

Eagle Crest Golf News



Hard to believe we've come to the end of summer and soon we'll be in full fall mode. Overall, it's been a mild summer temperature wise and as of this writing (rain in the forecast) it looks like we will escape any further closure days due to wildfire smoke.

Our courses are well positioned and healthy heading into the fall. The cooler temperatures will allow for even better turf conditions carrying us all the way into late fall early winter. I know you will enjoy the golf opportunities provided at Eagle Crest over the next few months, it's usually the best time of the year. For those that qualify

It's also a great time to experience our partner courses for reciprocation benefits, especially those in our Troon Advantage program.

If you are not using our online tee time booking portal, I would encourage everyone to give it a try. It is easy to use and allows everyone access to our tee sheet 24 hours a day. Booking online gives you an advantage over those that book in person or over the phone with longer booking windows. This will come in handy as our hotel packages ramp back up and we see more transient business over the fall season. If you need your credentials again for log in, or instructions, please contact the golf shop.

Fairways and Greens,
Ron Buerger, PGA, Golf GM



On the Green

Shan Hartford, Golf Superintendent



As the weather continues to change and we slide into the prime cool season species turfgrass growing environment, the maintenance issues change from battling irrigation concerns to keeping up with the growth rate on the courses. Unfortunately, this increase in growth comes with a decrease in staffing as our summer seasonal staff has returned to the world of education. For the next couple of weeks, we will be doing our best to limit clipping piles and keep up with the rough and greenside surround growth. The first couple of frosty nights/mornings are just around the corner and will slow down the growth, helping us to present a better quality of cut through the golf courses.

Please be aware of frost on the golf courses and avoid being on the turf during frost conditions. People exercising their dogs, going for a walk, or using the course for any type of recreation at any time of the year is not welcomed. Any activity on the turf during frost conditions can do damage to the turfgrass. Golf management does not decide to delay tee times as a means of limiting play but to help protect the asset we maintain. Delays also mean that maintenance staff are unable to access the turf for maintenance and thus requires a longer delay for staff to get ahead of play. Autumn brings beautiful golfing weather along with possible restrictions on availability. Everyone understanding the potential constraints helps manage the situations in a positive direction.

In the world of turf maintenance, the fall season means an increase in cultivation practices such as aerification, vertical mowing, venting greens surfaces and topdressing. This year the aerification and vertical mowing of fairways will start up again with the Challenge course fairways scheduled for aerification. Dependent upon weather, the current maintenance schedule is more aggressive as the capital purchases the last couple of years has allowed us to address some much-needed deferred maintenance. In addition to the cultural practices the Challenge Course hole 17 will be part of a research project, the plots in the fairway are for tracking the different aspects of the project and will be marked by turf paint. Enjoy the beautiful Fall weather and the green grass under your feet.

Summer Golf Recap

The Local Drive Chip and Putt Qualifier was held on July 24th

With contestants from 7-15 years old everyone was in awe from watching these future golf stars! Without these volunteers it would not have been possible. Ron Cox, Reed Sloss, Alice Gommoll, Diane Concannon, Debi Edgerly, Kathleen Mooberry, Christine Drake, Bonnie Bozanich, Carolyn Curtis, Dianne Rogers and Mr Drake. We appreciate your willingness and support!



Men's Stroke Play Championship Aug 3rd & 4th

The 2nd Annual Men's Stroke Play Championship was contested at the Resort and Ridge Courses. The 2nd Annual Stroke play Event was a barn burner!! Dan Lindgren came scorching back with a day 2 -6 Under Round 66 to take the Gross Honors and Winning Back to Back Stroke Play Championships! Great Round Dan!! Congrats to the Net Champion Mark Younger for his solid 2 day play to take home the trophy.. We look forward to 2024 for the 3rd Annual Stroke Play Championship.

2023 PGA Jr. League Section Championship August 24th

Teams from all over the Northwest came together to compete for the chance to move on to the regional championship in Twin Falls Idaho Sept 8-10 Congrats to everyone and to qualifying teams from Seattle, Spokane, Chambers Bay, and Meadow Springs in Tri-Cities Washington



Eagle Crest Partners with Charities for Huge 2023 Success

More than 600 golfers will tee it up for Charity while playing Eagle Crest Resort this year. More than \$175,000 will be raised from events held at the Resort and these funds will go directly to the causes these organizations support. Below is a list of some of our key partners holding large events at Eagle Crest this year.

Ronald McDonald House Charities Central Oregon Open – June 2nd

140 golfers from all over the Pacific Northwest came together for a great day of golf, camaraderie, and food to support the Ronald McDonald House Charities. Together they raise funds to accommodate out-of-town families with housing and other needs when their child is receiving medical care at a hospital like St. Charles in Bend.

To learn more about Ronald McDonald House Charities click here - <https://rmhc.org/>

Bailey Beaulaurier Memorial Golf Tournament – YoungLife – July 14th

Put on by Eagle Crest's own Robyn and Tim Fields, the 2nd Annual Bailey Beaulaurier Memorial Tournament raises funds for the local Redmond YoungLife. 142 golfers were present for the event and helped raised funds for our youth in the community.

To learn more about Younglife click here - <https://redmond.younglife.org/>

Jericho Road – August 12th

Providing over 13,000 meals to over 10,000 individuals over the last year, Jericho Road assists those in need of meals here in the Redmond and Bend areas. They also provide meals for school kids over the weekend, and housing assistance for the houseless. Mike Bessonette coordinated the event, and 130 golfers participated for the cause.

To learn more about Jericho Road click here - <https://jerichoroadofredmond.org/>

From the Lesson Tee

Parker Shaddix, PGA Associate & Lead Golf Instructor



Fall is just around the corner and it's the perfect time to fine-tune your golf game before winter. Regripping your golf clubs is an essential step towards improving your performance on the course throughout the changing weather conditions. A fresh grip can provide the confidence and control you need for those crisp autumn rounds. There are several important reasons golfers should regrip their clubs:

1. **Maintaining Control:** A worn-out grip can slip in your hands, especially in damp or humid conditions. A fresh grip provides a secure hold, improving your control over the club.
2. **Consistency:** A consistent grip is crucial for consistent shots. If your grips are inconsistent due to wear, it can lead to erratic shots and hinder your performance.
3. **Comfort:** An old, hard grip can be uncomfortable to hold, leading to fatigue and potentially affecting your swing. A new grip with the right texture and size can enhance comfort during your round.
4. **Reducing Tension:** A good grip allows you to hold the club more lightly, reducing tension in your hands and arms. This promotes a smoother, more fluid swing, which is essential for accuracy and distance.
5. **Customization:** Regripping offers an opportunity to customize your clubs. You can choose the grip size, material, and texture that best suits your playing style and preferences.

In summary, regripping your golf clubs is essential for maintaining control, consistency, comfort, and safety while also allowing you to customize your equipment to optimize your golf game. It's a simple but effective way to improve your performance on the course this fall. Come in the the Ridge Pro Shop and chat with our golf professionals about getting your clubs regripped. "

In Memorium



Jim Griffith - 1942- 2023

Jim was a valuable piece to our Eagle Crest Family as a Starter/Marshal for the last 8 seasons here at Eagle Crest. Most everyone that played on Wednesdays & Thursdays knew Jim would be on the 1st tee of the Ridge Course waiting with a smile and more than likely a good joke! Last summer we did a volunteer spotlight on Jim and at that time he had not made the coveted hole in 1. He got that ace on August 2nd, 2022!

We are all extremely saddened by the passing of our FRIEND, and in memoriam of Jim's passing right outside the Ridge Course golf shop west entrance you will see a new Apple Tree planted in memory of Jim Griffith. This tree will produce beautiful white flowers each spring to commemorate each new season.

Make your tee times online!

Annual Pass Holders, use your credentials sent to you by email to make online reservations. If you don't have credentials, be sure to stop by the golf shop and get them. We encourage all pass holders to use this benefit as it allows you to make your tee times further in advance with no wait time or holding on the phone. In addition, if you have to cancel your tee time it's easy and accurate to do so.

Did you know?

The Eagle Crest golf specific website found at www.eaglecrestgolforegon.com has a "Course Conditions" page. This is a page where you can get more information about the impact of smoke and frost on the daily schedules. You will also be able to check golf shop hours, see our weather widget and find current and previous editions of our news- letters. Today we are focused on the air quality and the effects smoke has on our playability.

Below is a scale that we will use to determine if the course can be open and what amenities we can provide.

Eagle Crest AQI (Air Quality Index) Guidelines

When courses are open, all play is voluntary, and golfers play at their own risk.

AQI Scale

0-100= Business as usual

101-170 = Open with possible amenity and service limitations such as driving range, golf carts and beverage cart. Factors are forecast, work force availability and anticipated business levels.

171-225 = Possible play available, with likely amenity and service limitations such as driving range, golf carts and beverage cart. Factors are forecast, work force availability and anticipated business levels.

226 & up = Courses closed

There are no cancellation fees when AQI reaches 101 or higher.

Soon the smoke will clear out and our focus will shift to frosty mornings.

Changes to our Practice Facilities

Our new practice bunker nears completion on the Ridge and we are just days away from opening it. This bunker is designed to allow players to practice bunker shots from a variety of distances. Soon we will post yardages to the various flags on the range as well as the cups and flags being installed for shorter distances. Players will be able to practice shots from 15 to 130 yards from this bunker located on the east side of the teeing ground of the Ridge Range.

Moving forward all general practicing will be permitted only at the practice areas adjacent to the golf shops at the Ridge or Resort. The back of the range practice areas at both the Ridge and the Resort will no longer be available. The chief reasons for the change are liability concerns, contamination, and theft of range balls as well as maintenance costs. These areas will now serve as a nursery and turf testing areas. We are confident that our two well-conditioned practice areas at the Golf Shops will provide excellent practicing experiences.



New practice bunker on the Ridge Range will be open soon. Check with the golf shop for exact open date

We need your help

Cows on the course, people swimming in ponds, unauthorized vehicle/trailer access causing damage to courses. Plus, we can't leave out doggy poop bags piled up near sprinkler stations, on trees or filling up trash cans. As you can tell from the pictures, we have a lot of outside interference to deal with on the golf courses. I'm certain we'd all prefer our golf maintenance crews to dedicate their time towards the maintenance and upkeep of our courses rather than be derailed with additional burdens that consumes their time. These are just a few issues that have come up this summer and we'd like to address these types of issues much closer to the onset. Please if you see anything out of the ordinary, call the golf shop and report it. 541-923-4653. As a reminder the golf courses are for playing golf only. No other activities are permitted without the approval of golf management.



Social Media

FIND US ONLINE



@GolfECOregon



@GolfEagleCrestOregon

Fall Schedule Changes

Beginning September 4th, the first tee time is moved back to an 8am standard. Then on September 25th the first tee time standard will be adjusted to 9am. On October 8th the first tee time will be moved to 9:30am.

Our shotguns will resume on the Ridge (11a) and Resort (12p) Courses on November 6th. The Challenge Course will have tee times available beginning November 6th at 10:30a daily. Also beginning on November 6th, Silver pass holders will have the opportunity to play at 11am on the Ridge Course on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday and any day the Resort Course is offline through the winter season.

Course Info

Driving Range Schedules

Ridge clean pick

Closed every Wed-3PM

Resort Course clean pick

Closed every Sun- 3PM



Let us know!

Please inform us if your golf cart parking brake isn't working.

Be sure to leave us the cart

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date and course played this will help us keep up with repairs.

~Thank you!



Hours

9am-5pm daily

Resort Snack Bar

11am-5pm

7 days a week

Hours subject to change