The Ocean Ridge Veteran’s Association (ORVA) teed off on August 25 against the Rivers Edge Veteran’s Association (REVA) in the second annual ‘ORVA-REVA Challenge’ consisting of a ten-against-ten Two-Player Scramble at Panther’s Run Golf Links.

The highly competitive challenge was not just to earn bragging rights for the winning team, but also for possession of the highly coveted 18-inch “traveling” trophy adorned in red and white stripes with blue stars at the base topped with a gold golf ball sitting on a tee.

While ORVA once again gave everything in their power to bring home the trophy, the home field advantage was not enough to overcome REVA’s masterful play. Sadly, ORVAs grit, resourcefulness and determination were all for naught, as REVA’s skillful play proved too much to overcome. Truth be told, REVA handed ORVA an old-fashioned stomping, and discretion prevents the score from being announced in a public forum.

The ORVA team consisted of Kevin Jefferson, Mike Wessels, David Ozvat, Larry May, John Santini, David Marino, Herb Kaler, Greg Crowley, Andy Turlington and Fred Thorne. The REVA team consisted of Nick Micale, John O’Donnell, Jerry Arnold, Kurt Reynolds, Ron Johnson, Larry Shapiro, John Duncan, Dave Bass and Larry Dempsey.

Following the 18 holes, ORVA hosted REVA in Tamer’s Restaurant to a delicious taco buffet and ice-cold pitchers of thirst-quenching beer and iced tea that helped beat the oppressive heat of the day and made ORVA’s loss a little easier to accept.

After the lunch and tallying of scorecards, ORVA President, Kevin Jefferson, graciously accepted the defeat, praised REVA for their outstanding play, and presented the highly coveted trophy to REVA…until next year.

Both organizations agreed that the outing was another great success. REVA agreed to host ORVA in 2024 back at River’s Edge Golf Course. ORVA looks forward to the chance to break REVA’s stranglehold on the trophy.

ORVA is an ORP organization established by military veterans who are residents or property owners of the Ocean Ridge Plantation community. The association is open to all such veterans who, regardless of length of service, have been honorably discharged from the active-duty, Reserve or National Guard ranks of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, Space

Force, or Merchant Marines, as well as current active-duty residents.

The mission of the association is to foster camaraderie among Ocean Ridge veterans and

to give assistance to Veterans in need via local Veteran support organizations primarily in

Brunswick County, North Carolina and Horry County, South Carolina.

ORVA meets on the second Monday of each month at the Plantation Club. If you are interested in joining ORVA, please contact Kevin Jefferson at [kjjpmj3@gmail.com](mailto:kjjpmj3@gmail.com).

Caption for picture: “Ocean Ridge Veteran Association and River’s Edge Veterans Association prepare to square off at Panther’s Run during the second annual ORVA-REVA Challenge”