

Dear Oyster Bay Members,

I hope you all are enjoying a nice time during league play. There are just a few reminders I'd like to pass along so that everyone has a pleasurable experience.

Oyster Bay is a difficult course. It is for a true intermediate to advanced player. You are required to maintain a handicap if you play in this league. If you just started with the league, you should be posting all your scores to attain a handicap.

The drainage system at OB is rather poor, so when the ground is wet, the motorized carts are not permitted on the course and it is cart path only. If you cannot handle walking this course under those conditions, please call the course ahead of time to find out if it is cart path only. You will not be penalized if you decide to cancel at that point.

Please remember that our tee times extend until 6:00 p.m. and there are many women who would like to get in their 9 holes. The pace of play has been extremely slow and we have to pick it up--that means the pace and the ball if you're at double par. Pay attention to each other's balls so you can aid in finding them. Hit a provisional if you are in doubt that you will find your ball. Oyster Bay has a local rule that if a ball is lost in the woods, you may take a lateral drop with a **2 stroke penalty**. If you take a provisional ball, you may play by that rule rather than the local rule. Be familiar with the Rules of Golf and our League Rules. If you haven't attended a Rules & Etiquette Seminar this year, go to the website and brush up by reading Suzanne Garcia's Power Point presentation.

If you are not 1 stroke behind the group in front of you, you are behind in your pace. You must pick up the pace. This means walking quickly, being ready to hit, not talking in between shots. Of course, we want everyone to have fun and socialize, but it can't be excessive to the detriment of those behind you. It's always great fun at the 19th Hole and that's where you can socialize, network and brag or commiserate over your game.

You are a fabulous group of women and I know I can count on you to keep things moving so everyone is happy to participate in this very special league.

Thank you for taking the time to read this note.

Happy Golfing!

Liz Tobin

League Chair

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