

# ECMGC Newsletter

Eagle Crest Men's Golf Club

June 2021



## President's Message



**Greetings,**

We just completed our first in-person Board of Directors meeting. It is great to be back to some sense of normalcy since the pandemic has put a damper on our schedules. Our meetings have moved to twice a month as much of our plans are in place and only require monitoring. Our club continues to grow with the membership above 90 players. There has been a change in Café management with Natalie Rogers assuming the lead role. They continue to supply good food and drink. Now, with the covid restrictions being removed, we are ready to start getting some specials for the Men's Club Wednesday Play and a couple of luncheons in the future. We will begin with some snacks and drinks on a monthly basis for Wednesday Play (see attached menu).

We have had a couple of changes on the BOD. Dan Kellogg has accepted the position of Vice President/Secretary. Dan was our Advisory Chairman and continues to bring common sense to our meetings. Curtis Davis has accepted the position of Advisory Chairman. He has some ideas on how to reach our members for input on ideas to improve our club.

Our tournament planning is in full court press operation. Several meetings are being

conducted to prepare for the Club Championship and Fall Classic tournaments. We are working very hard to make each tournament very attractive for our members with competition, prizes and camaraderie. Stay tuned for advance notice about the events and registration.

We are also in the middle of our Home and Home series. As of this writing we are 4 – 0 which could be a first for ECMGC. Keep up the great team play!

Our Resort Cup will be starting on June 21<sup>st</sup> at Eagle Crest Ridge course. We are in the middle of the Team selection process. Let's bring home the trophy to Eagle Crest!

As some of you are aware, several of our members have developed a slow pace of play mindset. Dan has included a USGA Rules of Play in the newsletter. Please read and let's start making a better effort for everyone's benefit. I would also ask other members in the group to help keep the group moving and on schedule.

We will continue to work hard to make our club one of the best in central Oregon. If anyone has any ideas that could help our club, please submit those ideas to the Advisory Committee so we can evaluate if we can implement. Stay well and keep healthy.

**Roger Edgerly**  
President  
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# UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Time	No Grps	Course	Game
7-Jul	7:30 SG	25	Resort	Red Tee Shamble 4 somes
12-Jul	8:30 SG	TBD	Black Butte-GM	Resort Cup
14-Jul	7:30 B9	20	Ridge	2 net BB + red dot after
21-Jul	7:30 B9	20	Challenge	3 Club + Putter
28-Jul	7:30 B9	20	Ridge	1 low gross AB 1 low net CD
4-Aug	8:30 SG	20	Ridge	Individual low net flighted
5-Aug	8:30 SG	TBD	Juniper	H & H With Juniper (Thur.)
11-Aug	8:30 SG	25	Ridge	2 net minus drives in fairway
18-Aug	8:00 B9	20	Challenge	2 man shamble
TBD	11:00 SG	TBD	Widgi Cr.	Resort Cup
24-Aug	7:30 B9	20	Resort	Club Championship
25-Aug	7:30 B9	20	Challenge	Club Championship
26-Aug	7:30 B9	20	Ridge	Club Championship



## USGA PACE OF PLAY

Playing at a better pace is not about hurrying up or rushing around the course. It is simply about being more efficient with your valuable time, as well as everyone else's. Adopting this mindset – and not being afraid to share it with your fellow players – will ultimately add enjoyment to your golf experience. Here are some recognized tips for improving pace of play:

### **Start smart**

Confirm your tee time in advance and make it a point to arrive at the tee early with your golf equipment in order, ready to play. Remember essentials like extra balls, tees, gloves and appropriate clothing for the day's weather conditions.

“Tee It Forward” unless you are consistently able to reach greens in regulation from the back tees.

In other words, play from a set of tees that is comfortable for you – one where you are more likely to hit lofted irons into greens instead of hybrids or fairway woods. It is acceptable for players in the same group to play from different tees. (The USGA Handicap System provides a formula for adjusting handicaps from different tees.)

### **Minimize your time on the tee**

On the tee it is usually acceptable for players to “hit when ready.” You can also save time by playing a provisional ball ([Rule 27-2](#)) if you think your original ball might be lost or out of bounds.

### **Plan your shot before you get to your ball**

Once you are off the tee, think ahead. Determine your yardage and make your club selection before it is your turn to

play. Very often, you can do this while others are playing, without disruption. If you take your glove off between shots, have it back on before it is your turn to play. Even a small step like this saves time.

### **Keep your pre-shot routine short**

Pick your line of play once and trust yourself. Try to take no more than one practice swing, then set up to the ball and play your shot. Most importantly, be ready to hit when it is your turn. Be efficient after your shot too. Start moving toward your next shot promptly.

### **Aim to play in 20 seconds**

From club selection to pre-shot routine to execution, strive to hit your shot in 20 seconds when it is your turn to play. Help keep play moving at a brisk pace.

### **Develop an eye for distance**

You don't have to step off yardage for every shot. If you need to determine precise distance, try to find a yardage marker before you reach your ball, then step off the yardage on the way to your ball. Or, consider investing in an electronic range-finder or global positioning system for golf and use it when permitted by Local Rule. If others you are playing with are not familiar with the course, the Rules permit players to exchange yardage information without penalty.

### **When sharing a cart, use a buddy system**

Don't wait in the cart while your cartmate hits and then drive to your ball. Get out and walk to your ball with a few clubs. Be ready to play when it is your turn and then let your cartmate pick you up. Or, drive to your ball after you drop your (con't)

cartmate off and then pick him or her up after you hit.

**Be helpful to others in your group**

Follow the flight of all tee shots, not just your own. Once in the fairway, help others look for their ball if you already know the location of yours. Volunteer to fill in a divot or rake a bunker for another player if needed. Be ready to attend the flagstick for others.

**Keep up with the group in front of you**

Your correct position on the course is immediately behind the group in front of you, not immediately in front of the group behind you. Arrive at your next shot just before the group in front leaves the area in front of you. If you are consistently not able to keep up and a gap opens in front of you, invite the group behind you to play through.

**Be efficient on the putting green**

Mark your ball and lift and clean it when you arrive at the putting green so you will be ready to replace it when it is your turn to play. You can usually line up your putt while others are putting, without disturbing them. Leave your clubs on the side of the putting green closest to the next tee. Wait until the next tee to record your score.

**Remember that picking up your ball is permitted by the USGA Handicap System**

If not in an individual stroke play competition, it is generally OK to pick up your ball and move on to the next hole if you are “out” of a hole and want to maintain pace of play. This applies in match play and many forms of stroke play, including Stableford and best-ball play.

**Dan Kellogg**  
VP, ECMGC

**June Golf Committee News-**

E.C.M.G.C. has done very well in the home and home events this year. We have four wins and no losses. A big test is coming up on June 29<sup>th</sup> when we face Crooked River Ranch at their course. They have defeated us handily the last several years. Hopefully, that will change this year.

We have completed the Match Play Tournament. We had 41 golfers participate. There were 11 brackets. The bracket winners were Dennis Rector, Roger Edgerly, Roger Duby, Ray Tatarka, Ron Cox, Mike Bessonette, John Boynton, Jerry Hoth, Curtiss Davis, Dan Myers and Michael Mooberry. Each of the bracket winners advanced to the knockout tournament. In round one of the knockout tournament, Hoth defeated Davis, Boynton defeated Myers, and Bessonette defeated Mooberry. In round 2, Hoth advanced by default over Rector, Cox defeated Tatarka, Boynton defeated Edgerly and Bessonette defeated Duby. In the semi-finals, Boynton defeated Bessonette and Hoth beat Cox. Bessonette won third place over Cox and Boynton defeated Hoth in 20 holes to claim the championship. We hope that those who participated had a good time and more will join next year. Look for the survey that will come out shortly asking for feedback about this year and suggestions for next year.

Future events to look forward to are Club Championship which will be held on three consecutive days, August 24-26, and the Fall Classic which will have a similar format to last year but a new date. The c Fall Classic is scheduled for October 4, 5, and 6. (con't p.6)



**5 Spots Still Available**

## **Home & Home Golf Event**

**Eagle Crest vs Crooked River**

**Tuesday, June 29th, 2021**

**7:30 a.m. Shotgun Start**

**Crooked River Ranch Golf Course**

**Flighted 2 Man Best Ball**

**\$30 Green Fee (to CCR Golf)**

**\$15.00 Cash EC Side Game**

**Limited to 36 Players Per Team**

**Match Play**

**1 Point Front / 1 Point Back / One Point 18**

**Low Gross / Low Net Awards**

**EC Team Awards for Match Performance**

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## Resort Course Update

The Golf Oversight Committee, which oversees the lease for the Resort Course, met on Friday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. The following information was shared with the committee by the management company for improving the conditions on the course.

- The irrigation pumps have been repaired and are functioning at full capacity so appropriate water flow is now available for all areas of the course. New sprinkler heads are being installed in key areas to improve coverage.
- The water line from the river to Eagle Lake which had developed a large leak has been repaired and will be replaced this fall after irrigation season.
- The damaged fairways will be reseeded soon, new topsoil has been ordered and seeding will proceed when it arrives.
- A machine called a dimple seeder has been purchased and is in route. It will be used to reseed the hardpan areas in the rough and fairway where more than just topsoil is needed. This machine creates a hole (dimple) and plants seed in the hole.
- New sand has been ordered and bunkers will be repaired when the sand arrives.

Mike Bessonette  
Golf Committee Chair  
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## Membership Committee Report

We are already well into the summer golf season for our Eagle Crest Men's Golf Club. The attendance for our Wednesday outings has been outstanding and many enjoyable times are being had by all.

Here are five great reasons that a golf club is right for many people:

1. Golfers with memberships have been shown to be better golfers statistically. Playing more golf is the number one way to improve your game.
2. Members spend time with friends and make new ones.
3. Members enjoy more meaningful relationships with the course and its staff.
4. Members have more chances to escape the daily grind and enjoy the outdoors.
5. Members have the ability to join in competitions throughout the golf season. Here at Eagle Crest this can extend through the winter depending on the weather.

If you know anyone who would be interested in joining our club please let us know!

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Membership Chair  
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# August 2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

**Sign Ups Available Soon**

*Club Championship*

## Advisory Committee Report

Hello from Curt Davis your Advisory Committee Chair. Dan Kellogg has moved up in the world of EC Golf and the BOD has elected me the new Chair of the Advisory Committee. I am happy to take on this role. The role of this committee is to be the ears of the BOD and provide feedback from the greater membership as to questions, concerns or congratulations on changes made in the new and improved Eagle Crest Men's Club (ECMC).

Currently we have five members on the Advisory Committee (Curt Davis, chair, Dan Kellogg, Don Stupfel, Jerry Hoth, and Ron Cox). Give us your thoughts or suggestions about how to improve the ECMC by email or in person to me or any member of the committee. Also feel free to reply all to the committee if you think that is appropriate. Please remember that we have a code of ethics and be respectful even when you have something to complain about. We are all here to have fun, play golf and be part of a golf community.

We are compiling a survey to send out to the membership next month to ask how you like the changes in ECMC, how you liked the match play event and ideas for the future of the club. Finally, let me know if you have suggestions for new members, we could use a couple more.

Cheers!

Curt Davis

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Advisory Committee Chair

*Eagle Crest*

*vs Quail Run*

*Home @ Home Golf Event*

*Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>*



**Sign Ups  
Available Soon**





# Summer Stableford Day

Monday, July 5th, 2021, 9 a.m.

Eagle Crest Resort Course

2 Man Best Ball Tournament

- Flighted (based upon number of entries)
- Recruit Your Own Partner (hdcp +/- 6 strokes)
- Stableford Scoring
- Optional Gross & Net Team Skins

## How To Enter

1. Respond "Playing" to Golf Plus Invitation when you receive the invitation in June
2. Email [Ron.Zabala@Gmsn.com](mailto:Ron.Zabala@Gmsn.com) and indicate who you are partnering with
3. Limited Space on First Come Basis

## Entry Fee

- a. \$30 Per Team
- b. Optional \$10 Per Team Gross Skins
- c. Optional \$10 Per Team Net Canadian Skins

**B&S**  
(Beer & Sandwich)  
**Golf Events**





**Greenside Cafe**

**Wednesday July 7th**

Grilled Ham & Cheese / Potato Salad 7.75

**Wednesday July 14th**

Reuben / Sweet Potato Fries. 10.25

**Wednesday July 21st**

Bratwurst w/ Sauerkraut / Draught Choice 5.00 each

**Wednesday July 28th**

Chicken Tacos 9.75

ECMGC Margarita 5.00

**Wednesday August 4th**

Chicken Aloha Burger / Potato Salad 9.75

**Wednesday August 11th**

Mushroom Swiss Burger / Fries 10.75

**Wednesday August 18th**

Chili Dog 6.00

House Cocktail 5.00

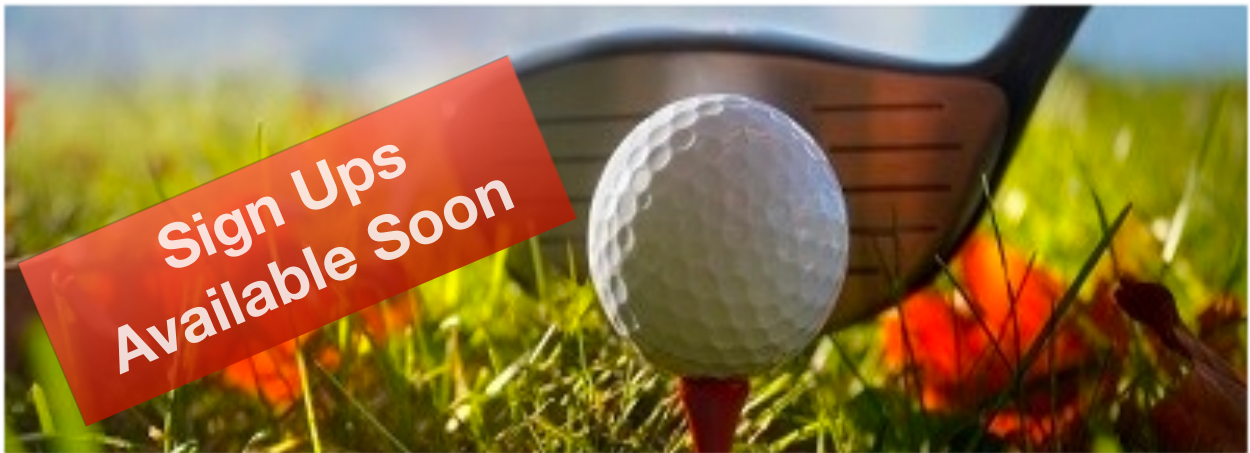




2021

FALL CLASSIC  
**GOLF TOURNAMENT**

EAGLE CREST MEN'S GOLF CLUB  
OCTOBER 4-5-6



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