

ECMGC Newsletter

Eagle Crest Men's Golf Club
Holidays 2022



President's Message



Greetings,

The 2022 golf season is drawing to a close. We have had a very successful year with our Wednesday Play and Tournaments. We added the Ryder Cup which was well received. We came in second place in the Resort Cup which is the best showing in years. At our general meeting, held in November, the Executive Board was approved for another two years. Roger Edgerly will continue as President; Dave Miller will continue as Treasurer while Steve Laurin was elected to the position of VP/Secretary. We will meet during the off season to plan for our 2023 events and to discuss the overall direction of the club.

It is fair to point out that the first two years of our new ECMGC organization was intended to get our club organized, set board positions, establish job descriptions, establish an entity (non-profit), set up a bank account, and create a mission statement with our vision for the club. Although no small task, we established how we were going to run our Wednesday Days Play including payouts. We also trained individuals on Golf Genuis. We added an awards ceremony to issue hardware to all our winners. A busy time for us to set our organization so future members will have a general roadmap to

follow. I was hoping to get more done but, time and health issues put a damper on my energy to move forward.

Looking toward next year, we can now spend time on how to make the changes we need to become an even better club. We plan to meet with some of the other Central Oregon Men's golf clubs to share ideas and understand what they do well that we might be able to add to our program. We will also have some meetings with non-board members to determine what we should do differently to meet our members expectations. We have a very good mix of low, medium, and high handicappers that balances everyone's interest. We will continue to meet about every six weeks with Eagle Crest golf staff to review ideas and suggested changes.

We look forward to the 2023 golf season as there are many new items (charity golf events, adding match play, possible Fall Classic awards dinner with spouses, more competitive golf games, and making a serious run at the Resort Cup on the



agenda. We will continue to work hard to make the club the best in central Oregon. If you have ideas that could help our club, please submit those ideas to the Advisory Committee.

Enjoy the Holidays, stay well and keep swinging.

Roger Edgerly
President ECMGC
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I want to begin by thanking the members of the golf committee for their work this year. The 2022 members are Mark Haskin, Steve Laurin, Jerry Hoth, Rich Jenkins, Eric Erickson, Ray Tatarka and Greg Middlebrook. The committee helped decide the games, formats and tournaments this year.

Golf Genius. A major thank you to Eric Erickson for taking the lead with Golf Genius and supporting all the major events and many of the weekly tournaments. Thanks also to Jay Webber and Ron Cox for their role in support of these events.

Weekly Games. The weekly games are rotated through all three courses on dates set by Troon Management. This year we tried to balance the games with a variety of individual, two-man and four-man events. This was in answer to requests from the membership.

Resort Cup. Congratulations to the Eagle Crest Resort Cup team for their excellent 2022 season. Eagle Crest placed second to Widgi Creek, the best finish in years. Kudos to Greg Middlebrook who captained this year's team.

Home and Home Events. We were only able to complete one home and home event this year with Juniper. Weather caused cancellation of part or all of the games with Crooked River Ranch and Quail Run. Thanks to Jerry Hoth and Steve Laurin for coordinating the Home and Homes.

Tournaments. This year we had 3 tournaments sponsored by the men's club. One change this year was to avoid playing tournaments on three consecutive days at the request of the membership (Fall Classic excluded).

The Match Play Tournament was replaced by the Ryder Cup Tournament which was enjoyed by most players with the White Team defeating the Blue Team. The Ryder Cup Tournament will return as a club tournament next year.

The Club Championship Tournament was held at the end of August. Pat Swope won the (gross score) club championship and will represent Eagle Crest Men's Golf Club at the Oregon Tournament of Champions next year. This year we added a net club champion, and that honor was won by Greg Middlebrook.

The Fall Classic was enjoyed by 64 players in four eight-man flights. There were winners in several categories besides the flights, including the horse races and the putting contests. The overall winners of the

flight champion playoff were Ron Shoquist and Steve Nord.

Next Year: Planning will soon begin for next year. Here are some notes for your consideration.

1. If you have suggestions for our weekly games, formats etc. please send them to Mike Bessonette.
2. Early in the year we will be forming committees for each of the tournaments in 2023. If you want to serve on one or more of these committees, please sign up when the invitations are sent out early in 2023. The planned tournaments are Ryder Cup, Men's Club Championship and the Fall Classic.
3. Some interest has been expressed in holding a match play tournament in 2023. If you are interested in being on the committee to organize this tournament, please respond when the invitation for committees is sent out in 2023.
4. It is anticipated that the Resort Cup and Home and Home Events will be handled the same in 2023 as this year.

Finally, thanks to all members who participated for a fun and successful year for the Eagle Crest Men's Golf Club.

Mike Bessonette, Golf Committee Chair
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Our members' last golf event for the 2022 season is scheduled for December 14th. Keep checking your emails for details.

Next year's membership will begin January 1st, 2023. We will soon have membership forms available for sign up for another exciting year of golf here at Eagle Crest. And don't forget our Tournaments and Home and Home events with other nearby golf courses.

In addition to men's club dues, we all have to renew our GHIN card through the Eagle Crest Golf Proshop. That means two separate checks. The Proshop can explain the various annual golf passes that are available from the Eagle Crest Golf course management.

Don't forget that hole in one insurance is a onetime fee of \$15.00 that continues year after year as long as we still have funds left. Of course, if we had a flurry of hole in one's we might run out in which case we would all have to pay again to resupply the fund. We have never come close.

We had 103 golfers in 2022. 2023 should bring in even more members as we continue our great golf experiences. Our goal is to create an enjoyable golf atmosphere for all abilities and enhance the camaraderie among golfers during our regular Wednesday play and our different tournament formats.

If you know anyone who would be interested in joining our club please let us know. And, keep your eyes open for additional details on exciting events for the coming year.

George Mead
Membership Chair
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TREASURER'S REPORT

We have another month to go for the year but the following numbers should be very close for the total year of 2022:

Based on our strong membership showing of 103 members we brought in \$4,635 in dues for the year. The other major source of revenue was our annual rebate from Eagle Crest resort of \$3,200. Therefore, total revenues for the year are \$7,870.

The major expenses were the club's subsidies of our four major events of the year. The subsidies go towards tee prizes, awards and luncheons, which allows most of the entry fees for the events to go toward actual winnings paid out to the participants.

We contributed the following amounts:

\$1,740 to the Ryder Cup;

\$1,400 to the Club Championship;

\$1,570 to the Fall Classic;

\$2,450 to the year end luncheon and awards.

With total expenses of \$7,715, we will grow the bank balance by \$155 and will end the year around \$5,100.

For 2023 we may be adding a fifth event to the calendar and will likely have a budget to take the bank balance down by about \$1,000.

The Hole in One fund stands at \$564, and had one draw this year of \$188 (congrats Michael Mooberry), so the balance should be sufficient going forward.

I'm always open to questions from the members.

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