

OSWGA STATEMENT ON RIGA/RIWGA MERGER

As you are all aware the RIGA and RIWGA are in talks to merge. The OSWGA wishes both organizations the very best in their future endeavor. We must remind all that this merger has not yet been approved by both parties. Should the merger be approved it will be announced at the RIGA Annual Banquet in December becoming effective in January 2014.

OSWGA will continue to operate as it has since its inception abiding by its Mission Statement:

The Ocean State Women's Golf Association was founded in 1995 by Trudy Dufault and Nathalie A. Price, two friends who shared success on the golf course.

Their purpose was to promote friendly but competitive golf among all women, regardless of handicap, in the state of Rhode Island. Their intentions were to bring together women from both the private and public sectors to establish a true Women's State Amateur Championship and to be recognized by the USGA as the host association for all state level events.

To fulfill their mission, a junior program and a scholarship fund were established for deserving young lady golfers to provide opportunities for growth and achievement.

OSWGA members will be afforded the opportunity to play on some of the finest golf courses available while belonging to an association which will be recognized by all for its integrity and equality.

At this time there are no plans or talks to merge with either organization. We appreciate your continued support and look forward to seeing you all in our tournaments for many more years.

Looking to the future-your Board believes the future success of this and any golf organization lies in its junior golfers. Several board members have committed to sponsoring a junior in this year's RI Women's State Amateur. We challenge you to take a junior at your club under your wing. OSWGA Junior Membership is free! Help them become an OSWGA member-show them where to get an application! Ask them to join your group in an event! Maybe, sponsor a junior in the State Amateur as well! We sure could use some juniors for the Junior/Senior!!

Feel free to email any questions regarding the merger to oswgaboard@oswga.org and we will answer them to the best of our ability.