

# Eagle Crest Golf News

Ron Buerger, Golf General Manager

**Happy New Year and welcome to the 2026 season!**

**This offseason has been nothing short of remarkable. As we reach the early part of February, weather-related closures have totaled just ten days—an extraordinary start by any measure. For perspective, even our mildest winter on record saw 24 closure days, a mark last reached during the 2021–2022 season. To find another winter with fewer than 30 days closed, we have to look back more than a decade. Simply put, we're off to a historic pace.**

**No matter what spring brings, Eagle Crest Golf is exceptionally well-positioned for another outstanding year. Our foundation is stronger than it has been in over 20 years, and the steady, intentional improvements made across our department continue to be reflected in the positive feedback we receive from our golfers and guests. Change is not always recognizable or obvious but trust me we've been hard at work improving the infrastructure that we lean so heavily on.**

**We're excited to launch the 2026 season with momentum. Our brand-new fleet of Club Car golf carts is ready to roll, and the Resort Course patio upgrades are complete and primed for full season-long enjoyment. Looking ahead, planned 2026 improvements include enhanced lighting and fans in on-course restrooms, completion of Ridge cart path paving, and continued irrigation and drainage upgrades across the courses. Golfers can also expect a refreshed menu in the F&B outlets, expanded service hours, and increased beverage cart availability.**

**We hope you enjoy this newsletter, and we encourage you to visit [www.eaglecrestgolforegon.com](http://www.eaglecrestgolforegon.com) for the latest updates and information. On behalf of the entire team, we wish you a fantastic season of golf and look forward to welcoming you back to Eagle Crest very soon.**



# Course Agronomy

Golf Superintendent, Shan Hartford

## Winter Course Update

This winter has been anything but typical. Extended stretches of mild, sunny weather have created excellent winter golfing conditions and increased rounds played. While we are pleased to see our pass holders out enjoying the courses, the additional cart traffic places added stress on turf—particularly around greens, tees, and cart paths. Greens are holding up well, but the effects of this traffic will carry into spring and early summer. We ask all golfers to help protect course conditions by avoiding shortcuts and continuing in the same wear patterns. Please follow established cart-traffic guidelines. Small efforts now will have a meaningful impact on course quality in the months ahead.

## Course Work Underway

Despite the busy winter season, the maintenance team continues to make progress on key projects across all three courses:

- Tree limbing and canopy management to improve irrigation efficiency, turf health, and playability
  - Community Wildfire Protection efforts, working alongside homeowners to reduce fuel loads and enhance safety
  - Irrigation and drainage improvements, which will continue well into spring as aging systems require ongoing repair and upgrades
- Golfers should expect to see maintenance activity on the course as we work to stay ahead of these necessary repairs.

## Playing Surface Management

Mild conditions have allowed for improved bunker maintenance and a consistent rotation of hole locations. Our goal is to move pin positions every 6–7 golfing days, weather permitting.

Tee markers will be adjusted by maintenance staff as needed. To help limit turf damage, please do not move tee blocks. Remember that the teeing ground extends two club lengths, and using the full area helps spread wear. Turf damage on tees can remain visible well into late spring or early summer until soil and air temperatures support recovery and seed germination.

## Thank You

We appreciate your cooperation and care for the course during this unusual winter season. Enjoy the sunshine while it lasts, and we remain hopeful for increased snowpack to support long-term water needs. Thank you for helping us maintain the best possible playing conditions.

# Who's ready for spring?

Kevin Story Head Golf Professional

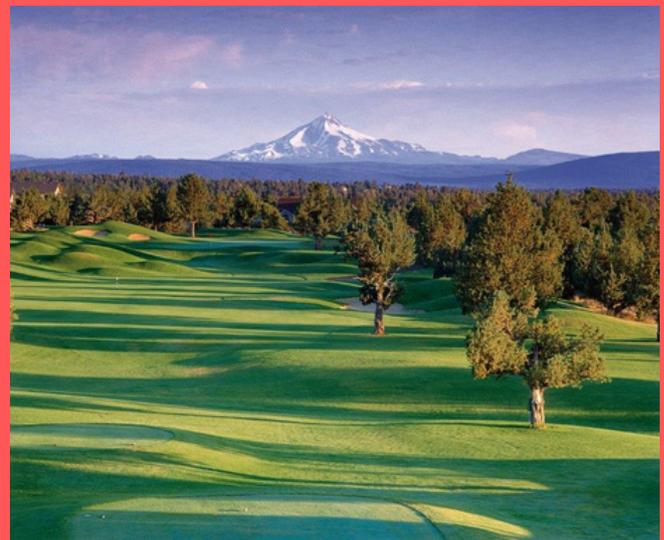
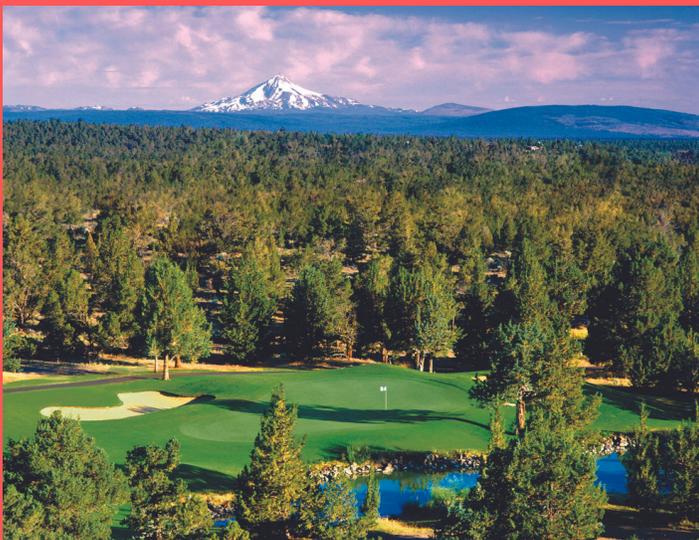
As we close the chapter on another memorable golf season, I want to take a moment to sincerely thank you for being part of our golf community this past year. Your support, enthusiasm, and passion for the game are what make our facility such a special place to work and play.

The 2025 season was filled with great golf, strong participation, and many memorable moments on the course. From early-morning tee times to long summer evenings, it was a pleasure seeing familiar faces and welcoming new golfers alike. On behalf of our entire golf staff, thank you for choosing to spend your time with us here at Eagle Crest Resort!

As we look ahead to 2026, our team is already hard at work preparing for an exciting new season. Our professional staff remains committed to providing an outstanding golf experience—from course conditions and pace of play to instruction, events, and customer service. If there is ever anything we can do to enhance your time at the club, please don't hesitate to reach out. We truly value your feedback.

Thank you again for a great year of golf. We truly appreciate your loyalty and look forward to seeing you back on the course soon as we gear up for an exciting 2026 season.

Wishing you a great offseason and continued good golf.



# Golf Cart Bliss

If you've been hibernating—or living underground—you may have missed some very exciting news: Christmas came early at Eagle Crest Golf!

On November 20, the final shipment of our 172 brand-new Club Car golf carts arrived, rolling straight off the semi-trucks and into service. While the new carts maintain a familiar look and color, they come packed with major upgrades designed to elevate your round from the first tee to the final putt.

Here's what makes them special:

- **Lithium-Ion Battery Power:** A lighter-weight, longer-lasting battery delivers improved performance and reliability throughout your round.
- **Automatic Braking System:** The new autobrake engages automatically when the cart comes to a complete stop. Simply press the accelerator to release and go—smooth, safe, and effortless.
- **Redesigned Forward/Reverse Switch:** Conveniently placed in clear view for easier operation (remember to come to a complete stop before switching).
- **Enhanced Power Gauge:** Know exactly where you stand with a precise battery charge display, giving you confidence for every hole.
- **Upgraded Dash & Convenience Features:** Enjoy dual USB charging ports, improved drink holders, and expanded storage—all thoughtfully designed for comfort and ease.

Simply put, golfing at Eagle Crest just got even better. We can't wait for you to experience the difference firsthand—see you on the course!

# 2026 Annual Pass Info

We're excited to share our 2026 Annual Pass information, now available on our website [www.eaglecrestgolforegon.com](http://www.eaglecrestgolforegon.com). We encourage everyone to review the details by visiting the "Golf Passes" tab, where you can view the latest updates and print the registration form. Completed forms may be signed and returned directly to the golf shop.

All 2026 Annual Passes will be valid from March 1, 2026, through February 28, 2027. Below are several key updates and enhancements being introduced for the 2026 season:

## 1. Expanded Reciprocal Play

Reciprocal play has been enhanced for 2026 with the return of a past favorite, Running Y Ranch/Resort. We're also pleased to welcome Centennial Golf Club—one of Medford's premier courses—to the program. Additionally, Widgi Creek, Stone Creek, Salishan, and Emerald Valley will continue as reciprocal partners. Reciprocal play will be available exclusively to Platinum and Gold Pass holders in 2026 and offers 30%–50% savings off peak-season greens fees and cart rates. These excellent rates provide great incentive for planning in-state golf getaways. For questions regarding specific course discounts, please connect with our staff for additional details.

## 2. New "Grand Guest Benefit"

New for 2026, the Grand Guest Benefit allows Platinum Pass holders to extend a 50% discount on guest green fees to select guests. Each Platinum Pass holder may use this benefit for up to three guests per year.

## 3. Enhanced Preferred Discounts

Preferred discounts have been improved for 2026. Platinum and Gold Pass holders will now receive a 15% discount on both golf shop merchandise and golf food and beverages. All other pass levels will continue to receive a 10% merchandise discount in the golf shop only.

## 4. Adjusted Reservation Windows

Reservation windows have been adjusted for the upcoming season. Advanced online tee-time reservations may be made by Platinum 14 days, Gold 12 days, and Silver, Bronze and Quartz 10 days in advance. Reservations made by phone or in person are now limited to just 2 days in advance for all pass levels.

## 5. Pass Rate Adjustments

As is customary, pass rates will see a slightly higher than normal increase this year coinciding with the upgraded fleet of golf carts. The Gold Pass will be the exception, as it has been restructured from a 5-day pass to a 4½-day pass, valid Sunday afternoons through Thursdays for the 2026 season. We hope you take advantage of the additional benefits to offset the increases.

We look forward to another great year of golf and appreciate your continued support. Please visit our website for full details, and don't hesitate to reach out to the golf shop with any questions.

# Reciprocal Spotlight

We are pleased to highlight a new reciprocal club for 2026.

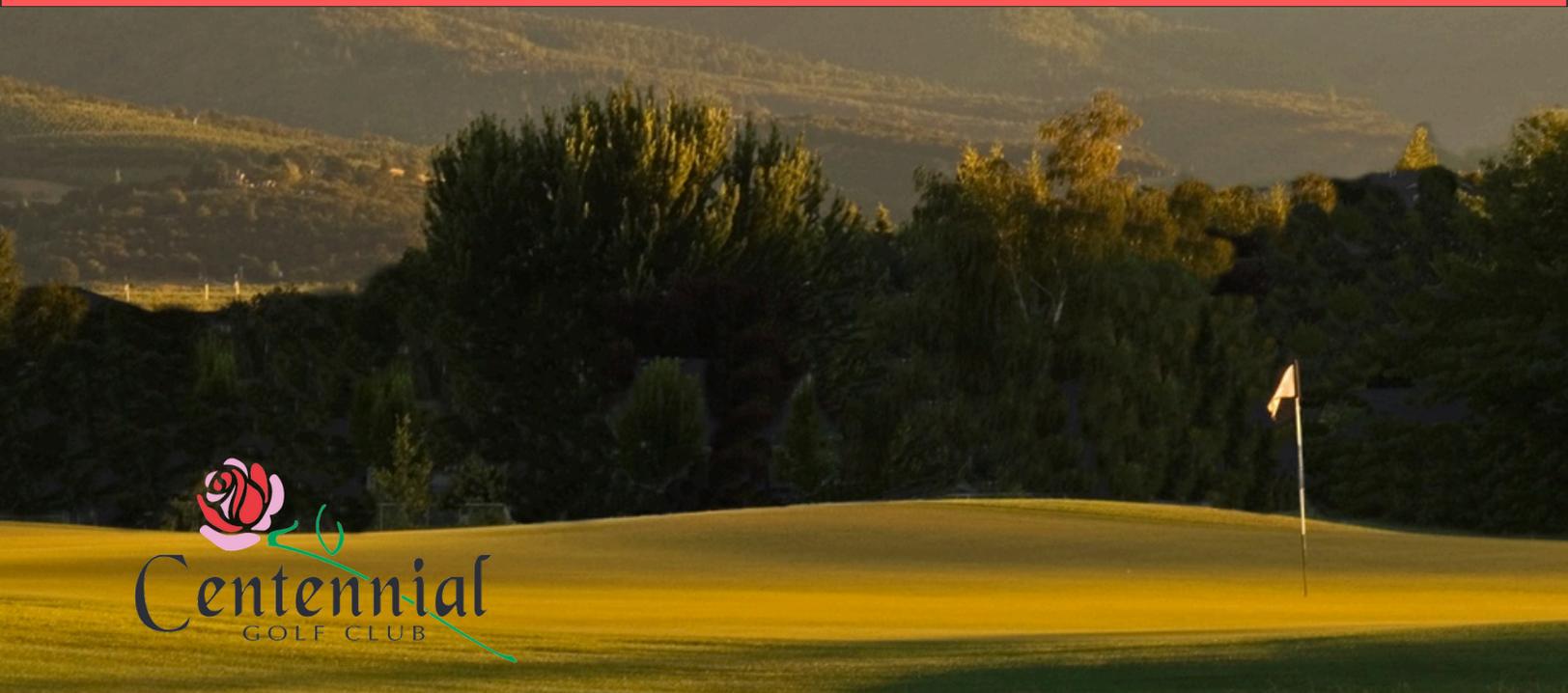
Centennial Golf Club in Medford, Oregon opened to rave reviews on May 20, 2006 and has been the talk of the town since. This new facility boasts 18 holes of spectacular golf designed by two time PGA Tour winner and 1977 US Amateur Champion, John Fought. Centennial Golf Club is centrally located in Medford, Oregon at the heart of the bountiful Rogue Valley region.

Stretching over 7300 yards from the back tees, this fun-filled layout is also home to an inviting clubhouse (complete with golf shop and restaurant) and a functional practice facility.

“The design at Centennial was inspired by the classic designs from the Golden Age of golf course architecture when such geniuses as Donald Ross, Alistair Mackenzie and AW Tillinghast were creating their master works” states golf course architect John Fought.

Dont forget to visit the plethora of fantastic vinyards in the Medford area!

Please contact one of our Golf Professionals to book your tee time!



# From The Lesson Tee

Clint O'Neil- 1st Assistant Golf Professional

## Get Ready for Spring Golf 🏌️

**Now Is the Time to Prepare for Your Best Season Yet**

Spring is just around the corner, and while the calendar may still say winter, the most prepared golfers are already laying the groundwork for a strong start to the season. A little preparation now can make a big difference once the course conditions improve and the competitive rounds begin.

Here are a few simple but effective ways to get your game—and your equipment—ready for spring golf.

### 1. Tune Up Your Fundamentals

Winter is the perfect time to revisit the basics. Focus on grip, posture, alignment, and ball position. These fundamentals often drift during the season, and a quick reset now can pay dividends when you return to full play. If you haven't had a professional lesson recently, early spring is an ideal time to schedule one and establish a clear plan for the season ahead.

### 2. Short Game First

Great golf starts from 100 yards and in. Chipping, pitching, and putting are areas that can be practiced year-round and deliver the quickest improvement. Even short indoor putting sessions help maintain feel and confidence. As conditions allow, spend extra time dialing in distance control and solid contact—your scores will thank you.

### 3. Check Your Equipment

Before the season gets busy, inspect your clubs:

Are your grips worn or slick?

Do your grooves need cleaning or evaluation?

Is your putter setup still comfortable?

Spring is also a great time to consider a club fitting or equipment check to ensure everything matches your current swing—not last year's.

### 5. Set Goals for the Season

Whether it's lowering your handicap, playing more consistently, or simply enjoying the game more, setting clear goals helps guide your practice and focus. Write them down and revisit them throughout the season.

Spring golf arrives quickly, and those who prepare early always enjoy it more. If you'd like help with lessons, fittings, practice plans, or equipment services, the golf shop staff is here to assist you.

We look forward to seeing you on the range and on the course soon—here's to a great season ahead!

# Food & Beverage Updates

Eagle Crest Resort's Food & Beverage Team has exciting plans for 2026, focusing on enhancements to the Greenside Café and Resort Course Snack Shop. A new point-of-sale system will make ordering faster and more convenient, featuring QR codes, online ordering for quick pickup, and loyalty discounts for Platinum and Gold pass holders.

Both outlets will debut new menu concepts in March. At the Greenside Café, the focus will be on golf-friendly, handheld options perfect for enjoyment on the golf cart or while heading to the 10th tee, along with elevated plated dishes for relaxing on the patio after your round.

At the Resort Course Snack Shop, expect expanded hot food options with upgraded takes on classics like hot dogs, brats, and sausages; simple, delicious, and satisfying. We aren't trying to reinvent the wheel, but we're committed to delivering variety, quality, and convenience every time you visit our outlets.

We are also committed to prioritizing consistent and available beverage cart service throughout the peak golf season. We have heard your feedback and will strive to ensure you can enjoy your round with a full selection of beers, wines, cocktails, non-alcoholic drinks, and snacks during your round.

Cheers to the new year!



# Golf Hours & Schedules

Through March 6th, Golf Shop hours 9:30a to 4p. Ridge Course: 11a shotgun, Challenge Course 10:30a to 1:30p tee times. Practice facilities 10a to 4p with mats only.

Beginning March 7th, Golf Shop hours 8:30a to 6p.

Ridge Course: 10a tee-times, Challenge Course 11a tee-times, Ridge practice facility will be open from 9:30a to 5p, limited to mats only.

Resort Course 11am Shotgun.

Resort Driving Range open 10a to 3p.

All times and schedules are weather dependent.





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