

# Eagle Crest Golf News

Ron Buerger, Golf General Manager



As we transition into winter golf here at Eagle Crest its rewarding to look back on another successful season. Overall, the weather was mild once we warmed up from a slow cold spring. Summer wasn't too hot and although we had a bout with wildfire smoke, it could've been worse. We hosted the Oregon Open, PGA junior league Sectionals and the OGA team Championships. A slew of charitable events we hosted all had tremendous successes. Our momentum continues as we have incrementally moved the needle of improvement on our golf courses.

We accomplished nice list of items in 2023. This list includes:

A) Getting back on track with cart path overlays on the Ridge and Challenge. B) Refurbishing the interiors of our course restrooms on the Ridge and Challenge. C) Upgrading turf equipment. D) Installing two rail cars full of bunker sand. E) Continued upgrades of sprinklers and satellite controllers on the Resort Course. F) Finished up replacing batteries in our fleet of golf carts. G) Installation of new tee time system with upgraded online tee time system, just to name a few.

Be sure to read about our winter schedules, hours, etc. Which will be covered in more detail in this newsletter and posted on our website. Remember the Ridge and Resort Courses will be on a shotgun schedule beginning November 6th and running through March 10th, 2024. The Ridge shotgun begins at 11am and the Resort begins at 12p. Also, when you make your tee time for a shotgun the first two digits are in reference to the starting time of the shotgun and the last two digits are in reference to the hole you will begin play on. For example, 12:11p starting time indicates you are playing in the 12p shotgun on the Resort Course, starting on hole eleven.

Hopefully you are one of the many that are now making your tee times online. If not, please stop by and see us and we'll make sure you are set up. Also, make sure we have your email address so that we can send you direct updates on frost, snow or ice conditions that may affect your schedule of play.

Lastly, please check out the information on our upcoming Harvest Sale. This will be the biggest sales event we've had in several years.

Have a great winter season, Happy Holidays and we hope to see you soon!



# On The Green

Golf Superintendent, Shan Hartford and his assistant, Bogey

What an incredible run of beautiful weather to start fall season and after a brief cold snap the forecast is starting to look a lot more typical moving forward into late fall. That means it is time to start prepping the golf courses and facilities in earnest for winter. What does that mean for our players and the expectations of the courses?



Greens height of cut will be raised to allow for more root development, increased vigor of the plant for storing needed energy reserves and allowing the canopy to accept more topdressing sand. A heavier than normal blanket of sand will be applied and brushed into the canopy to help insulate the crown of the turfgrass plant and provide some protection against heavy foot traffic if the winter golf season is particularly busy. Individual courses will be closed for a couple of days in November for the application of snow mold protectants and anti transpirant products to protect against disease proliferation and moisture loss in the plant. Please be patient with the winterizing process as it is vital to the health of our putting surfaces coming out of winter.

Players will also notice fairways on the Challenge being core aerified and all three courses having the fairways thatched. The disruption to the playing surfaces and golfers is needed for the golf courses to improve. Our ownership has invested in the equipment and labor to address deferred maintenance and we will take advantage of this opportunity.

During the winter season please continue using proper golf etiquette with carts, make sure to close restroom facility doors and enjoy the sun when you can. We appreciate the help and understanding.

# On The Green- Frost Education

## 1. What Causes A Frost Delay In Golf?

Frost delays are caused when the temperature of the outside surface of the grass drops below the dew point during the night. This causes any moisture in the grass to freeze, thereby crystallizing the cells inside the blades of grass. Ice buildup on outside of plant from irrigation is not frost.

## 2. Can You Play Golf In The Frost?

Most golf courses will not allow you to play golf in the frost because it poses a significant risk to the turf on the course. For example, if one were to walk on frosted grass, this could cause damage that takes days, weeks, or even months to repair. Turf that has been frozen by prolonged freezing temperatures is not the same as turf under frost conditions.

## 3. How Long Does A Frost Delay Last?

Frost delays generally last between 30 minutes and three hours. The exact length of a frost delay is determined by how long it takes golf course to thaw out along with the time needed for maintenance staff to access the course and prep for play. Areas of the golf course that don't receive much sunlight will take longer to thaw, while areas that get plenty of sunlight will thaw very quickly.

## 4. Does Frost Damage Golf Turf and greens?

Frost will usually only damage golf turf and greens if there's a force applied to the turf while it's covered with frost – eg. animals/people walking on the greens, maintenance staff driving equipment. The crystallized cells inside the grass plant are crushed or ruptured causing damage or death to the grass plant. People walking dogs or running on the golf course in frost conditions causes same damage as golfers and/or maintenance staff.

## 5. How Does Golf Staff Test If There's Frost On The Course?

Sometimes it can be difficult to tell if there's frost on the greens. This is because frost and morning dew can easily be mistaken for one another, especially if it's a sunny morning. Frosted grass is dry to the touch and has little resiliency to bounce back from pressure when pushed on. The rising sun will also cause a downward shift in temperature of a few degrees that can bring on frost quickly.

## 6. How Long Does It Take Grass to Recover From Frost Damage?

It can take anywhere from a few days to several weeks for the grass to recover from frost damage, depending on the severity of the situation. Time of the season will also affect recovery as damage done in the fall has little or no time to recover until spring. Golf staff generally will be more aggressive in allowing play quicker in the spring than the fall.

# *On The Green- Frost Education*



**DON'T BE THIS PERSON!**

# Winter Golf Schedules

## WINTER HOURS AND SCHEDULES NOV 6, 2023 THROUGH MARCH 10, 2024

Ridge Course: 11:00a Shotgun daily.  
Golf Shop open 9:00a to 4:00p daily.

Challenge Course: Tee times daily from 10:30a-1:30p.  
Golf Shop open 9:00a to 4:00p daily.

Resort Course: 12:00p Shotgun daily.  
Golf Shop open 9:00a to 4:00p daily.

Ridge Driving Range will be on MATS only!  
Hours 10:00a- and closes promptly at 2:30p

Resort Driving Range will continue on turf through the winter.  
Hours 11:00a- and closes promptly at 3:30p

Please note driving range and shotgun times are weather dependent.

## Reminder for Silver Pass Holders

Silver pass holders will have the opportunity to play at 11am on the Ridge Course on Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, Friday and any day the Resort Course is offline through the winter season. We hope you can take advantage of this extra benefit.

# Fall Event Re-Caps

Clint O'Neil- 1st Assistant Golf Professional

As the weather takes on a cooler hue, Eagle Crest remains a hub of exciting events for the fall season. We've had a thrilling lineup of activities that showcased camaraderie, sportsmanship, and the sheer joy of being outdoors. Here's a closer look at some of the highlights:

**Fall BAR – October 7th & 8th** In early October, the Ridge Course at Eagle Crest played host to a remarkable event, the Fall BAR. An impressive gathering of 98 golfers came together for a two-day team competition that spanned our own course as well as the magnificent Glaze Meadow at Black Butte Ranch. Participants were welcomed with breakfast and stylish pullovers as tee prizes. This event offered a wonderful contrast to the unpredictable spring weather and provided two days of exceptional golfing experiences. If you missed it this year, keep an eye out for your chance to sign up your foursome next year!

**Ladies Team Closer – September 21st** On September 21st, the Ridge Course witnessed the grand finale of the Ladies Team Closer, organized by the Central Oregon Women's Golf Association (COWGA). This event took on a Waltz format and brought together women golfers from various clubs in the Central Oregon area, including Sunriver, Tetherow, Bend GC, Juniper, Widgi, and of course, Eagle Crest. COWGA consistently hosts events at some of the finest courses in the region. For more information on upcoming events and membership details, please visit their website.

**Men's Fall Classic – ECMGC – October 2nd, 3rd & 4th** In early October, the Eagle Crest Men's Club presented their much-anticipated annual Fall Classic. This three-day event took participants through each of Eagle Crest's impressive courses. The tournament also featured an exhilarating horse race, separate from the main event. In a closely contested competition, Gary Garner & Rich Bozanich and Lindsay Brack & Robert Hartog emerged as the victors in their respective flights. A total of 74 enthusiastic contestants battled it out in four flights to earn a spot in the shootout, ultimately won by Dave Abresch and Don Hadley, who claimed the coveted trophy.

**No Wimps Open – October 19th** This year's No Wimps Open held a special significance as it was played in honor of the late Jim Griffith. The event attracted an impressive turnout of 112 golfers who, undeterred by the brisk fall weather, tackled the toughest course setup of the year. Tee shots were challenged by fairway bunkers, tree obstacles, and greens tucked near the fringes, seemingly defying the laws of physics. After an exciting contest, two teams tied for first place with impressive -9 63s. A scorecard playoff eventually crowned the team of Scott Jones, Jerry McVay, Dave McKinney, and Gary Garner as the deserving champions.

These fall events at Eagle Crest have undoubtedly showcased the spirit of sportsmanship, camaraderie, and the unwavering dedication of the golfing community. We look forward to welcoming golf enthusiasts for many more exciting events in the future!

# Lessons Corner

Parker Shaddix, Assistant Golf Professional/Lead Golf Instructor

When the course is under wraps, it's the perfect time to work on your golf game in other ways. Our instructors can help you design a winter training program to sharpen your skills. From video swing analysis and indoor putting drills to fitness sessions tailored for golfers, we've got a range of activities that will keep you in the swing of things.

Playing with the right golf ball in colder weather can also significantly impact your game this winter. Cold temperatures can affect the compression and performance of golf balls, leading to reduced distance and control. Switching to a softer low-compression golf ball ensures that you maintain maximum distance and feel. Make the smart choice this winter and keep your golf game on par by selecting the right golf ball for the cold. Thank you all for a great 2023 Season !



# Credit Book Reminder

All 2023 Credit book winnings will need to be used by Dec. 31st 2023

Please come check out the Golf Shops for Gifts for the holiday season. We have some of the best golf brands in stock now with a variety of fall and winter collection items.

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