



The InFOREmer

El Paso Golf Club



Reminder

- **March 10 is the last date to pay your annual membership dues.** Join us at the club Open House with food prepared by Chef Bill from 11:30-2:00 p.m. and the first Queen of Hearts drawing of the year!

Welcome! Melissa Conley

As announced by an email from the Board on February 19, Melissa Conley will be joining EPGC as **Clubhouse Manager on March 4.** Join us in welcoming Melissa!

She has significant food, beverage, events, and hospitality management experience, including being General Manager of Arrowhead Country Club. She also has a Bachelor's Degree in Hospitality and Tourism Management.

What are her duties? Melissa will manage the restaurant, kitchen, bar, and coordinate outings and events. She will also have administrative aspects of the club including budget and financial reporting.

A special thanks to Sandy Wills for her extra work in the office during this transition and to Bev Patton for filling the interim role of Outing & Events Manager. Thank you, ladies for the extra effort to keep the club running smoothly.

Quick Glance UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun., March 10	Annual Open House (11:00-4:00pm)
Wed. March 13	Board Meeting
Sat., March 16	St. Patrick's Day (info coming soon)
Sun., March 31	Easter Brunch (Info coming soon)
Mon. & Tues. April 15 & 16	First Golf Outing McLean County Seniors (7:00 - Noon)
Wed., April 24	Board Meeting
Fri., April 26	ISU Constructor's Golf Outing
Sat., April 27	State Farm Annual Outing (9:00-Noon)
Sat., April 27	El Paso Gridley HS Dinner
Mon. April 29	Men's League Pre-Season Mtg.
Tues., April 30	Ladies 18-Hole League (Lunch, Meeting, 9 hole scramble)

Course Report

By Gene Weiser, Course Superintendent

Short grass

With the early approach to spring, the course maintenance staff will be adjusting the application of fertilizers and protectants for the greens from the freezing morning temps. And, prevention in the event of possible prolonged winter temps and snow in the month of March. These applications will **begin the first week of March**, an entire month early because of rapidly warming ground temps and no deep freezing of the surface layers of soil. Verticutting and needle tining along with a light layer of topdressing **will begin March 11**, weather permitting.

- **Fairways and tees** will be aerified in March or the beginning of April and will continue throughout the season for healthy root growth and to thicken the canopy of grasses.
- **Greens** will have a light topdressing monthly to promote health, provide firmness, and reduce the use of fungicides.



Capital Improvements

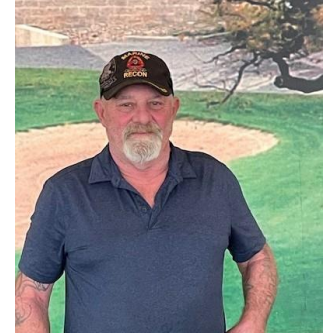
This winter has been busy for the maintenance shop. We've done tree removal on the course and preventative maintenance on our equipment to reduce downtime. Projects still on the list through April include:

- Clearing the **#16 tee box** of limbs and clearing below the tee box for a better view of the fairway and green.
- **Bunkers on the back 9** will be an ongoing project. The far bunker on #14 will become a grass bunker, and the first bunker on #18 will also become grass.
- The chipping green bunker will be rebuilt, and drainage added.
- The **old pumphouse** will be removed and a new one installed, including covering and protecting wiring, cutting old pipes, and fixing shutoff valves and repairing leaks. We should be ready **with proper operation by the end of March.**



Congrats! Gene

In February, Gene reached his goal of becoming a Certified Golf Course Superintendent! Our course was inspected for his work, he was verbally assessed on his knowledge, and he passed three written tests.



He is also pursuing his PhD in Turfgrass Management and teaches three online undergrad courses through Penn State University. He will defend his dissertation in May!

Gene is starting a web site devoted strictly to the grounds side of the golf course which should be up and running by April! There will also be interactive question and answer sessions available with Gene.

We are lucky to have you at EPGC and we are so proud of you!

Private Golf Cart Maintenance

If your private golf cart is in need of maintenance, please contact Gene to set-up an appointment.

eugeneweiser@outlook.com

or 779-717-2612

The Seasonal Gardener...

As the weather warms up and the weeds get taller, our flower beds need to have their colorful plants added and divided. We are looking for volunteers that are interested in helping to maintain the flower beds, as well as the vegetable garden on hole #3.

Julie Jarmer, our talented gardener, is back at EPGC and willing to share plants, flowers, and gardening knowledge in exchange for assistance with the weeding, digging, and planting.

If you are interested in helping Julie maintain our lovely flower beds, please contact her at Jjarmer71@gmail.com and let her know your availability.

Please note: The beds in the subdivision are also available for adoption if you would prefer to maintain an area closer to your own home.

Thanks in advance to our volunteers!



2024 EPGC Board of Directors

Randy Marten, <i>President</i>
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Sally North, <i>Secretary</i>
Branden Mounce, <i>Treasurer</i>
Jeff Aaberg*
Paul Homan*
Greg McCullough*
Trent Rarick*
Brian Tria*
Rick Weldon
Don Young

*Denotes newly elected board members

Stockholder's Meeting

The annual stockholder's meeting and Board election were held on February 21, 2024. There were **five board seats open for the election** and seven candidates. Please refer to the chart for a current listing of existing and new board members. Thank you to all the candidates and the commitment you have shown to EPGC. It is appreciated.

Five by-law changes were proposed, consisting mostly of procedural and/or conflicting language clean-up. All were accepted and passed by the membership at the meeting. As a reminder, board candidate bios and the proposed by-law changes can be found on our web site, www.elpaso.com, in the member/stockholder section.

Thank you to Ben Wilson's leadership of the By-Laws Review Committee. That was quite a job to take on, and the committee did a great job.

The formal minutes will be reviewed in an upcoming board meeting and then posted to the web site as well.

Kickoff Party...celebrating 100 years

A GREAT TIME ENJOYED BY ALL!

With over 150 in attendance, a great Saturday evening in February was enjoyed with live entertainment, amazing appetizers / hors d'oeuvres, and wonderful friends.

- Memorabilia was shared.
- We got a **sneak peek at the EPGC Coffee Table book** being compiled by Teresa Gauger and her committee (over 100 pages, representing 1924-2024). We are at approximately 120 pre-orders for the book. There is still time to place your order by emailing Teresa at teresag@fairpoint.net. There will be a **very limited number of extra books printed, so please get your order in as soon as possible!** The book is selling for \$60.
- Next up? Watch for **new flags** on the course in the next few weeks!



EPGC Golf Cart Raffle!

- **\$100 per ticket**
- **2019 Electric Club Car Tempo** (see picture for example)
- **Color of your choice** (Tom Kearfott is providing a golf cart, at his cost, to the club to raffle. The winner will collaborate directly with Tom to pick the color and upgrade the cart.)
- **Street Legal**
- **Premium Seat**
- **2024 Golf Cart storage included** (Storage is available through the end of the summer onsite.)
- If you are not able to come by the club house or pro shop and would like a golf cart raffle ticket, please email the club at admin@elpaso.com. Sales are now open to the public so please buy your ticket soon!
- All proceeds go to support the 100th Anniversary Celebration & Golf Club projects.



Join a League!



Joining a golf league is a great way to meet other club members and make new friends. The leagues will also host special events through the summer. And, it's the easiest way to begin to establish a handicap for other course events.

Information for all leagues can be found on our club website, elpasogolfclub.com.

Monday - Men's Evening League - Review the web site or contact the Pro Shop directly for league information.

Tuesday - Ladies Morning 18-Hole League - Review the web site or use the membership form on the next page of this newsletter to join. **A kick-off luncheon, meeting, and a 9-hole scramble will take place on Tuesday, April 30.**

Tuesday - Ladies 9-Hole League (Ladies of the Evening) - Review the web site or use the membership form at the end of this newsletter to join. **A kick-off dinner, meeting, and a 9-hole scramble will take place on Tuesday, May 7.**

Come out and have some fun!

Letter "from" the editor...

- Thank you for reading the InFOREmer. Hi, I'm Joanna Dill and I'm the editor of the monthly EPGC newsletter.
- If you know of someone having trouble receiving our emails, please have them contact the club at admin@elpasogc.com.
- Have suggestions of what you'd like to see in the newsletter each month. Drop me a line at the below email address.

joannadill1974@gmail.com

**Have questions?
CONTACT - 309.739.2013***

Restaurant/Bar: Brandi Baker	Ext. 0
PGA Pro & Pro Shop: Matt Schuerman	Ext. 1
Club Manager: Melissa Conley	Ext. 2
Course Superintendent: Gene Weiser	Ext. 3
Club President: Randy Marten	314.616.0505

* Landline

2024 EPGC 18-HOLE LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP FORM

Our 18-Hole Ladies League is held on Tuesday mornings during the months of May through September. 8:00 SHOTGUN START every Tuesday. Please go into the clubhouse to sign in each Tuesday you play. We have weekly play of the day opportunities and the option to participate in chip-ins, birdies, and green balls. Assemble around the clubhouse and be ready to "roll" by 7:45 am. You must sign up to play each week by noon on Monday. There is a month and year long sign-up in our League Binder as well. Please take advantage of signing up! If you are unable to sign up or need to cancel, please call the pro-shop: 309-739-2013, Ext. #1.

Kickoff luncheon and 9-hole scramble will be held on Tuesday, April 30th. Luncheon begins at 11:30, followed by a short meeting at 12:15 with a 1:00 shotgun start for our 9-Hole scramble.
(Please have your clubs loaded and ready to go before lunch.)

18-Hole League Officers

President: Kathy Niepagen - niepy1992@gmail.com 309-826-5292

Treasurer: Karen Wieland - kwieland2@aol.com 217-474-4321

Secretary: Pat Ring - patjring@gmail.com 309-530-7337

2024 EPGC 18-Hole League Dues: \$20

Luncheon: \$13 includes soup, salad bar, coffee, iced tea or lemonade.
(Tax & tip included)

DETACH HERE and MAIL TO: Karen Wieland, 2987 Benson Lane, Normal, IL. 6 1761

Please complete the following and return to Karen Wieland by Friday, April 26th with your membership dues and luncheon fee. We will have a membership list available by May 6th.

Name: _____

Street/Mailing address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Please check one:

I will attend the 18-Hole Women's League Kick-Off *luncheon, meeting & scramble*. (\$33)

I will attend the 18-Hole Women's League Kick-Off *meeting & scramble*. NO LUNCH. (\$20)

I am unable to attend and have enclosed my 2023 dues. (\$20)

2024 "LADIES OF THE EVENING" (LOTE)

9-HOLE GOLF LEAGUE

ALL LEVELS OF PLAY ARE WELCOME!

Joining a league is a great way to meet other club members and make new friends. The league will also host special events through the summer. It's also the easiest way to begin to establish a handicap for other course events.

- Our 9-hole Ladies League (LOTE) is held on **Tuesdays, from May 7-August 27, 2024.**
- **Tee times are available from 3:00-5:30 p.m.**
- Join the **LOTE Facebook page** to stay current with events! We will also use the **email address** on the below membership form to keep you up to date, as well.





The season starts on Tuesday, May 7th with an opening scramble and a quick business meeting over dinner. Watch for sign-up instructions!

LOTE 9-Hole League Officers

President: Johanna Large – jk.large@gmail.com, 309-838-6547

Secretary: Joanna Dill – joannadill1974@gmail.com, 309-824-3065

Treasurer: Donna Schad – dmschad@aol.com, 309-824-2736

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2024 LOTE membership dues are \$20. Please make checks payable to: Ladies of the Evening.

Complete the entire form to keep our records current and return with your payment.

RETURN TO: Donna Schad, Treasurer **OR** Drop off at the Golf Pro Shop
116 Greenleaf Drive
Bloomington, IL 61704

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: Mobile _____ Other: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____