King City Golf Club - Mens 18	George	Patton
King City Golf Club - Womens 18	Ellen	Lee
La Grande Country Club - Mens 18	Don	McAndie
Lake Oswego Mens Golf Club - Mens 18	Jeff	Hubbs
Lakeridge Golf Club - Mens 18	Frank	Logan
Lakeridge Golf Club - Womens 18	Christy	Bernal
Langdon Farms Golf Club - Mens 18	David	Stead
Lewis River Golf Club - Womens 18	Donelle	Nieman
Lost Tracks Golf Club - Mens	Dennis	Kinion
Lost Tracks Golf Club - Womens	Shellie	Pierce
Mac Golf Club - Mens	Erick	Zuber
Mallard Creek Golf Club - Womens 18	Sharon	Baum
Manzanita Golf Club - Mens 18	Larry	Paluck
McKay Creek Golf Club - Mens 18	Kevin	Hoyt
McMinnville Senior Mens GC - Mens 18	Don	Lutz
McNary Golf Club - Mens 18	Cecil	Prall
McNary Golf Club - Women's 18	Carole	Prall
Meadow Lakes Golf Club - Men	Grant	Kemp
Meadowlawn GC - Womens 18	Ellen	Bewley
Meadows Players Club - Mens 18	Bryan	Hillman
Meriwether Golf Club - Mens 18	Eric	Larson
Meriwether Golf Club - Women's 9 Hole	Sandy	Fitzpatrick
Michelbook Country Club - Mens 18	Dennis	Frost
Middlefield Golf Club - Mens 18	Gary	Sparks
Middlefield Golf Club - Womens 18	Linda	Levings
Mt. View Golf Club - Ladies of Cours	Mary	Asch
Mt. View Golf Club - Mens 18	Joe	Cejka
Nike Golf Club - Mens 18	Ryan	Patterson
North Portland Golf Assoc - Mens	Todd	Montgomery
Nw Golf Guys Players Club - Mens 18	Travis	Schoen
O.G.A. GC - Oga GC	Jim	Gibbons
O.G.A. GC - Women's Club	Catthy	Eide
O.G.A. Players Club - Players Club	Jim	Gibbons

O.G.C.S.A. GC - Mens 18	Brant	Hathorn
Oak Hills Golf Club - Men's 18	Ken	Tuttle
Oak Hills Golf Club - Womens 18	Georgia	Tuttle
Oak Knoll Golf Club - Mens 18	Bret	Deforest
Oak Knoll Golf Club - Mens 18	Derik	Scroggin
Oak Knoll Golf Club - Womens 18	Lois	Jones
Oak Knoll Golf Club - Womens 18	None	Assigned
Oakway Golf Club - Mens 18	Cory	Tweed
Oakway Golf Club - Womens 18	Corina	Franks
Ocean Dunes Golf Club - Mens	Gerald	Mulvey
Ocean Dunes Golf Club - Womens 18	Carol	Moore
Old Back Nine - Men & Women	Riley	Helmstetter
Old Back Nine - Men & Women	John	Finley
Orchard Hills Country Club - Mens 18	Mike	Spies
Orchard Hills Country Club - Womens 18	Barbara	Gee
Oregon City Golf Club - Mens 18	Greg	Froman
Oregon City Golf Club - Womens 18	Danna	Stoner
Oregon Nisei Golf Club - Mens	Craig	Mayeda
Oregon Nisei Senior Swingers - Mens 18	Atsushi	Kakizaki
Oswego Lake Country Club - Mens	Thomas	Toal
P.A.F.F.G.A. - Mens 18	George	Yeager
Pdxwire Golf Club - Mens 18	Tommy	Berry
Pendleton Country Club - Mens 18	Rick	Bordenkircher
Pendleton Country Club - Womens 18	Vicki	Scharn
Persimmon Country Club - Mens	Warner	Allen
Persimmon Country Club - Womens	Susan	Conrad
Pineway Golf Club - Mens	Jim	Glasser
Pineway Golf Club - Womens	Rita	Clever
Players Club at Island Greens - Mens 18	Don	Peerman
Portland Chinese Golf Club - Mens 18	Jerry	Low
Portland Golf Club - Mens	Bob	Harrington
Portland Golf Club - Womens 18	Betty	Sipprell
Prineville Golf & Country Club - Mens	Cathy	Thompson
Prineville Golf & Country Club - Womens	Cathy	Thompson
Pronghorn - Mens 18	Tom	Carlsen
Pumpkin Ridge Golf Club - Mens 18	Scott	Baines
Quail Ridge GC - Mens 18	Merlin	Gath
Quail Ridge GC - Womens 18	Jennifer	Godwin
Quail Run Golf Club - Mens	Dennis	Easley
Quail Run Golf Club - Womens 18	Linda	Dyer
Quail Valley Golf Club - Mens 18	Greg	Smith
Quail Valley Golf Club - Womens 18	Greg	Smith
Ranch Hills Golf Club - Mens 18	Jerry	Minor
Ranch Hills Golf Club - Womens 18	Mary	Minor
Redtail GC - Lady Hawks	Barbara	Brown
Redtail Golf Association - R.G.A.	Cameron	Azari
RiverRidge Golf Club - Mens 18	Randy	Hendrix
RiverRidge Golf Club - Womens 18	Pat	Church
Rivers Edge Golf Club - Mens 18	Troy	Eckberg
Rivers Edge Golf Club - Womens 18	Deborah	Gentry
Riverside Golf & Country Club - Mens	Pat	Breslin

Riverside Golf & Country Club - Womens 18	Bobbi	Breslin
Rock Creek Country Club - Mens	Todd	Hutchinson
Rock Creek Country Club - Women's	Barbara	Jorgenson
Rogue Valley Country Club - Mens 18	Eugene	Allred
Rogue Valley Country Club - Womens 18	Norma	Luther
Rose City Golf Club - Mens	Dave	Kimmel
Rose City Golf Club - Womens	Marion	Anacker
Roseburg Country Club - Mens 18	Neal	Brown
Roseburg Country Club - Womens 18	Brian	Sackett
Royal Oaks Country Club - Mens 18	Doug	Banks
Royal Oaks Country Club - Womens 18	Dianna	Richard
Running Y Ranch Resort - Mens	Don	Clark
S.A.P.S. Golf Club - Mens	Steve	Hamilton
S.W.I.G. Golf Club - Mens 18	Brian	McArdle
Salem Golf Club - Womens 18	Tanna	McLean
Salishan Golf Club - Womens 18	Ann	Butler
Salmon Run Golf Club - Mens	Don	Villele
Salmon Run Golf Club - Womens	Diana	Denham
Sandelie G.L. - Mens	Ken	Kay
Sandelie G.L.- Womens	Kathy	Kaiser
Santiam Golf Club - Mens 18	Steve	Goodell
Santiam Golf Club - Womens 18	Marnie	Trosi
Shadow Hills Country Club - Women	Jeri	Kessler
Shield Crest Golf Club - Mens 18	Jeff	Doddridge
Skamania Golf Club - Mens 18	John	Kilpatrick
Spring Hill GC - Mens 18	Alan	Olson
Springfield Golf Club - Mens 18	Mark	Lindgren
Springwater Golf Club - Mens 18	Tom	Coyne
St. Helens Men's Club - Mens 18	Bob	Medley
Stafford Golf Club - Mens 18	Jim	McGowan
Stewart Meadows Golf Club - Lady 9Ers - 18	Dana	Didericksen
Stewart Meadows Golf Club - Men's Club	Ken	Carr
Stewart Park Golf Club - Mens 18	Ron	Miller
Stewart Park Golf Club - Womens 18	Jane	Michaelson
Stone Creek G C - Mens 18	Jim	Shindler
Stone Creek G C - Womens 18	Kristin	Harris
Stone Ridge Golf Club - Reg. Mens	Roger	Cooley
Summerfield Men's G&CC - Mens	Herbert	Peterson
Summerfield Women's G&CC - Womens 18	Mary	Kerns
Sunriver Resort Golf Club - Mens 18	Roger	Mink
Sunriver Resort Golf Club - Womens 18	Jan	Bull
Sunset Grove Golf Club - Mens	Dave	Dukovcic
Sunset Grove Golf Club - Womens	Joanne	Vandehey
The Cedars Golf Club - Mens 18	James	Akutsu
The Dalles Country Club - Mens 18	Richard	Hess
The Dalles Country Club - Womens 18	Laura	Hess
The G.O.L.F. Club - Mens 18	Harvey	Nicholson
The Greens at Redmond - Mens 18	Joe	Carpenter
The Nomads Golf Club - Mens	Tom	Drake
The Oregon Golf Club - Mens 18	Prem	Arcot
The Oregon Golf Club - Womens 18	Judy	Lockwood



The Reserve Golf Club - Mens	Dave	Kendall
The Reserve Vintage Club - Mens 18	Jeff	Doerr
Tokatee Golf Club - Mens 18	Larry	Giustina
Tri-Mountain Golf Club - Mens 18	Mike	Posekany
Tri-Mountain Golf Club - Womens 18	Rene	Daeda
Trysting Tree Players Club - Mens	Richard	Walters
Tualatin Country Club - Mens	Jeff	Barry
Tualatin Country Club - Womens 18	Linda	Klenz
Valley Golf Club - Mens	Scott	Smyth
Vanco Golf Club - Mens	Mike	Hussey
Vancouver Municipal GC - Mens 18	Charles	Ebel
Vernonia Golf Club - Mens 18	Paul	Buffam
Waverley Country Club - Mens	David	Jacobsen
Waverley Country Club - Womens 18	Lara	Tennant
West Ridge Men's Golf - Mens 18	Don	Wehmann
Widgi Creek Golf Club - Mens 18	Matt	Phillips
Widgi Creek Golf Club - Womens 18	Hilary	Kenyon
Wildhorse Resort Golf Club - Mens 18	Leo	Stewart
Willamette Valley Country Club - Mens 18	Terry	Bailey
Willamette Valley Country Club - Womens 18	Terry	Bailey
Willow Creek Country Club - Mens	John	Edmundson
Willow Creek Country Club - Womens	Pat	Edmundson
Wilson's Willow Run Golf Club - Men	Paul	Sorenson
Woodburn Estates & Golf - Mens 18	Paul	Eaton
Woodburn Estates & Golf - Womens 18	Susan	Gsell

## Pacific Northwest Golf Association – Benefits of Membership

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The Pacific Northwest Golf Association (PNGA) was founded on February 4, 1899. It is a 501c3 charitable, international, amateur golf association dedicated to preserving the true spirit of golf by supporting its allied associations, conducting quality championships, and promoting activities beneficial to golfers in the Pacific Northwest.



PNGA territory is broken down into five zones, which are: Zone 1 – Oregon; Zone 2 – Eastern Washington; Zone 3 – Western Washington and Alaska; Zone 4 British Columbia and Alberta; and Zone 5: Idaho and Montana. There are approximately 225,000 individuals at over 720 PNGA member golf clubs.

The original purpose of the PNGA was to conduct a regional amateur championship. For more than 100 years, the Association has been a pioneer in developing competitions and services and its mission has grown and evolved. Today, the PNGA remains committed to being a truly regional organization providing benefits and services to its members and member clubs throughout the Northwest.

**Championship Eligibility:** As a PNGA Member Club your members are eligible to compete in PNGA championships. Each year, the PNGA conducts 15, major, regional, amateur championships for men, women, juniors, and seniors throughout the Northwest.

Men's Amateur (1899)	Women's Amateur (1899)
Junior Boys' (1955)	Junior Girls' (1956)
Senior Men's Amateur (1965)	Women's Mid-Amateur (2002)
Men's Senior Team (1983)	Women's Senior Team (1983)
Men's Mid-Amateur (1985)	Senior Women's Amateur (1986)
Men's Master-40 Amateur (1976)	Super Senior Women's Amateur (2011)
Women's Super Senior Team (2016)	Men's Super Senior Team (2016)
Super Senior Men's Amateur (2010)	

**Pacific Northwest Golfer Magazine:** As a PNGA Member Club, each of your members have the opportunity to receive a copy of the PNGA's upscale, glossy magazine, entitled Pacific Northwest Golfer, as a membership benefit. Four issues will be mailed directly to their home or office.

To receive this outstanding publication chronicling golf activities throughout the Northwest, all your club would have to do is maintain your members' addresses directly through your club's handicap computer. The PNGA pledges to only use these addresses for the specific purpose of mailing our magazine and will not sell or distribute them for any other purpose. A written guarantee of this can be provided upon request.

**PNGA Website (ThePNGA.org):** The PNGA maintains its own state-of-the-art Web site at [www.thepnga.org](http://www.thepnga.org). It contains information and news about the activities of the PNGA. Through the PNGA Web site, members can instantaneously enter PNGA championships and take advantage of membership benefits and golf related discounts.

**PNGA All-Access Tournament Calendar:** Access to the most comprehensive online tournament calendar through the PNGA website that provides information on all amateur events of interest to golfers as well as various club events in which PNGA members may be interested in participating.

**Discounts & Benefits:** Memberships and "co-branding opportunities," the PNGA will, from time to time, make available to its members, various golf related discounts and benefits. This may include such things as travel discounts or the opportunity to purchase a product or service at a special price. These discounts and benefits will be promoted in PNGA publications, on the PNGA's web site, and through various announcements.

**The Home Course:** As a PNGA Member Club, each of your members is entitled to play The Home Course at a reduced green fee. To receive the discount all members would have to do is show their updated Association Membership Card when paying their greens fee.

**Evans Caddie Scholarship Program:** In 1948, the PNGA established the Evans Caddie Scholarship Program in the Northwest, and since then more than 600 young men and women caddies from PNGA-affiliated clubs have attended

major regional universities on a four-year full tuition and housing scholarship. The PNGA served as the administrative headquarters for this program for many years, even housing a staff member from the Western Golf Association to conduct administrative and fundraising efforts.

Along with coordinating significant fundraising initiatives which includes Par Club, Bag Tag and other special contributions, the PNGA founded and administered two Evans Cup fundraising tournaments each year, and since 1994 these events have raised over \$2 million for Northwest Evans Scholars. The PNGA continues to support its allied associations in their efforts at administering and funding scholarships for the Evans Caddie Program in the Northwest.

**Pacific Northwest Player of the Year Honors:** Every year, the PNGA Championship Committee reviews the competitive records of players from throughout the region and recognizes the individuals who have compiled the most outstanding accomplishments and awards them the Pacific Northwest Player of the Year Award. One individual in each of the following categories is recognized: Men, Women, Men's Mid-Amateur, Women's Mid-Amateur, Senior Men, Senior Women, Junior Boys, and Junior Girls.

**PNGA Distinguished Service Award:** A Committee comprised of all living PNGA Past Presidents selects a recipient(s) of the PNGA Distinguished Service Award in recognition of meritorious service to amateur golf, not necessarily as a competitive player. Along with induction into the PNGA Hall of Fame, this prestigious award is considered the Association's highest honor.

**Pacific Northwest Golf Hall of Fame:** The PNGA administers the Pacific Northwest Golf Hall of Fame and conducts induction ceremonies every other year recognizing outstanding Northwest golfers who have made extraordinary contributions to the game. Memorabilia from the PNGA's past is displayed at Association headquarters and information about golf's past in the Northwest can be accessed by PNGA members through Association resources.

**PNGA Patrons of Golf Program:** Since the PNGA is a 501c3 charitable amateur golf association, unreimbursed contributions to the Association are deductible for federal income tax purposes (U.S. residents only). To facilitate such donations, the PNGA administers its "Patrons of Golf Program." To become a Patron, individuals simply make a donation to the PNGA at one of the various Patron levels. Along with part of their contribution being tax deductible, Patrons also receive valuable benefits, such as PNGA logoed merchandise and other amenities, depending on the level of contribution.

Most importantly, all contributions to the PNGA Patrons of Golf Program are deposited into a separate endowment fund. This special fund was established to benefit the future of Northwest amateur golf. Once the endowment has grown sufficiently, such local worthwhile activities as Junior Golf Programs, the Evans Caddie Scholarship Program, Turfgrass Research at Northwest Universities, and the various programs of the PNGA will all benefit on an ongoing basis. In addition, this fund will also help to fund the construction of Northwest Golf House, the future permanent home of the PNGA and its Hall of Fame and Museum facility.

**Support of the Game:** Through membership in the PNGA, your club, and its members have the satisfaction of knowing they are assisting the PNGA in administering and supporting important programs and charities, which benefit the game of golf throughout the region such as:

- Support of Turfgrass Research efforts at Northwest universities
- Support of Junior Golf Development
- Support of the Evans Scholarship Program at Northwest universities
- The creation of Northwest Golf House, a permanent home for the PNGA and its history

## **OGA.org Online Membership Program**

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### **Grow your membership and gain access to new golfers through the OGA's Online Membership Program!**

Now in its eighth year, the OGA's Online Membership Program continues to grow, maintaining its reputation as a service to clubs in gaining new members and exposing golfers of all backgrounds to OGA Members Clubs around Oregon and SW Washington.

Beginning in 2010, the Online Membership Program started off in August of that year, with 13 participating clubs and a total of 52 online members. In 2017, we had over 65 participating clubs and an estimated 1,700+ online members. Just three years ago, the program had just over 600 total members.

### **What exactly is the OGA Online Membership Program?**

The OGA Online Membership Program allows for easy online signup for potential members across Oregon and Southwest Washington. A prospective member can choose from various join online participating clubs listed online. If the person has an established GHIN Number, they are able to reactivate that same number; if they do not, or have not had a GHIN Number in the past, they are given one. Once they do, they are automatically activated in GHIN and as an OGA member for the year, active until December 31.

The member is sent a confirmation email with club and OGA details immediately after they finish the payment process. A club contact for the club is also sent an email, notifying them of the new member and detailing the person's contact information and GHIN Number. **Each club contact is required to follow up with their new "online" member to detail next steps for joining in the different club playing opportunities and tournaments.**

Participating clubs receive a kickback check from the OGA at the end of the year - \$20 per member.

### **A benefit and service to OGA Member Clubs**

The OGA Online Membership Program was created in part because it created an easy opportunity for people to join the OGA online – all while helping member clubs gain members in the process. All participating clubs in the Online Membership Program receive the following:

- Kickback check at the end of the year for \$20 per member
- Contact information for each online member
- Ability to edit stipulations of joining their club via online
- Additionally: The Online Membership Program is a **free service** to all OGA Member Clubs

The Online Membership Program is meant to be an additional avenue for those who may not have thought of joining an OGA club before in joining local clubs around their area. The growth of this program has shown that it will only continue to gain traction in the coming years.

### **How do I sign my club up?**

Once confirmed with the appropriate officers of your club, email Henry Childs at [hchilds@oga.org](mailto:hchilds@oga.org). You'll receive an application form, and once it's filled out, we can add your club to the Online Membership Program!

## **USGA Course Rating System**

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**Purpose:** The USGA Course Rating System is an enhancement of the USGA Handicap System, and affects all OGA members in the calculation of their Handicap Indexes. Although it can seem a bit complicated, the net result of the Course Rating System is that it allows a player to move from golf course to golf course and get a fair indication of their level of play, regardless of where they play, which set of tees they play, or their ability level.

**The OGA Rating Team:** In the OGA region encompassing Oregon and Southwest Washington, our Course Rating team (currently numbering over twenty dedicated volunteers), led by Manager of Handicapping & Course Rating Gretchen Yoder, carries out the on-course portion of the rating process. Back at the OGA office, Gretchen reviews the work of the teams, crunches a mountain of numbers, and issues ratings to our courses.

The OGA rates courses on a 7 – 8 year rotation (even if they have not changed in any way) which is ahead of the USGA requirement of rating an established course every 10 years. Newly constructed courses change rapidly in the

first few years and must be re-rated within five years. A course must also be re-rated if significant changes have been made.

**The Course Rating System:** The USGA Course Rating System takes into account the factors that affect the playing difficulty of a golf course. Accuracy and consistency are the keys to effective course rating. A course must first be accurately measured from permanent markers. The measured yardage must then be corrected for the effective playing length. These effective playing length corrections are roll, elevation, dogleg/forced lay-up, prevailing wind, and altitude.

Ten obstacles that affect playing difficulty must then be evaluated in accordance with established standards. They are: topography, fairway, green target, recoverability/rough, bunkers, out of bounds/extreme rough, water hazards, trees, green surface, and psychological. (These standards reduce subjectivity in course rating).

Requiring a study of each hole, the rating process includes detailed data obtained at all landing zones for male and female golfers. The rating teams use the average shot lengths for both scratch and bogey golfers to determine the landing zones. Length corrections and obstacle values are considered at each landing zone.

## **GHIN Products & Services**

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**GHIN Handicap Program (GHP):** Approximately three-quarters of all OGA member clubs are now utilizing the convenient and modern GHP Online for ease in public Score Entry at the course's computer as well as offering the ability to manage player databases from any location. All other clubs are currently using the GHP software and will transition over to the online version in the near future.

**GHP Online Clubs:** Designed for Handicap Committees and other club officers to manage their handicapping data from home, GHP Online Clubs is a powerful, convenient web-based tool. Records can be edited, reports can be printed or emailed, and Rapid Score Entry can be performed. Members can be added and inactivated, and officers can search the entire GHIN network for active as well as inactive golfers.

**USGA Tournament Management (TM), powered by Golf Genius:** This base product is offered exclusively by the USGA and Golf Associations to member clubs and is functionally equivalent to GHIN's old TPP (Tournament Pairing Program). It provides all the tools needed by Tournament Committees to set up and run events, leagues and outings. USGA TM Premium is an optional upgrade available for an additional annual fee. This version offers mobile app and live scoring, online event registration and payments, and TV leaderboards.

**eRevision:** OGA members with correct email addresses logged in GHIN can receive updates of their Handicap Index and scoring records on each revision date, which occur on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.

**eGolfer:** OGA members can create complimentary online dashboards by setting up eGolfer accounts through the ghin.com website. This is a great way to track scoring statistics and post scores hole by hole to favorite courses.

**GHIN Mobile App:** The GHIN Mobile App is a fast, convenient way to post scores, view your Handicap card display, and look up partners' Handicap Indexes. You can even sign up for events through the mobile app. Download the app for your Android or Apple products by entering the key word "GHIN" and search Google Play or the iTunes Store.

## USGA Handicap System Education

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The Handicap System makes it possible for golfers to compete against one another on a level playing field, no matter how big of a gap in playing ability. Luckily, all OGA members have USGA Handicap Indexes. We're all starting with the same proven, well-tested system. In order for both casual and more serious competition to be fair, Handicap Indexes must accurately reflect the player's ability as reflected by full scoring records. The two parties responsible for accuracy in handicapping are the individual OGA member, and his Club Handicap Committee.

So how do we train and educate both the member and the Committee to help navigate the sometimes murky waters of the USGA Handicap System?

**Orientation Classes for New Handicap Chairs:** Many new Handicap Chairs need guidance to help them feel comfortable in their positions and get them started off on the right foot. Two-hour introductory sessions, which are held in March, have been created to allow them to freely ask questions and get a handle on their responsibilities.

**Certification for Handicap Chairs:** The position of Handicap Chair requires a substantial amount of time and a basic knowledge of the USGA Handicap System. Part of this time commitment involves the Handicap Chair and Co-Chair going through the OGA Certification and Licensing Program, satisfying a mandatory educational process as required by the USGA.

In the spring of each year, Sr. Director of Handicapping and Course Rating, Kelly Neely, conducts five-hour seminars at various locations around the state to give Handicap Chairs many opportunities to learn the System. As the USGA Handicap System undergoes changes, the OGA edits the seminars and provides additional educational tools and resources for the Chairs to use at their clubs. These include a monthly newsletter, called Local Knowledge, and the OGA Handicap Committee Notebook, published in-house annually since 1998.

**Education for OGA Members:** In summer of 2017, **Handicap Hub** was launched on oga.org, as a landing page for articles written by Sr. Director of Handicapping & Course Rating, Kelly Neely.

The idea to offer **Handicapping and Course Rating Q&A sessions at member club meetings** started from an invitation by an interested Handicap Chair in September of 2015. Members email questions ahead of time so the Handicapping & Course Rating Department can prepare answers and materials as a starting point. These fun, casual sessions allow for more interactive learning and "myth-busting" at the member level.

## Rules Education

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**OGA Rules Education Programs:** The Oregon Golf Association Rules Education programs are nationally recognized both for the expertise of our instruction and the dedication to learning shown by OGA staff and volunteers who present to over 1000 golfers per year. We offer many different programs all aimed at providing a different level of instruction. These include many free services such as Rules of Golf Presentations at clubs and courses as well as outreach to high school and college golf teams. Our programming options are designed for all levels of Rules knowledge – from the beginning golfer with no prior knowledge of the Rules to providing further training by the region's most highly experienced officials. More thorough instruction on the Rules of Golf is also available through our Regional Rules of Golf Clinics. More details on each of our programs can be found below.

**Regional Rules of Golf Workshops:** A full day of situational based Rules Education. Perfect for both the social and competitive golfer, the class will teach basic principles of the Rules. The instruction will translate directly into a better understanding and proper application of the Rules out on the course. Each year's schedule is made available in early January. With the changes to the Rules in 2019, only a few workshops will be available for the spring of 2018. However the fall of 2018, we are looking to present the Rules that will go into effect in 2019. Registration is required for all attendees.

A complete schedule of upcoming Rules of Golf events can be viewed at [OGA.org](http://OGA.org). If you have any questions regarding the Oregon Golf Association's Rules Education Programs, e-mail [rules@oga.org](mailto:rules@oga.org) or call the OGA at (503) 981-4653.

## USGA Tournament Management (TM), Base & Premium

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As GHIN's old TPP (Tournament Pairing Program) gets phased out, OGA Member Clubs are jumping on board with new, state of the art event management software powered by Golf Genius. Two products are available:

**USGA Tournament Management** – This is considered the Base version, and will be functionally equivalent to TPP and is offered FREE exclusively by the USGA and State & Regional Golf Associations to their Member Clubs. It provides all the tools needed by Pro Shop staff and Tournament Committees to set up and run member events, leagues and outings.

**USGA Tournament Management Premium** – This product is available to Member Clubs as an optional upgrade for an additional annual fee. It adds mobile app and live scoring, online event registration and payments, customizable websites and TV leaderboards to the Base version.

## Championships

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The Oregon Golf Association was created in 1924 to administer the Oregon Amateur Championship. Today the OGA conducts 13 State Championships annually. There are Championships for every age, gender and skill level. The "majors" the OGA runs are the Oregon Amateur, Oregon Senior Amateur and the Oregon Mid-Amateur. While the "majors" have handicap eligibility requirements, there are other Championships such as the Net Championship that anyone, regardless of handicap, can compete in. Also the Public Links, the Parent/Child, the Women's Stroke Play and the Super Senior reward both the gross and net winners.

Among the other State Championships is the Tournament of Champions which was created in order to celebrate Club Champions from around the state and identify which Club's Champion was the best in the State. Every Club Champion is eligible for a two year exemption. Each year Club Champions receive an invitation to compete in this Championship. As the OGA Director, providing the OGA with your current and previous year's champion is important so that an invitation can be sent.

The OGA Men's Team Championship was originally conducted by Alderwood Country Club. When Alderwood closed during the 1950's, the OGA took over conducting this 4-person team competition. The Team Championship's unique format is similar to a collegiate event where the three low scores of the four are counted in aggregate format over 36 holes. Any Club can send a team of their four best players. Some Clubs pick their four best, some create a points list and some choose the top four players from their Club Championship. Any OGA Member Club can submit a team and if space is available Clubs can send up to three teams.

A complete schedule of upcoming championships can be viewed at [www.oga.org](http://www.oga.org). If you have questions regarding any of the Oregon Golf Association Championships, please call 503-981-4653 or email [competitions@oga.org](mailto:competitions@oga.org).

## OGA Tour

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If there is one thing we know at the Oregon Golf Association, it's how to run an event. Our association started in 1924 initially with the purpose of running the Oregon Amateur.

The role of championship administration has expanded to include 13 Championships and 12 qualifiers for USGA national championships. In 2005, we decided to expand our tournament offering by adding a Net Series. Initially we were only a marketing partner with the golf courses, and the golf course was responsible for administering the events. That all changed in 2010 when we decided to manage all the tournament administration.



Today, the OGA Tour consists of an Individual Series and a Partner Series. Everyone is eligible for events regardless of skill. They are open to Members and Non-Members of the association. Individual Series events are \$80 for Members and \$100 for Non-Members. Partner Series events are \$160 Members and \$200 Non-Members. We also offer an early-bird discount for early registration for additional savings. Individual Series events are an 18-hole stroke play competition with payouts for top Gross and Net finishers within each flight. Partner Series events play a Four-Ball competition with payouts for top Gross and Net finishers in each flight. Each series offers an Open and a Senior

Division. The Open Division is open to players of all ages. The Senior Division is open to players 50 years or older as of the day of the event. Each division is divided up into flights based on USGA Handicap Indexes of the players to ensure players are competing against players of similar ability. An average prize payout of \$1,600 (based on a full field) in gift certificates is evenly distributed between flights. Each event offers flighted skill shot contests including closest to the hole, long drive and long putt. An optional gross and/or net skins game is also available. All events conform to the Rules of Amateur Status.

Players are awarded points based on participation and finish within their flight. Points are used to determine who is invited to play in the season ending OGA Tour Championship. The OGA Tour Championship is hosted at a prestigious OGA Member Club each year.

## Oregon Junior Golf

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Oregon Junior Golf seeks to promote life skills and values to young people through the game of golf. Since its inception, over 10,000 young golfers between the ages of 7 and 18 have participated in Oregon Junior Golf. The Oregon Golf Association established Oregon Junior Golf Fund, Inc. (OJGF) as a 501(c)(3) charitable foundation for the purpose of introducing children to the sport as well as developing competitive junior golfers. OGA members contribute to Oregon Junior Golf every time they pay their annual dues!

The OJGA oversees a nationally recognized junior golf program for approximately 1,400 youth in Oregon and SW Washington. Each year, it presents more than 70 days of competition and more than 7,000 rounds of competitive golf for Junior Golfers ranging in age from 7 through 18.



Most successful high school golfers honed their skills in OJGA competitions, and many earn scholarships to college golf programs as a result of capturing the attention of the golf coaches that attend and follow our events online.

Oregon Junior Golf also has developed one of the premiere regional junior golf competitions in the country, the **Eddie Hogan Cup Team Matches**. Hogan Cup alumni include tour players such as Bobby Clampett, Fred Couples, Joe Rasmussen, Jack Renner, Lennie Clements, Scott Simpson, Rick Fehr, Robert Gamez, Bill Sanders, Kirk Triplett, Jim Nelford, John Fought, Peter Jacobsen, Jeff Quinney, Casey Martin, Michael Putnam, Ricky Barnes, Jason Gore and Tiger Woods.

In addition to our competitive events, we also oversee the Jacobsen Youth Initiative that focuses entirely on lowering costs for underserved junior golfers while also providing multiple avenues to reduce the intimidation that often deters the beginner and non-golfer from taking up the game. The initiative includes two parts, the Youth On Course Program and the Erling Jacobsen Tour, a series perfect for juniors ages 7 - 18 to get out on the course to play in a fun, stress-free environment without competition. Youth on Course is a subsidy based program offering \$5 green fees to members at participating courses. You can see the events and learn more about this exciting new growth of the game initiative at [www.OregonYouthonCourse.org](http://www.OregonYouthonCourse.org).

### How Do Kids Become Members?

Every year, parents of junior golfers (age 7-18) may register their child in Oregon Junior Golf through our online registration process.

Registration opens December 1st each year [www.oregonjuniorgolf.org](http://www.oregonjuniorgolf.org). The membership fee in 2018 is just \$30 for the year; includes eligibility to register for Major Championship, a \$10 discount into all sanctioned tournaments, \$5 off Erling Jacobsen Tour events and \$20 discount on the winter series (excluding Bandon Dunes).

All Junior Golf members receive an OJG Membership Handbook and registration for our events opens May 1. Additionally, the Oregon Junior Golf lists events run by other organizations, explains who the event is best suited for and how to enter. Through our online registration system, OJG members are able to view real-time results for all events, track their statistics and keep up-to-date on our team points lists.

**\*Please note** that competition begins at age 8. Members who are age 7 are only eligible for Jacobsen Youth Initiative Programs until their 8<sup>th</sup> birthday. Visit [OregonJuniorGolf.org](http://OregonJuniorGolf.org) to learn more.



## Evans Caddie Scholarship Program

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### **Chick Evans Caddie Scholarship Program one of the beneficiaries of OGA fees**

The first two Evans Scholars enrolled at Northwestern University in the fall of 1930. Since then, more than 8700 deserving men and women have graduated from college as Evans Scholars. The caddie scholarship program was started by Charles "Chick" Evans Jr. of Chicago, one of golf's greatest amateurs. Evans earned worldwide fame in 1916 after becoming the first golfer to win the US Amateur and US Open Championships in the same year. He insisted on remaining an amateur and directed any funds he received to go toward caddie scholarships.

The Chick Evans Caddie Scholarship is a one-year, full tuition and housing scholarship, renewable for up to four years. Most Evans Scholars attend one of the 14 universities where the Evans Scholars Foundation owns and operates a Scholarship House. (The first-ever Chapter House in the Pacific Northwest will be completed by the fall of 2014). The Evans Scholars Foundation, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, is sponsored by the Western Golf Association and is headquartered in Golf, Illinois.



### **Evans Scholarship Requirements:**

- Strong caddie record - Students must have caddied regularly for at least two years
- Excellent grades - They must complete junior year with above a "B" average in college prep classes and take the ACT
- Demonstrated financial need - They must show a need for financial help
- Outstanding character - They must show outstanding character, integrity and leadership

The graduation rate for Evans Scholars is 90%, well above the national average of under 50% for all students entering four-year colleges and universities. The average GPA for current Evans Scholars is above a 3.2. Currently, Oregon State University has 23 scholars attending, and 69 alumni. University of Oregon also has 12 scholars attending school, with 196 alumni. All membership dollars collected in Oregon are given back to Oregon scholars! ***Thank you for allowing the OGA to donate to this generous program through your dues contribution.***

**Want to know more about Evans Scholarships? Contact Bill Moses, Western Golf Association West Region Director at (253) 214-2913 or visit [www.evansscholarsfoundation.com](http://www.evansscholarsfoundation.com)**

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