

# Eagle Crest Golf News



Is it September already?

Seems like yesterday we were ramping up for the peak season and now in a flash it's behind us. We had our usual weather challenges this summer going from perfect June, to record heat in July, to frost in August. We managed to get through the smoke though when it looked like we were against the wall. Now as we head towards Autumn, the kids are back in school, and we have the best time of the year before us. Given all the challenges, the courses have held up well. The Ridge greens have bounced back nicely from some heat stress in August. The Resort Course gets the honor of having our best putting surfaces over the season, and the Challenge Course has been tops overall.

Looking ahead we anticipate closing the Resort Course for the season on November 4th, to coincide with the beginning of daylight savings time. This will be the same date that we switch to offering shotgun starts on the Ridge. We recommend getting in some extra rounds on the Resort Course before it's offline for the winter. There will be plenty of competition for start times with the Silver Pass holders having full access to the winter shotguns, so be sure to utilize your online booking advantages. Also, you'll want to frequent our website [www.eaglecrestgolforegon.com](http://www.eaglecrestgolforegon.com) especially the course information tab to get updates on timeframes and frost delay's.

Lastly, I'd like to thank everyone for choosing to play golf at Eagle Crest Resort. On behalf of our entire team, we thank you. Have a wonderful fall season and we look forward to seeing you on the short grass.

Fairways and Greens,  
Ron Buerger, PGA, Golf GM



# On the Green



## Shan Hartford, Golf Superintendent

As we transition out of another record-breaking summer of heat that hopefully has ended with the first week of September staying in the mid 90's. The courses are showing the affects of trying to balance keeping the turf healthy and staying as firm as possible. Both championship courses have inefficient irrigation systems that age has not improved. Fortunately, the coming cooler weather makes it easier for staff to make adjustments to irrigation. Allowing wet areas to firm up without creating turf loss in other areas. The continued support of our ownership has allowed for recent purchases of upgraded aerification equipment, core destroyer, industrial blower and fairway verticutting units. This has created the ability to begin addressing tee boxes and fairways to increase turf health and irrigation efficiency.

This fall we will be focused on accomplishing as much maintenance as possible to create better conditions for the upcoming years. Greens surfaces will be solid core tined and top dressed in early October with little effects on play. Consistent with years past, we are not pulling a core in the fall as the core aerification will continue to be done in the late spring. Just a quick reminder that frost delays are just around the corner and to please stay off the turf until staff has opened the facilities for use. We appreciate the help of our guests and owners who follow proper etiquette in divot replacement, ballmark repair and cart usage. Looking forward to another beautiful fall of great weather, golf and green grass.



# Summer Golf Recaps

## **The Sub-Regional Drive Chip and Putt Qualifier was held on July 26th 24'**

With contestants from all over the northwest including Alaska we were in for a treat watching these young golfers. 3 Drive 3 Putts and 3 Chips got some kids closer to competing at Augusta National in April of 25' Thank you to all the volunteers that helped, you all made a difference that resulted in a special day for the Kids!



## **Men's & Women's Stroke Play Championship July 31st & Aug 1st**

The 3rd Annual Stroke Play Championship was contested at the Resort and Ridge Courses. This year's event we tried to add a Ladies division but came up short, so we added them into the flights. Winning the overall Gross title was Roger Eichhorn with rounds of 73-71= 143 to be crowned the 24' Champ. Winning the Overall Net was Dwayne Galyon with a 2-day net total of 146, congrats Dwayne! We also paid out the top 3 Net finishers in both flight 1 and 2 and had some great raffle prizes to Black Butte Ranch and Salishan Golf Links. Congrats to all the winners, we look forward to a much larger event in 25'

## **2024 PGA Jr. League Section Championship August 15th & 16th**

Once again Teams from the Pacific Northwest Section PGA were in town for the 2024 PGA Junior league Championships. Coming out on top in the 13-U division Chambers Bay sealed the deal with team scores of 32,33,35 edging out the Bend Bombers. In the 17-u division Meadow Springs from Tri-Cities, Washington took top honors with a blistering 62 best 2 of three scores over Chambers Bay. Teams will advance to Regionals at Meadow Lakes in Prineville Sept 5-7th Good Luck to all teams!



# *Eagle Crest Partners with Charities for Huge 2024 Success*

More than 400 golfers teed 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 7th

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/>

## **Jericho Road** – August 10th

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/>

## **Supporting Afghan Families** – June 29th

The vision is supporting Afghan families. Our mission is helping through financial support, networking with other rescue organizations and providing assistance and resources for those who desire to be afforded America's freedoms...Find them on the web at

<https://www.supportingafghanfamilies.org/>

## **Adult & Teen Challenge** – June 22nd

Teen Challenge operates recovery programs throughout the USA. Teen Challenge operates at a truly global scope, with over 1,200 centers operating in 118 nations. To learn more about these ministries and missions, visit the Teen Challenge Global website.

[https://teenchallengepnw.com/about/teen\\_challenge\\_story/](https://teenchallengepnw.com/about/teen_challenge_story/)



# *From the Lesson Tee*

Kevin Story, PGA, Clint O'neil PGA Associate  
Isaac Buerger PGA Associate



Fall is just around the corner and it's the perfect time to fine-tune your golf game before winter. Here are a couple items that will help you keep your gear and yourself ready to go for the cooler weather ahead!

**Lessons:** Invest in yourself! The fall season is a great time to re-assess your needs in your golf swing. Where are you needing help? Short game, putting, full swing? There are not a lot of events or tournaments you will be playing in so now is a great time to work on those areas.

Let our Professional Staff assist you with your swing and get you on track.

Reminder if you have credit on the books from this years winnings you can use that for lessons. Also any minute packages or lessons that have been prepaid need to be used by the end of the year!

**Equipment Needs:** We have demo clubs available from Titleist and Callaway. Let's get rid of those old clubs and give new technology a try, you will be happy you did! Also check with the Professional staff on the golf ball you use. There are a lot of options available, so we want to make sure you are fit into the correct golf ball as the weather changes.

## **Golf Tip of the Quarter:**

### Exercises and Training for a Better Golf Swing

Physical fitness plays a crucial role in your golf game. So, how can seniors hit the golf ball farther? The answer lies in targeted exercises and training. Incorporate exercises that improve flexibility, strength, and balance into your routine. Yoga, Pilates, and resistance training can all be beneficial.

For example, yoga can improve your flexibility and balance, two key components of a good golf swing. Pilates can strengthen your core, which is essential for power and control in your swing. Resistance training, particularly for your upper body and arms, can increase your strength and help you hit the ball farther.

# *Credit Book Information*

We are nearing the end of the season to use your credit book winnings for the year. If you have credit on the books everything won by the end of September must be used by Dec 31st 2024. Come on in and check out our selection of apparel, golf clubs and accessories in the golf shop! If we don't have it in stock we have a great vendor list and we can order.

## *Did you know?*

The Eagle Crest golf specific website found at [www.eaglecrestgolforegon.com](http://www.eaglecrestgolforegon.com) has a "Course Conditions" page. This is a page where you can get more information about the things that can impact timing of play on the golf courses. Issues like smoke and frost effects 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 newsletters.

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## *Pace Of Play*

What is the expected pace of play at our golf courses?

Eagle Crest has many forms of play, such as groups/tournaments, annual passholders, and general public play. As a resort facility, our goal is 2 hours and 15 minutes per nine holes on both of the championship courses and a total of 3 hours and 15 minutes on the Challenge Course. That being said unencumbered play from our frequent players such as Men's and Ladies Clubs and annuals should result in sub-4-hour rounds on the Ridge and Resort courses and sub 3hours on the Challenge. Our marshals are instructed to take into account these dynamics and approach groups accordingly.

# Merchandise Corner

As we near the end of season we have received our last installment of summer apparel. If you are looking for gifts for the holidays or just stocking up on for yourself, swing in and check out all of our merchandise. We have numerous brands of apparel and club companies to choose from.

**25% Off all Shorts and Skorts in Both Golf Shops and 20% off Golf Bags sale Runs Sept 9th to Sept 22nd**





# Social Media

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## Fall Schedule Changes

Beginning September 9th, the first tee time is moved back to an 8am standard On Ridge & Resort Courses and 9AM Challenge Course. Then on September 23rd the first tee time standard will be adjusted to 9am Ridge and Resort Courses and 10AM Challenge Course. On October 7th the first tee time will be moved to 10am.

Our shotguns will resume on the Ridge Course (11am) November 4th. The Challenge Course will have tee times available beginning November 4th at 10:30am daily.

We anticipate the Resort Course to be closed on Nov 4th for the winter season and reopen in March of 25'.

## Course Info

### Driving Range Schedules

Ridge clean pick

Closed every Mon-3PM

Resort Course clean pick

Closed every Tue- 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

8am-4pm daily

### Resort Snack Bar

11am-5pm

7 days a week

Hours subject to  
change