**Summer 2025** 

# **OUARTERLY NEWSLETTER** Vol 5 Issue 11 Eagle Crest y News

## **General Manager- Ron Buerger**

We are excited to kick off the 2025 season with a strong and promising start, looking forward to a wonderful summer ahead. We've successfully carried over great momentum from 2024 and are continually refining our practices to foster positive growth. Course conditioning is particularly noteworthy, as we have completed our annual aerification process and adjusted our greens height right on schedule. Soon, some of our newly seeded areas will blend seamlessly into the landscape, enhancing our scenic beauty. Overall, the feedback we receive has been overwhelmingly positive, and we are eager for the potential this year holds for all of us.

Once again, we are grateful for the support that enables us to make annual upgrades. This spring, we've notably paved the cart paths on Ridge holes 4 and 5, as well as 7 and 8. Additionally, we've acquired a new rough mower and greens mower, rebuilt our pumps, installed a new fountain on Ridge #18, refurbished our pavilion, replaced the pavilion tables, updated the Ridge golf shop carpet, and introduced a new beverage cart, among other enhancements.

We are fortunate to have assembled an exceptional team, including some familiar faces returning to us. We are thrilled to welcome back Parker Shaddix as an assistant golf professional after his departure last year. Furthermore, Jimmy Cubillas has re-joined our team and will lead our outside services at the Ridge. Our golf shops feature both new faces and many returning veterans, so be sure to say hello to our team members: Vicki, Adam, Steven, Ryan, Laura, Adrian, Paul, LuAnn, Stacey, Clint, Isaac, and Kevin when you visit! We all wish you a fantastic golf season.

## Thank you,

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**Golf Blog** Kevin Story, PGA Head Golf Professional

Why Play Golf? (Besides the Obvious Excuse to Avoid Chores) Let's be honest: golf is weird. We voluntarily chase a tiny white ball across acres of grass, sometimes in the rain, often while questioning our life choices. And yet, we keep coming back. Not because we're gluttons for punishment (well, maybe a little), but because golf is sneaky—it teaches us stuff. Good stuff. Life stuff.

## 1. Patience Is a Superpower:

Golf will test your patience faster than Portland traffic on a Friday afternoon. You hit a perfect drive, follow it up with a wedge that somehow ends up in a bunker you didn't even know existed—and now you're contemplating your entire existence. But golf teaches you to breathe, regroup, and try again. Kind of like life, just with more sand.

## 2. Honesty Matters (Even When No One's Watching):

Golf is one of the only sports where players call penalties on themselves. You nudge the ball accidentally, it's a stroke—even if no one saw it but the squirrels. That quiet integrity you develop on the course? It follows you off it. Into your job, your relationships, your everyday choices.

## 3. Bad Days Happen-Keep Swinging:

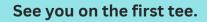
We've all had that round where the driver turns into a divot-digging shovel and your putter suddenly feels like a broomstick. But every round ends. You go home, maybe sulk for a bit, and then guess what? You come back. Golf teaches resilience. One bad hole doesn't ruin the round—unless you let it.

## 4. It's Not Just a Game-It's Community:

There's something special about walking 18 with your regular crew, catching up between shots, talking trash after someone chunks a chip. Golf connects us. Whether it's early morning tee times or twilight nines, it builds friendships in the fairways.

## So, Why Play Golf?

Because it's fun. Because it's frustrating. Because every now and then you hit that one pure shot that feels like magic. Because it keeps you humble, keeps you laughing, and reminds you to keep showing up—even when you're double-bogeying your way through life.

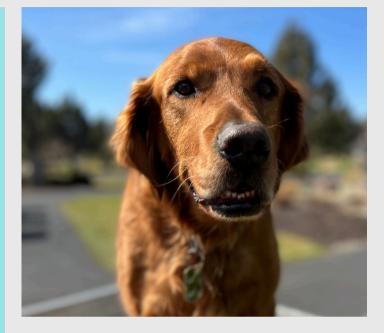


On The Green

Golf Superintendent, Shan Hartford and his assistant, Bogey

## COURSE MAINTENANCE

Some stretches of abnormally warm weather have accelerated the season for our golf courses and created some beautiful stretches of days for enjoying the sun and green grass. Every piece of equipment that can mow grass is being utilized along with additional days and hours for our staff to try and keep up with the turf growth. The turf loves these warm days as much as you do and is growing at a remarkable pace right now. Part of our capital expenditure this year is another rough mower to help us get everything mowed twice a week. The capital expenditures for this year just wrapped up with the structural work needed and painting of the pavilion, storage shed and propane enclosure. This vear also included overlayed cart paths on the Ridge course from 4 green to 5 tee and 7 green to 8 tee. Besides the rough mower an additional greens triplex mower has been added to our fleet.



The Resort course is undergoing improvements with funding for drainage and sprinkler replacements on hole 11, along with adding topsoil and seeding. Improvements are already visible, and patience is appreciated as cart traffic is restricted on seeded areas. Two staff members, Derin Abbott (5 years) and Chase Enoch (25 years), will leave on May 30th, leading to staff role shifts and promotions. Seasonal staff are returning, allowing for better maintenance of golf facilities. Optimism is expressed for a summer free of extreme temperatures and smoke.

Shan & Bogey





Lessons Corner

Kevin Story Head Golf Professional Clint O'Neil 1st Assistant Golf Professional Isaac Buerger 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Golf Professional Parker Shaddix Assistant Golf Professional

#### **Mini Golf Mastery Boot Camp**

Join Coach Kevin starting July 10th at 11am, right at the Ridge Range! Swing by the Ridge Golf Shop to sign up for this 4-week journey ending on July 31st. Just \$99 for the whole kit and caboodle, but feel free to drop in for \$30 a week if you're feeling spontaneous.

> Dive into topics like: Perfecting Your Putting Chipping like a Pro Pitch Shots with Precision Conquering Bunkers

Let's sharpen that game within 100 yards, because that's where the magic and scoring happens!

Join Ladies Academy 101, a six-week golf program designed for women, focusing on fundamental skills in a relaxed atmosphere. Led by a certified PGA Coach, sessions every Wednesday cover putting, chipping, pitching, and full swings, blending skill-building with oncourse play.

#### **Pricing:**

Full Academy (6 weeks): \$250 Single Session: \$50 Limited spots available; secure yours by emailing Clint.ONeil@eagle-crest.com.

#### **Benefits:**

- Personalized coaching for beginners
- Supportive, all-women environment
- Networking opportunities and new friendships

Have fun while learning!

Fore Your Best Game!



## **Upcoming Events You Can Participate In!**

**June 21st** Supporting Afghan Families Golf Tournament Fundraiser – Supportingafghanfamilies.org

## July 30-31st Eagle Crest Stroke Play Championship – To sign up email Clint.Oneil@eagle-crest.com

## August 9th

Jericho Road Fundraiser Tournament – For Inquiries email – mebessonette@bendbroadband.com

## August 2nd

NW Golf Guys – Ridge Course Event – NWGolfGuys.com

## August 26th

PNW Drive, Chip, and Putt – Ridge Course Practice Facility – drivechipandputt.com Juniors Only



Congratulations to the Following individuals on their recent Hole in 1's!

March 1<sup>st</sup> 2025- <u>Tim Causey</u> Ridge #13 April 4<sup>th</sup> 2025 - <u>Richard Evan Piazza</u> Ridge #3 April 26<sup>th</sup> 2025-<u>Tracy Byers</u> Ridge #3 June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2025- <u>Janet Fierar</u> Ridge #16

# HOLE-IN-ONE

Golf Accolades

Just for Fun!

#### **Photo Contest**

Each month, we will showcase a breathtaking photo on our social media channels. We invite you to send in your submissions via email. A winner will be selected every month and will receive a pass for a guest golfer. Additionally, monthly winners will be featured in our seasonal Newsletter! We encourage participants to capture the beauty and spirit of the game. This could include a stunning landscape of a golf course at dawn, an action shot of a swing in motion, or a candid moment of camaraderie among players. Please ensure that all photos are taken at Eagle Crest Courses.

To participate, please ensure your photo is high resolution and includes a brief description of the scene or moment captured. We can't wait to see your creativity and passion for golf reflected in your entries. Happy snapping, and may the best photo win! A Little Birdie Jold

Course Schedules and Golf Shop Hours: Ridge and Challenge golf shop hours are 6:00a to 8:30p. Resort Course golf shop hours are 6:15a to 8:00p. Practice facilities are available 6:30a to 8:00p daily. Mondays Ridge Range Closes at 4PM For Clean Pick Tuesdays Resort closes at 4PM for Clean Pick Riding cart, return times for the Ridge and Challenge courses,

returned to golf shop no later than:

8:30p May 16 – June 14 8:45p June 15 – July 31 8:15p Aug 1 – Aug 14 7:45p Aug 15 – Aug 30 7:30p Sept 1 – Sept 14 7:00p Sept 15 – Sept 30 6:30p Oct 1 – Oct 14 6:00p Oct 15 – Oct 30

Riding cart return times for the Resort course, reduced by 30min off the schedule above.

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Online Tee Time Reservations for Annual Pass Holders

As an annual pass holder, you can easily book your tee times online using your credentials from the golf shop management system. To check available slots, please visit [www.eaglecrestgolforegon.com]

(http://www.eaglecrestgolforegon.com), go to the "tee-times" section, and select "Annual Pass." Don't forget to sign in at the top right corner to update your account details if necessary.

## Key Details:

- Booking window now defaults to 1 Player not 4 Reminder to change to appropriate # of players when searching for your tee time.
- Reservation Timeline:
- Platinum pass holders can reserve tee times 21 days in advance.
- Other pass holders can reserve tee times 14 days in advance.
- Phone reservations are limited to 7 days ahead.
- Credit Card Requirement:

A credit card is required to prevent "no-shows," with fees applicable as per your signed agreement. The golf shop may waive fees for unforeseen circumstances, but repeated violations will incur charges.

## **Punch Pass Users:**

Punch pass users can make online tee times through a public portal for an additional booking fee or can call for reservations 7 days in advance without incurring fees.

## Additional Guidelines:

## • Dogs on Course:

Only service dogs are permitted on the course; casual dogs are not allowed to ensure the cleanliness of the area and safety of our guests.

## • Pace of Play:

Aim for 2 hours and 15 minutes for nine holes on championship courses and \*\*3 hours and 15 minutes on the Challenge Course. Frequent players should target under 4 hours on Ridge and Resort courses and under 3 hours on the Challenge Course.

## • Alcohol Policy:

Outside alcohol is not permitted; all beverages must be purchased through Eagle Crest outlets in accordance with Oregon liquor laws.

Let's Celebrate!

Celebrating the O'Neil Family's New Arrival

Congratulations to the O'Neil family on welcoming their third baby girl this May! Be sure to extend your congratulations to Clint when you see him back in the shop, as he is now the proud father of three daughters!

May this newest addition bring even more joy and laughter into their lives. It's a wonderful time for the O'Neil family, and we wish them all the happiness as they embark on this exciting new chapter. Here's to sleepless nights filled with giggles and a home overflowing with love!



Kudos to the Black Bombers for their triumph in this year's Eagle Crest Cup! A heartfelt thank you goes to Mike
Bessonette, Kevin Story, Isaac Buerger, Dave McKinney, Dan Kellogg, Ron Cox, Ron Shoquist, and Eric Erickson for stepping up into leadership roles. A particularly special thanks to Eric Erickson, as this achievement would not have been possible without your dedication and hard work for the men's golf group.

What's Happening ! ?!



## Resort Club House Expected

Completion: July 1, 2025