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FROM THE GOLF GM

As we turn the calendar toward fall, I want to take a moment to thank all of our annual passholders, homeowners, guests, men's and ladies clubs, and friends for making this such a great golf season at Eagle Crest.

It has been a terrific year so far, and we are very grateful for the support you have shown us. Rounds are up, the courses are in great shape, and the fall season is off to a fantastic start. I also want to thank our wonderful staff, we are very fortunate to have assembled a tremendous team of employees who take pride in what they do and are committed to providing the experience you should expect at Eagle Crest. Their hard work and dedication are a big part of what makes this place special.

Mother Nature has also been pretty kind to us this year. We have enjoyed a remarkable summer with very few days reaching above 95 degrees, giving both our golfers and our courses a welcome break from the extreme heat experienced in past years. We did have our share of smoke and poor air-quality days, but thankfully, those periods were relatively limited compared to what could have been a much more challenging summer. Now, as we head into fall, the golf courses are looking great, the temperatures are cooling but still very comfortable, and the forecast is looking like a great season ahead. Fall in Central Oregon is one of my favorite times of the year to play golf, and I hope you will take advantage of the beautiful conditions that are ahead.

Thank you again for your continued support, your loyalty, and for being part of the Eagle Crest golf community. We don't take that support for granted. Our goal is to continue building on the momentum of this season and make sure every time you visit Eagle Crest is a great experience.

Enjoy the fall, enjoy the golf, and thank you for a great season!

Fairways and Greens,
Ron Buerger, PGA, Golf GM

On the Green

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Another summer is in the books at Eagle Crest Resort, marking a season of continued progress across our golf facilities. We experienced a strong year in overall course conditions, landscaping improvements, and irrigation system management. All three courses enter the fall season in good condition, allowing our team to shift its focus toward preparing the courses for winter while continuing to improve conditions, aesthetics, and playability for the upcoming season.

Fall brings several important maintenance practices that, while occasionally disruptive to play, are essential to the long-term health and quality of our golf courses. Greens aerification dates are posted on our website, and all three courses will undergo some combination of aerification, deep vertical mowing, and topdressing of the putting surfaces this fall. Tee boxes will also be aerified and dethatched to improve turf quality and provide firmer, more consistent playing surfaces.

The Resort Course will receive extensive slice seeding as our staff continues to address areas of poor turf quality. This work will be supported by upgrades and additions to irrigation sprinklers, followed by reseeding to improve turf density, coverage, and overall playing conditions.

Throughout 2026, our efforts have centered on three strategic initiatives for the golf facilities:

1. Survey-Informed Improvements. We addressed concerns regarding the height and density of primary rough and focused on improving the quality and playability of turf surrounding the greens.
2. Presentation and Aesthetic Improvements. We continued to create a more cohesive appearance across tee complexes, signage, cart traffic management areas, and landscaping throughout the golf facilities.
3. Course Playability and Infrastructure. We continued upgrading sprinklers and drainage systems while maintaining an aggressive repair schedule for irrigation breaks. Irrigation control systems were also refined to improve precipitation rates, water distribution, and overall irrigation efficiency.

Looking ahead, we will continue to focus on elevating the overall quality, presentation, and playability of our golf facilities while delivering sustained value to our guests and owners. We hope everyone enjoys the fall golf season. As temperatures begin to cool, please remember that frost delays will become increasingly common. Be sure to check the daily course information before heading out to play.

Thank you for another great season at Eagle Crest Resort.

Summer Recap

FROM THE HEAD PROFESSIONAL

Eagle Crest Golf Operations: A Successful Season

As we look back on another great golf season at Eagle Crest Resort in Redmond, Oregon, we want to recognize the outstanding participation and support of our Men's and Ladies' Golf Clubs. Their enthusiasm, camaraderie, and love for the game continue to make Eagle Crest a special place to play and enjoy golf.

A successful season is built on great people, strong relationships, and a shared commitment to providing an exceptional golf experience. We are fortunate to have dedicated Men's and Ladies' Clubs who bring energy and sportsmanship to our events, leagues, and tournaments throughout the season.

We also enjoyed a great club-fitting experience with Titleist, giving golfers an opportunity to explore equipment options and find the right fit for their games. These fitting opportunities help our golfers make informed equipment choices and continue improving their performance on the course. We appreciate Titleist's support and commitment to helping golfers get the most out of their game.

We would also like to recognize our outstanding golf operations staff. Their hard work, professionalism, and commitment to customer service help keep our daily operations running smoothly and ensure our passholders, members, and guests feel welcome every time they visit.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to another memorable season at Eagle Crest. We appreciate your continued support and look forward to building on this success as we prepare for another great year of golf.

Kevin Story, PGA



Merchandise Corner

End-of-Season

Golf Shop Sale

Clubs • Apparel • Gear

Coming Nov 16-20

Swing into savings with our end-of-season deals on golf merchandise!

This is the perfect opportunity to stock up on high-quality gear, whether you're an avid golfer or just getting started. As a valued customer, you can maximize your savings by using your credit book dollars, making these deals even sweeter. From clubs and bags to apparel and accessories, our selection is sure to meet your needs.

Don't miss out!



Course Parameters

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS

Fall & Winter Golf Cart Usage

As we move into the fall and winter golf season, we want to remind all passholders that golf cart usage may be adjusted based on course conditions and weather.

Cooler temperatures, rain, frost, and winter conditions can make the golf course more susceptible to damage. To help protect the course and keep it in the best possible condition, please follow all posted cart restrictions and staff instructions.

Please remember:

- Use cart paths whenever they are available.
- Follow all "Cart Path Only" and other posted restrictions.
- Stay away from soft or wet areas.
- Never drive carts on tees or greens.
- Keep carts at least 20 yards from the edges of tees and greens when a path is not available.
- Course conditions may require additional restrictions or temporary walking only.
- Please respect all directions from the golf shop and golf course staff.

Our goal is to keep the courses playable throughout the fall and winter while protecting the turf for the upcoming season.

Thank you to all of our passholders for helping us take care of Eagle Crest and for your continued support of Eagle Crest Golf.



Rules Corner



Winter is upon us, which means many courses across the country deal with challenging conditions created by colder weather. Golfers are a hearty bunch, but your local course will likely not be in midseason shape. When these conditions might interfere with fair lies, many facilities will play what are commonly referred to as “winter rules,” and which are known in the Rules of Golf as Preferred Lies. This is covered by Model Local Rule E-3. So how does it work?

Winter rules allow a player to lift their ball in the fairway and place it on a different spot. The committee in charge or golf course should set the size of the relief area that the ball has to be placed in (Eagle Crest should be 12"). This distance uses the original location of the ball as the reference point, and the ball can't be placed any nearer the hole than that point. Once lifted, the ball can be cleaned or even replaced with a different ball. If this process were to allow the player to go from fairway to fringe, or even from fairway to rough, that is OK as well.

Winter rules should generally only be used in the fairway of the hole being played. If they are extended to areas outside of the fairway, it could result in a player unfairly getting free relief from a place where the ball might otherwise not have been playable, such as in a bush or group of trees. Once the player places the ball using the procedure above, it cannot be lifted again and must be played as it lies.

Utilizing winter rules is a great way to extend the season and enjoy the benefits of golf as long as the weather permits.

Embracing Fall Golf in Central Oregon

A few simple adjustments can help you make the most of the changing seasons.

There's something special about golf in Central Oregon as summer fades into fall. The mornings are crisp, the colors begin to change, and the pace of the golf course takes on a different feel. With a little preparation—and a few adjustments to your game—cooler weather doesn't have to mean the end of the golf season.

Layer Up & Stay Comfortable

Central Oregon weather can change quickly, so dressing in layers is one of the easiest ways to stay comfortable throughout your round. Start with a lightweight base layer and add as needed. Keep rain gear, an extra pair of socks, gloves, and a warm hat in your bag for those unexpectedly chilly or wet days.

And remember: keeping your hands and core warm can make a noticeable difference in your ability to swing comfortably.

Give Yourself Time to Warm Up

Cold temperatures mean your body needs a little more time to loosen up. Rather than heading straight to the first tee, spend a few minutes warming up with short wedges and gradually work your way into longer clubs.

There's no need to hit a hundred balls. The goal is simply to get your body moving and your swing feeling comfortable.

Think smooth tempo—not maximum effort.

One of the biggest adjustments golfers face in colder weather is distance. Cooler temperatures, heavier clothing, and softer fairways can all take a few yards off your game.

Instead of trying to swing harder, consider taking an extra club and making a controlled swing. A smooth 6-iron is usually a better option than trying to squeeze every last yard out of a 7-iron.

Fall golf often comes with conditions that are different from what we experience during the summer. Frost, wet turf, leaves, and changing temperatures can all influence a shot.

Watch your ball carefully, pay attention to your lies, and be patient when conditions aren't perfect. And when frost is present, remember that a delay is an important part of protecting the course and keeping it healthy throughout the winter.

Most Importantly—Enjoy It

Perhaps the best way to approach fall golf is to embrace the change.

Your distances may be different. The fairways may play softer. The wind may require a little more thought. That's part of the fun.

Central Oregon gives us an incredible golf season, and with the right preparation, there's no reason it has to end when summer does.

Add a few layers, check the forecast, adjust your expectations—and keep playing.

Charity Support

More than 500 golfers teed it up for Charity while playing Eagle Crest Resort this year. More than \$200K will be raised from events held at the Resort and these funds will go directly to the causes these organizations support. Below is a partial list of some of our key partners holding large events at Eagle Crest this year.

Ronald McDonald House Charities Central Oregon Open – June 12th

144 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 8th

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/>

Saras Project- Womens Mens Mixer Sept 22nd

Sara's Project, part of St. Charles Foundation, supports

local individuals and families affected by breast cancer, providing items such as:

Educational materials, local resources and product samples

Assistance with the costs of therapies such as massage, acupuncture and yoga

Financial assistance for patients who need help with non-medical expenses

Breast cancer research through St. Charles Health System

American HERO Adventures: Sept 11th-- We serve Heroes. To us, a Hero is anyone who raised their right hand and signed on the dotted line to serve and protect this great nation. Those Heroes include Military, Law Enforcement, Fire, EMS and Federal Agents. We all chose to take an oath to protect and defend this great nation. Together, they guard Lady Liberty and the American way of life. While some do their jobs here on the homeland, some do it in far away lands. At the end of the day, when the sun has set, we are all on the same team. The team of the Red, the White and the Blue. <https://americanheroadventures.org/our-mission/>

Staff Spotlight

Jimmy Cubillas- Outside Service Manager
Isaac Buerger- Assistant Golf Professional



Q: Jimmy- How long have you worked at Eagle Crest?

9 years.

Q: What were your previous careers?

Golf industry 28 years and Fed-X for 8 years.

Q: What do you like about working at Eagle Crest?

I like working at Eagle Crest because of the staff I work with. Everyone makes it enjoyable to share the workspace. Additionally, I love the game of golf and enjoy being around the game and play as much as I can!

Q: Isaac- How long have you worked at Eagle Crest?

I first began working at Eagle Crest in August of 2017.

Q: What were your previous careers?

Although Eagle Crest has been my primary workplace throughout my career, I have gained experience across several departments. In 2017 I began working in the cart barn, where I spent two years before moving into the golf shop as a shop attendant in 2019. Following the completion of my collegiate playing career, I turned professional and accepted the position of 2nd Assistant Golf Professional. From 2019 to 2024, I completed as an NCAA Division I golfer at Weber State University in Ogden, Utah, participating in 42 tournaments during my collegiate career.

Q: What do you like about working at Eagle Crest?

I enjoy being part of the team environment at Eagle Crest, working alongside a great group of golf professionals and golf staff. I also enjoy competing in tournaments and pro-ams with our annual pass holders and helping golfers improve their skills and develop their games through both on-course instruction and lessons on the practice tee.

Make sure and tell Jimmy and Isaac thank you!

Schedules & Such

Fall Schedules

Starting October 12. The first tee time is 10:00a at Ridge & Challenge Courses, and the Resort Course will feature 11:00a shotguns through the end of the month.

Ridge and Challenge golf shop 9:15a to 6:00p daily. Resort Course golf shop 9:30a to 4:30p daily.

Practice facilities are available 9:30a to 5:00p daily with the following exception: Ridge driving range will close on Mondays at 2:30p and the Resort Course driving range will close at 3:30p daily.

Putting Course is available for open play from 10:00a to 5:00p.

Winter schedule starts Nov 2 - Resort Course is closed for the winter and the Ridge and Challenge shop will have business hours of 9:30a to 4:30p daily, with our traditional Ridge Course shotgun starting at 11:00a daily.

- Reminder Winter Shotguns: Silver Passholders may play in the 11:00a shotguns
- Quartz Passholders: Winter exclusive Challenge Course access only with pass starting Nov 2.

Challenge Course tee times will be available from 10:30a-1:30p daily.

On days frost is present we will update the (**Course Information Page Dropdown**) at www.eaglecrestgolforegon.com no later than one hour prior to the first tee time. In addition each player on the tee sheet will receive an email with information related to delays of more than 30 minutes. Please monitor this information prior to calling the golf shop.



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