

# GOLF REPORT



With its instructional golf clinics, tournaments and scholarship program, the Ohio Girls Golf Foundation introduces girls to countless educational, recreational and career opportunities through the game of golf.

## From the President



Name one sport you can play as well at 80 years old as you did at 20 (maybe even better...).

Name one sport where an accomplished player can participate alongside a beginner and still enjoy the game.

Name one sport where families can all play together, spending hours of meaningful (screen-free) time in the great outdoors.

You see where I'm going here—it's golf.

Our headliner LPGA Professional Barb Mucha likes to call golf the game of a lifetime. I couldn't agree more.

But it's also a sport that girls might not have access to as much as others. Many don't begin playing until high school since there are not many organized teams for younger players.

Not on our watch.

Since 1994, we've introduced golf to countless girls in our state. We're proud to report some have gone onto college and professional careers in the sport. And we're equally proud that most have taken advantage of the opportunities golf presents for years after their journey with us.

Thanks to our loyal volunteers and donors who have kept our "little charity that could" chugging along all these years!

—Patricia Nugent, OGGF President

## Expanding year-round instructional opportunities OGGF to host new winter clinics for girls

Living in Northeast Ohio, we have to work a little harder at keeping our passion for golf alive year-round. But with the growing number of local indoor facilities, the opportunities are expanding—and so are we.

To help girls gear up for the season, the Ohio Girls Golf Foundation has added winter clinics to go along with our annual spring lineup of clinics.

Girls ages 8 to 18 years old, from beginner to advanced, can get an early start on their golf game at these winter and spring clinics, held at various locations throughout the state.

### Winter Clinics

These will be held at the following locations from 9 to 10 a.m., except Judd's Golf Sim, which is 1 to 2 p.m. Cost is \$20 per session. Sign up at [OGGF.org](http://OGGF.org) to the one closest to you!

#### 1899 Canton

4700 Everhard Road NW in Canton  
Sundays in February: 5, 12, 19, 26

#### The Clubhouse

23800 Commerce Park Suite M (in the rear) in Beachwood  
Saturdays in February: 4, 11, 18, 25

#### Judd's Golf Sim

1507 Lear Industrial Pkwy. in Avon  
Saturdays in February: 4, 11, 18, 25

#### The Golf Dome

8198 E. Washington Street in Chagrin Falls  
Sundays in February: 5, 12, 19, 26

### Spring Clinics

#### Black Brook Golf Course

8900 Lake Shore Blvd. in Mentor  
April 8, 15, 22, 29  
10 to 11 a.m.

#### Golf Club of Dublin

5805 Eiterman Road in Dublin  
April 8, 15, 22, 29  
10 to 11 a.m.



"Ellie and Emma absolutely loved the OGGF spring clinics, where they were able to meet other girls who love golf. The instructors were very knowledgeable and made learning golf skills very fun. Definitely prepared the girls for tournament golf season," Elena Gonzalez (mom)

#### Medina Country Club

5588 Wedgewood Road in Medina  
April 29, May 6, 13, 20  
4 to 5 p.m.

#### Pine Lakes Golf Club

6233 West Liberty Street in Hubbard  
April 22, 29, May 6, 13  
noon to 1 p.m.

#### Stone Oak Country Club

100 Stone Oak Blvd. in Holland  
April 29, May 6, 13, 20  
10 to 11 a.m.

#### Windmill Golf Center

1511 East Aurora Road, Macedonia  
April 15, 22, May 6, 13  
9 to 10 a.m.



## 2023 Winter & Spring Girls Golf Clinics

The instructional clinics conducted by PGA and LPGA instructors are geared to inform, educate and expand girls' knowledge in all aspects of golf, from full swing to short game to putting. Deadline to sign up is two weeks prior to clinic start date. Cost is \$20 per clinic.

Register at [OGGF.org](http://OGGF.org).



# THANK YOU ANNUAL FUND DONORS

As a nonprofit organization, we rely on individual and corporate donations. This year, to save more dollars to give to the girls we serve, we're asking you to please donate online at OGGF.org, instead of a return envelope. Funds are used for college scholarships, instructional golf clinics and financial aid.

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*Thanks to these dedicated ladies of the OGGF, seen here at our Showcase, from left, Pat Kurzenberger, Founder Mary Ann Bierman and Past President Teen Burke.*

# From the Executive Director



As the saying goes, it takes a village.

The Ohio Girls Golf Foundation is a grassroots organization that relies on the generosity of our golf community partners, as well as individual and corporate donors, to continue our mission of encouraging, sponsoring and supporting the game of golf for girls and all the opportunities it provides.

I would like to thank our longstanding golf community partners for their unwavering support of our "little foundation that could": The Cleveland Women's Golf Association (CWGA), the Greater Cleveland Golf Association (GCGA), the Northern Ohio PGA Section Foundation and the Northern Ohio Golf Association (NOGA). Without their support, we could not have awarded over \$130,000 in college scholarships over the past two decades, provide golf instruction to hundreds of girls, or host a high school showcase event that has boasted a historic number of participants over the past three years.

Due to the increased support from the GCGA and substantial donations made by the Avon Oaks Women's Golf Association and the Westwood Women's Golf Association, who made our foundation the beneficiary of their charitable

events, we have been able to expand our clinic program this year. In addition to the OGGF Spring Clinics which are held in April/May, the OGGF will begin hosting Indoor Winter Clinics this February at indoor golf facilities throughout Northern Ohio. Taught by PGA Professionals, these clinics will help the beginner golfer to advanced player hone their golf skills.

It's been a pleasure getting to know the members of our village better the past three years as the Executive Director of the OGGF. I look forward to working with our partners in the future to continue to increase the opportunities for girls through the game of a lifetime—golf.

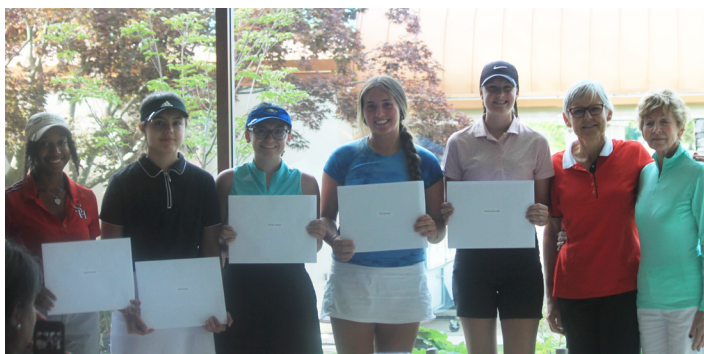
—Lynne Plaisance, OGGF Executive Director



Seen here "paying it forward" are representatives of the Northern Ohio PGA Section Foundation, from left, Executive Director David Griffith, Foundation Manager Danielle Nicholson, OGGF President Patricia Nugent, OGGF Executive Director Lynne Plaisance and NOPGA President Matt Creech, PGA.

## Apply for 2023 college scholarships

The OGGF college scholarships are about much more than golf and low scores. Our mission is to make an impact on girls' lives and support local girls in their future endeavors. We award college scholarships to girls who have been involved in the game of golf in any capacity. Over the past 25 years, the Foundation has awarded more than \$130,000 in college scholarships to 140-plus girls and counting.



School, who will attend Ashland University; Sophia Rosa from Perry High School, who will attend Walsh University; Erin Strouse from Louisville High School, who

will attend Malone; Noelle Trobek from Hubbard High School, who will attend Youngstown State University.

Pictured here are some of the girls accepting their scholarships presented by OGGF Past President Teen Burke, far right, and LPGA Professional Barb Mucha, second from right.

The deadline for Ohio high school seniors to apply for a 2023 scholarship is March 31. To make the application process easier, this year girls can fill it out and submit digitally at OGGF.org.

In addition to scholarships, the Foundation also awards girls financial aid throughout the year to travel and play in tournaments, locally, regionally and nationally. These applications are accepted year-round, available on our website.



# Annual tournament showcases girl golfers from high schools across the state

With one of the biggest fields in tournament history, girls at the 21st Ohio Girls Golf Foundation Showcase this past July also carded some of the lowest scores in its history.

"On a picture-perfect weather day, we were thrilled to host girls from 27 schools from across the state," says OGGF Executive Director Lynne Plaisance.

Individuals and teams mixed things up with interactive clinics focusing on putting, chipping and bunker work led by local PGA and LPGA professionals, as well as an on-course clinic led by tournament headliner LPGA tour professional Barb Mucha and PGA professional Jimmy Beers exploring the connection of the mental process to the game.

At the end of the day, Clare Liu, an incoming freshman from Magnificat, shot a record-tying low score of four-under par, 68, to take medalist honors. She finished her round with back-to-back eagles. Coming in second place was Dixon Hill from Hathaway Brown with a 69, and tied for third were Cammy Reed from Magnificat and Ella Wong from Hawken, with 71.

Teams competing in the event included Aurora,

Avon, Avon Lake, Boardman, Hathaway Brown, Highland, Hudson, Independence, Kent Roosevelt, Lexington, Magnificat and Medina. Magnificat teams nabbed the number one and two



positions with scores of 302 and 323 strokes, and Hathaway Brown came in third place with a 338.

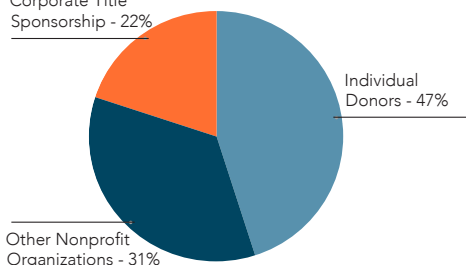
During the event, the OGGF presented eight college scholarships as part of our mission to encourage, sponsor and support the game of golf for girls by providing college scholarships, golf training programs and financial aid.



## By the Numbers

### Where our funds come from

Corporate Title Sponsorship - 22%



### College Scholarships

In 1996, the OGGF awarded its first \$1,000 scholarship and the program grew from there, with one girl winning the first year, then three girls the next year, seven the following year and growing to eight or more girls nearly every year throughout the 2000s. In 2022, we had the most applicants in our history.

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*The mission of the OGGF is to encourage, sponsor and support the game of golf for girls by providing college scholarships, golf training programs and financial assistance to attend designated golf tournaments*

# 2023 Ohio Girls Golf Foundation Showcase

## Monday, July 31, at Avon Oaks Country Club

High school girls are invited to play in this premier event headlined by LPGA Tour Professional Barb Mucha. Enjoy instructional clinics in the morning, followed by an 18-hole tournament and awards dinner.

Incoming high school freshmen and outgoing seniors are eligible to play.

**Register at [OGGF.org](http://OGGF.org). Call 440-479-9579 or email [lynne@oggf.org](mailto:lynne@oggf.org) for more info.**