

# GOLF REPORT

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## From the President



Life, like golf, is the sum of the choices you make. Not as much the situations you create, but how you react to situations that face you.

Over the past 32 years, I've walked many golf holes with our headliner LPGA tour professional Barb Mucha. You know what she's never mentioned as the most important thing to focus on in golf? Talent.

Obviously, she has a boatload of it, but Barb says the most valuable thing to focus on is your mindset—concentrating on the next shot, letting go of past shots you'd like to do over, and committing fully to the shot that's facing you.

As Nelly Korda says, "You don't grow by avoiding pressure. You grow by learning how to breathe under it."

By introducing girls to golf and sparking their journey, the OGGF opens doors of opportunity for personal development and success.

For some, that means a profession in golf, others a competitive high school and college playing career, and many others, the chance to develop personally through the sport of a lifetime. Where can golf take you? Join us and find out.

Our continually expanding programming wouldn't be possible without the enthusiasm, dynamism and steadfast support of our donors, volunteers, Board of Trustees and Executive Director Lynne Plaisance. Here's to committing fully to all the shots that lie before us!

—Patricia Nugent, OGGF President

## New network helps alums connect

It's said that golf shrinks the world. Ours is a game of connections. In that spirit, this month we are kicking off Fairways Forever, an Alumni Network.

Over the years, the growing number of young women who have taken part in our clinics and tournaments or benefitted from financial aid or college scholarships have spread across the country as well as within Ohio.

As a nonprofit, we've been fortunate that those whose lives we've touched want to pay it forward and stay connected. Alums have become sponsors, volunteers and joined our board and leadership.

Sitting around the table following our annual Showcase last July, several committee members kicked around ideas to best serve our alumni. We want Fairways Forever to bring together anyone who has a past or current con-



nection to the OGGF.

In practical terms, we hope to reinforce the relationships you've already forged to enrich your livelihood while inspiring the girls just taking the tee for the first time.

Whether you're in college, or a professional, while everyone may have a different path, we're yoked by the common foundation of golf.

For instance, those who have already gone through the college recruiting process can serve as a resource to high school players just starting it. Or young women who have carved a career for themselves in golf can act as role models for those considering it. Maybe you'd just enjoy reconnecting with players you knew in high school and meeting up for a friendly round.

Ladies, we're proud of all that you've accomplished and where you're headed, on the course and off.

This network is a no-obligation forum for engagement. When you grow, we grow.

Go to [OGGF.org](http://OGGF.org) to check out ways to make connections, explore informal mentorship, networking opportunities and ways to volunteer.

We look forward to hearing from you!

## Staying Sharp this Winter

Thanks to OGGF Winter Clinics, girls across the state learn about golf and hone their skills. In January, they learned about putting to short game and full swing at the Jim Wise Golf Academy at Medina Country Club in Medina. Saturday morning clinics continue through March 7 at the Mark MacDonald Golf Academy, Ashley Thomas, PGA, in Cincinnati; and through April 4 at Judd's Golf Sim in Avon. Find out more and register at [OGGF.org](http://OGGF.org).





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## From the Executive Director



Golf is a sport of a lifetime. It welcomes beginners, rewards those who are loyal to it, builds confidence and creates connections that last far beyond the scorecard. For girls and women, golf offers more than a game. It opens doors to leadership, lifelong friendships, career opportunities and a community that spans generations.

At the Ohio Girls Golf Foundation, we see this journey every day. A young girl learning to grip a club for the first time can become a confident high school competitor, a collegiate athlete, a professional leader or simply a woman who knows she belongs on the course.

That belief is shaping our growth in 2026.

This year, the OGGF is excited to expand our programming once again with the launch of

Tee Wee Clinics for girls ages 5 to 7. These fun, age-appropriate clinics focus on movement, basic golf skills and joyful first experiences that spark confidence and curiosity from the very start.

At the other end of the journey, we are also proud to introduce the OGGF Alumni Network—Fairways Forever—created to keep us connected with the incredible girls who have grown through our programs over the years. The Alumni Network will offer opportunities for connection, mentorship, volunteer engagement, networking events and ways for former participants to give back and inspire the next generation of girls in golf.

From first swings to lifelong friendships, golf is a sport that never ages out. We are proud to grow alongside our girls at every stage, supporting them not just as golfers, but as confident, capable women for life.

—Lynne Plaisance, OGGF Executive Director

## Apply for 2026 college scholarships, financial aid to play in tournaments

At the Ohio Girls Golf Foundation, success is measured by more than a scorecard. The Foundation proudly supports young women who demonstrate strong character, leadership and a commitment to their communities. Over the past 25 years we have awarded \$170,000+ in college scholarships, and the program continues to grow thanks in part to the generosity of donors who honor friends and family through named scholarships. These include scholarships established by OGGF Founder Mary Ann & Bill Bierman, Beth & Matthew Casey, Charlie Wood, and the Fairchild Family Foundation.



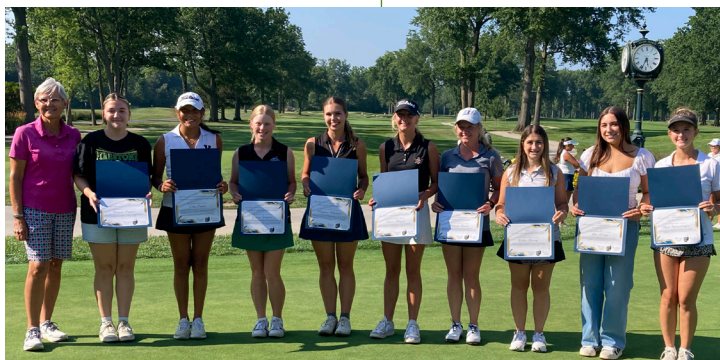
Pictured above are Diane Rothers, Cleveland Women's Golf Association president, and Sue Broderick, Greater Cleveland Golf Association treasurer, presenting their named scholarships to the recipients Kayla Weisenberger and Ava Furiga. In total the OGGF awarded 12 college scholarships of \$1,000 each in 2025. Pictured right are the girls accepting their scholarships at the OGGF Showcase.

Congratulations to all of the 2025 recipients:

- Taylor Blazek of Southeast High School
- Ava Furiga of Avon High School
- Ashley Leavery of Theodore Roosevelt High
- Kennedy Lewis of Southern Local High
- Madison Maxwell of Copley High School
- Zoe Mort of Marlinton High School
- Scout Nicholson of Hubbard High School
- Abigail Pantea of Firestone CLC
- Ella Porter of Versailles High School
- Hannah Roush of Copley High School
- Gracyn Vidovic of Aurora High School
- Kayla Weisenberger of North Olmsted High

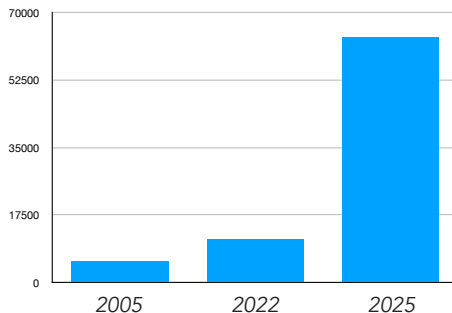
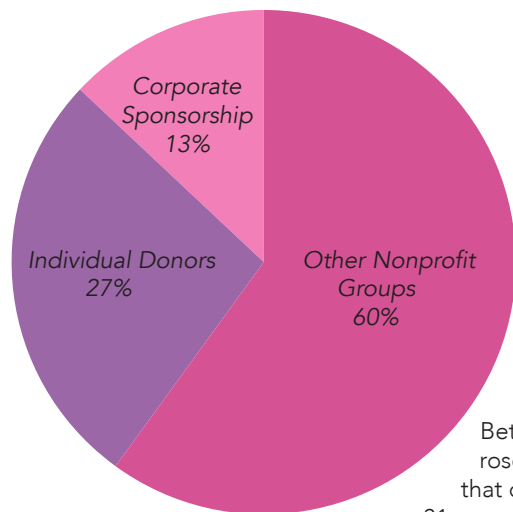
The deadline for Ohio high school seniors to apply for a 2026 scholarship is Monday, March 2. Girls can fill out the scholarship form and submit it online at [OGGF.org](http://OGGF.org).

In addition to scholarships, the Foundation also provides financial aid throughout the year to help girls travel and play in tournaments, locally, regionally and nationally. These applications are accepted year-round and are available on our website. In 2025, we awarded \$1,000 in financial aid.



If you are interested in learning more about sponsoring a named scholarship, please contact OGGF Executive Director Lynne Plaisance at [lynneplaisance@gmail.com](mailto:lynneplaisance@gmail.com).

## Where do our funds come from?



## Growth in Sponsorship Dollars

Between 2005 and 2025, the OGGF's sponsorship dollars rose from \$5,600 to \$63,817. In 2025, our "little charity that could" brought in more support than any of our past 31 years. Nearly one out of every three dollars donated came from our loyal group of individual donors. Last year, we also experienced the highest percentage of donations from other nonprofit organizations—\$38,477. Special thanks to the Northern Ohio Golf Association for sponsoring our new initiative in 2025, the Middle School Mentorship Clinics with a generous grant of \$10,000. Thanks to all!

## Record-setting scores at OGGF Showcase

In a testament to the high standards of girls' golf in Ohio, two standout athletes, Olivia Baker of St. Clairsville, and Gracyn Vidovic of Aurora, tied for first place with a record-setting score of 66 at the annual Ohio Girls Golf Foundation Showcase on July 21 at Avon Oaks Country Club.

"We are a fun, educational tournament that serves as the unofficial start to the girls' high school golf season and have some girls who shoot well below par and some who are just starting out, as we are here to grow the game and encourage all girls," says OGGF Executive Director Lynne Plaisance. "Girls' golf is growing, and we're proud to encourage, sponsor and support the game for the next generation of female golfers."

The showcase featured 15 high school teams, along with 18 girls playing as individuals from across the state. In addition to an 18-hole tournament, the girls also had an opportunity to hone their game, as the Foundation hosted LPGA Tour players, local PGA and LPGA professionals and golf industry leaders all in one location to share their expertise. Clinics included a rules seminar, short game techniques and an on-course clinic led by tournament headliners LPGA tour professionals Barb Mucha and Janice Moodie exploring the importance of the mental process to the game.



**TOP 10 INDIVIDUALS:** Olivia Baker, St. Clairsville, 66; Gracyn Vidovic, Aurora, 66; Kayla Knaze, Magnificat, 70; Elizabeth Pollock, Chagrin Falls, 72; Emerson Glending, St. Joseph Academy, 72; Korrine Knaze, Magnificat, 75; Annabelle Seville, Edison, 75; Elena Varga, Hudson, 76; Quinlan Malarkey, Cloverleaf, 78; Sammy Morgan, Southeast, 78.

## Register now for the 2026 OGGF Showcase

Monday, July 20

High school girls in Ohio are invited to this premier event at Avon Oaks Country Club, headlined by LPGA Professional Barb Mucha. Enjoy instructional clinics in the morning, followed by an 18-hole golf tournament and awards dinner. Note: Incoming high school freshmen and outgoing seniors are eligible to play.

Register at [OGGF.org](http://OGGF.org). For details, call 440-479-9579 or email [lynneplaisance@gmail.com](mailto:lynneplaisance@gmail.com)



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## OGGF clinics expand: tailored for beginners to advanced

Girls golf keeps growing and so are our clinics. We have added new **Tee Wee Clinics** for girls ages 5 to 7 years old to help them get off to a great start. And to help girls ages 8 to 18 years old hone their skills, we continue to offer **Spring Clinics** throughout the state that include instruction on all aspects of the game.

All clinics are conducted by PGA and LPGA instructors, and are geared for beginner to advanced players.

Deadline to sign up is one week prior to clinic start date. Cost is \$20 per session.

### Tee Wee Clinics

**Avon Oaks Country Club**  
32300 Detroit Road, Avon  
May 2, 9, 16, 23  
11:15 a.m. to noon

**Mark MacDonald Golf Academy**  
6400 Dixie Highway, Fairfield  
May 2, 9, 16, 23  
1 to 1:45 p.m.

### Spring Clinics

**Avon Oaks Country Club**  
32300 Detroit Road, Avon  
May 2, 9, 16, 23  
10 to 11 a.m.

**The Jim Wise Golf Academy at Medina Country Club**  
5588 Wedgewood Road, Medina  
April 4, 11, 18, 25  
3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

**Tannenhauf Golf Club**  
11411 McCallum Ave NE,  
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May 2, 9, 16, 23  
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**Windmill Golf Center**  
1511 East Aurora Road,  
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May 2, 9, 16, 23  
9 to 10 a.m.

*Find out more details, and register at [OGGF.org](http://OGGF.org).*

