

Eagle Crest Golf News

Ron Buerger, Golf General Manager



Wishing everyone a Happy New Year!

We'll it was a fantastic run of great January weather. However, at the time of this writing snow is in the air. Our record pace for playable days to golf is now in jeopardy. Through the end of January, we've only been closed 16 days. The previous best season was the winter of 2021/2022 where we were closed for a total of only 24 days. Prior to that, we must go all the way back to 2012/2013 to find another winter with less than 30 days closed. But now it looks like February will be a cold month, guess we can't get too excited because Mother Nature can still throw us curve ball. 7 years ago, in February (2018/2019) we had a huge snowfall that kept us closed for 52 days over February and March.

Regardless of what the weather does this spring; we are on track for another great season of golf here at Eagle Crest. Our foundation here is the best it's been in 20 years. We continue to make incremental improvements across our departments which are confirmed by all the positive feedback we receive.

Our Planned 2025 projects include Resort Course golf shop upgrades for patio, restrooms and F&B, Resort irrigation upgrades & filling in pond between holes #6 & #8. refurbishing the Ridge pavilion, Ridge shop new carpet, Ridge cart paths, installing new drainage, new Ridge hole #18 fountain,

Enjoy this newsletter and always remember to visit our website www.eaglecrestgolforegon.com for the latest information. The team and I wish you a terrific season and we look forward to seeing you soon!



On The Green

Golf Superintendent, Shan Hartford

Sunshine is staying around a bit longer and the shadows are slowly starting to change but winter is still here, and I would imagine packing at least a couple more solid punches to remind all of us that spring is still waiting.

The slow start to winter and lack of freezing in January allowed golf maintenance staff to get a head start on some projects and renovations. Drainage systems have a life span of about 25-30 years in cool climates and we have started to see failures on all three courses that extend beyond our ability to flush the perforated pipes and reestablish the needed drainage. Our plan is to replace and extend in areas where needed approximately 3,000 lineal feet of drain lines this off season between the three courses.

Our maintenance staff have begun addressing the crowning in tee boxes especially on the Challenge course but there will be additional work done on selected tee boxes for the Ridge and Resort course where we have identified the worst areas. Tee boxes generally have a life span of 15-20 years when sized correctly to handle higher volumes of usage and the courses are showing their age regarding the infrastructure and construction.

We are again utilizing the winter months to do our part regarding the Community Wildfire Protection. Grants that have greatly reduced the risk of a catastrophic fire have and will continue to be utilized. We continue to work with the CWP Committee to facilitate the removal and disposal of fire fuels. This has been a very beneficial partnership for the last 8 years and will continue for the foreseeable future.

Look for some changes on the Resort Course facilities this spring with new patio, additional restrooms, F&B upgrades. I know we're all ready for the sun to produce some much-needed heat and to pull us all from the doldrums of cabin fever with the lure of green grass, daffodils and our green golf courses.

2025 Annual Pass tidbits

Annual Pass information has now been released to our website at www.eaglecrestgolforegon.com Everyone is encouraged to view the information on the “golf passes” tab. There you can print the registration form that you ’ll sign and return to the golf shop. This update pertains to the 2025 Annual Pass that begins March 1st and runs through February 28th of 2026. Below we’ve highlighted the two main changes being incorporated for 2025:

1. Range balls will again be included for annual pass holders. However, only the Platinum pass will continue to receive a full bucket each day. All other pass levels will have a half bucket included with their pass only on days their pass is valid. Gold pass holders which do not have playing privileges on Friday and Saturday would need to purchase their range balls on those days. Additionally, All Annual Pass holders will have the ability to purchase our range pass at half price in 2025.
2. In 2025 we will be offering a new introductory pass. The Quartz pass is for people interested in saving some money and that typically like to play their golf in the later afternoons. This will be available to new annual pass holders only. Anyone who is a first-time annual pass holder may purchase this pass and try us out. Similar to the Silver pass except play benefits begin after 2pm and reservations can only be made 7 days in advance. Winter play will be permitted on the Challenge Course only.

Who's ready for spring?

Kevin Story Head Golf Professional

Happy 2025!!!

As we look towards the upcoming 2025 season, we want to take a moment and go over a few housekeeping items.

Last year booking tee-times online became popular and the standard procedure for booking tee times. We thank you for helping us create this standard. With this reliance and convenience, we have some instructions / reminders we need to share with everyone.

Cancelation of tee times! Times must be cancelled within the proper time frame, or the person booking the time will be responsible for no show fees. Just as you booked the time online you can go back in and cancel out as well. Calling the golf shop is an option but you'll have a record of the cancellation if you do it online. So, if you're booking for a group of guys or gals make sure everyone knows the importance of communication, are they playing or not playing? We will be closely monitoring this throughout the season and appreciate your consideration to this. Please know that we understand the occasional need to cancel due to sickness, or weather and we'll take that into account. But the people who simply do not manage their tee times well will be in for an awakening.

On days there may be a frost delay or closure we will have the Eaglecrestgolforegon.com website updated prior to opening shop. We will also email each those on the tee sheet letting you all know of potential delays more than 30 minutes. Please use these 2 tools to check prior to calling the shop. The web will be updated after a decision is made by our golf maintenance staff.



Winter Golf Hours & Schedules

Tentatively through March 9, 2025

**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: Currently Closed
March opening date tentatively planned for March 15th for
annuals and employees only.**

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

**Please note driving range and shotgun times are weather
dependent.**

Shoulder Season Schedule:

**March 10-April 7th
Ridge tee times- 10am-4pm
Challenge tee times-10am-4pm
Golf Shop Hours- 8:30am-6:30pm**

From The Lesson Tee

Clint O'Neil- 1st Assistant Golf Professional

Eagle Crest Academy

Eagle Crest Golf Academy Announces New Golf Classes for Adults and Juniors

Starting April 2025

Eagle Crest Golf Academy is excited to offer a range of new golf classes—Golf 101, Golf 201, and Golf 301—starting in April 2025. These classes are designed to help golfers of all skill levels improve their game using a time-tested approach: learning from the Green to Tee. This method ensures that players build strong fundamentals from the ground up, regardless of their current skill level.

Each class will meet twice a week for a total of four weeks, with each session lasting two hours. This format provides a comprehensive learning experience that includes 8 hours of hands-on drills and instruction, along with approximately 4 hours of on-course play. The structure is designed to emphasize skill development and to give students real-world experience on the course.

Golf 101: The introductory class, Golf 101, focuses on the basics, beginning with putting and gradually progressing to chipping and pitching. This class is perfect for those new to the game or looking to refresh their fundamentals.

Golf 201: Building on the foundation of Golf 101, this class takes a deeper dive into the short game and expands to cover longer irons. Golf 201 is ideal for golfers who have mastered the basics and are ready to elevate their skills.

Golf 301: The most advanced of the three, Golf 301 focuses on perfecting longer irons, hybrids, fairway woods, and the driver. This class will be offered in mid to late summer and is designed for players who are ready to refine their overall game and tackle more challenging shots.

For more information about class schedules and availability, stop by the Eagle Crest Ridge Pro Shop or contact Clint O'Neil at clint.oneil@eagle-crest.com.

2025 Merchandise

We are nearing that time of the year that our golf shop will be receiving the spring shipments of inventory.

The first splash will be items from Under Armour, Antigua and Bermuda Sands. These collections will be followed by Footjoy, Greg Norman, GG Blue, Joseph Elliott, EP Pro and San Solie

Our new product deliveries will be consistently spaced out through spring, summer and fall.

Make sure to check things out when you visit the shop. Items will be put out for display more often this time of year. As always the early bird gets the worm and if you don't act fast you may miss out!

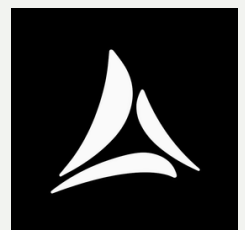
Equipment this year has some new excitement. Titleist rolled out the GT line of woods in early fall. We will also have a couple demo days throughout the season so definitely sign up for those more info to come! Titleist has also launched the all new line of golf balls for the 2025 season.

Callaway has its new ELYTE lineup of woods and a revamped Odyssey putter line, And the full line up of Chrome Soft, tour soft ball as well.

Check with Kevin if you need anything we can see if we can special order.



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