



The InFOREmer

El Paso Golf Club



News from the Golf Shop

- Congrats to all of our 2023 champions! Your trophy and piece of the club has arrived. Please pick up in the shop.
- **Mother's Day Reminder** – Stop by and buy a gift for the mothers in your life. New Foot Joy apparel and hats have just arrived. We also have a limited edition of Callaway bouquet golf balls.



- **Golf Genius®** is here! This is a proven, tournament software product that can be used to manage leagues and events at our club. A TV Display Leaderboard will be installed in the large dining room. It's a great way to easily highlight results with a professional look. The live leaderboard can also be viewed through a mobile app or web link by players and spectators. Watch for the updates made in the club house during April and added email information as we begin to use Golf Genius this spring with leagues and outings!

Quick Glance UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon. & Tues. April 8 & 9	McLean County Senior Outings
Thurs. April 18	Regular Hours Restaurant/Bar <i>(see page 2)</i>
Wed., April 24	Board Meeting & Restaurant/Bar Special <i>(see page 4)</i>
Fri., April 26	ISU Outing
Sat., April 27	State Farm Annual Outing
Sat., April 27	El Paso Gridley HS Dinner
Mon. April 29	Men's League Pre-Season Mtg.
Tues., April 30	Ladies 18-Hole League <i>(Lunch, Meeting, 9 hole scramble)</i>
Sat., May 4	Permanent Tee Times Start
Sun., May 5	Permanent Tee Times Start
Tues., May 7	LOTE 9-Hole League <i>(Scramble, Dinner, and Meeting)</i>
Wed., May 8	Couple's League Starts



Celebrating Easter...

From fresh flowers on each dining table, beautiful yellow daffodils, to tables with pastries and desserts, the club's Easter Brunch was a huge success!

Buffet: A meal from which different foods are placed on a table so that people can serve themselves.



Wow, did we! Over 250 members and guests visited the club on Easter Sunday. Melissa, Brandi, and her service team took the opportunity to showcase our new menus on each table, as well as our 100th year anniversary information.

And compliments to the Chef! Chef Bill, and his team, provided what seemed to be an endless assortment of breakfast and lunch dishes. It was spectacular! What a fun year this is going to be.

Next up...our Mother's Day Brunch on May 12! And thank you Julie Jarmer for the beautiful flower arrangements.



Restaurant/Bar News

Operating hours as of April 18 will be:

- **Monday - Sunday** 11:00-9:00* p.m. for lunch and dinner
**Sundays, closed as of 5:00 p.m.*
- **Saturdays & Sundays** 6:00-11:00 a.m. for breakfast (also, open early on holidays)
- **Tuesday - Thursday** 8:00-11:00 a.m. for **Grab and Go Breakfast** (fresh fruit, muffins, danish, etc.)

The club's **new Point of Sale system will be "live" as of April 17.** Please be patient with the service staff in the restaurant, bar, and golf shop while we make this transition to improve our overall customer experience.

Queen of Hearts

The first Queen of Hearts drawing this year will be Wednesday, April 3 at 6:00pm. We are selling tickets until the time of the drawing for \$5.00 in the bar. Buy a ticket and try your luck! Remember, only members may take part.

THE Contest...

Our "Name Our Restaurant" contest is underway!

As sent in an email, here are the rules.

- Ballets available at the clubhouse **until April 26.**
- Entrees are accepted via ballet in the clubhouse or via email to manager@elpasogc.com.
- Only members may take part with up to three entries per household.
- Please keep it clean and community proper.
- Unveiling of the restaurant name will take place on Saturday, June 8 during the 100th Anniversary event, the winner will not be notified until this date.
- Judges will be made up of 5-7 members to be determined; these members will in turn present their top three choices to the Board for final vote.
- The winner will have their choice of an embroidered golf bag with the restaurant logo or a gift basket to include various items equal to the monetary value of the golf bag.
- Be CREATIVE!!! We are celebrating 100 years - look back over our history for inspiration!

Send an email or call the clubhouse with questions.

Course Report

By Gene Weiser, Course Superintendent

Capital Improvements

This winter and early spring have been busy. We've done tree removal and clean-up on the course and **burning** of brush piles and creek beds will be taking place. Projects recently completed and some still on the list through April include:

- The concrete **turnaround corner on #10** is gone. Staff will be sodding for appearance and play of the hole.
- Final touches to the **irrigation system** will take place in April.
- **Fairways, tees, and roughs** will be fertilized in April with 40-0-0, aceleprn and dimension for grubs and broadleaf weeds. We are still working on healthy root growth and thickening the canopy of our grasses.
- **Aerating and top dressing the greens** begins the first week of April to promote health, firmness, and reduce the use of fungicides. We'll also be using a Verticutter, with special vertically oriented blades that are capable of cutting into the thatch on the greens without damaging any healthy blades of grass.
- After the first mow and aerating, **tee markers and ball washers** will go back on the course. Beginning April 14, we will begin a regular mowing schedule, and an intensely monitored irrigation schedule.
- **Bunkers on the back 9** will be an ongoing project. The second fairway bunker on #14 and the first fairway bunker on #18 will become grass bunkers very soon.
- The **5-year plan** will be out in April including projected future equipment expenses, yearly maintenance goals, and anticipated major projects.



Bridge Work

Work continues just west of the club entrance. Thanks to Mike Adams there are some great directional signs at major intersections of the detour. It's easy folks! Rumor has it that work will be completed in early May. Fingers crossed! **If you need a map, contact the clubhouse.**

Volunteers!

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

If you are interested in **helping Julie Jarmer, our talented gardener**, keep 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 support an area closer to your home.



Celebrating 100 years!



Here's a quick update from the 100th Anniversary committee:

- Do you have your ticket for the **Golf Cart raffle**? Tickets are \$100 and can be bought from a board member, a committee member, or at the clubhouse. The winning ticket will be **drawn on Wednesday, May 15**.
- The **EPGC Coffee Table book** can still be ordered by contacting Teresa Gauger at teresag@fairpoint.net. The book is selling for \$60. We currently have 215 orders. There will be a very limited number of extra books printed, so please get your order in as soon as possible! We plan to **distribute the books on June 5** at our 100th Anniversary Cocktail Reception.

Coming up...

The El Paso Golf Club is celebrating the 100th anniversary of incorporation at our current location throughout 2024. **The first round of golf was played on our course on June 5, 1924. June 5, 2024, is our actual 100th anniversary!**

- Since it's 2024, on the 24th of each month, the restaurant and/or bar will have a special to help us continue to recognize our anniversary. Watch your email for what will be offered each month **beginning on April 24!**



Join us the first week of JUNE to celebrate!

- And because **June 5** is our official anniversary date, the clubhouse will be hosting a member only **Cocktail Reception** (5:00-9:00 p.m.). Come and enjoy period music, as well as appetizers (hot and cold) and specialty drinks of the time. Our plan is to distribute the EPGC Coffee Table books at this event. We will be selling tickets, so mark your calendar and watch for more info!
- **Friday, June 7** will be a **member only golf outing** (registration at 8:00 a.m., shot gun start at 9:00 a.m.). Decorate your cart in the theme of 1924 and join us! There will be prize holes, on-course events, a bloody mary/mimosa bar event with pastries for registration, and hole sponsors. A sign with your or your business name will be featured at each hole for \$100. Contact Bev Patton at bpgolf50@gmail.com to sponsor a hole so we can ensure your sign is ready to go! And thank you for your support! At the end of golf, a wonderful lunch will be provided, covered by your registration fee for this event. Watch for more details!
- **Saturday, June 8** will be a **grilled steak dinner event** through our restaurant, which will be open to both members and the public. This is also the night that we announce the winner of the contest to name the restaurant! If weather cooperates, we plan to have the event under tents at the club. We will be selling tickets to manage the crowd, so again, mark your calendar and watch for more info!





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. You'll soon be receiving sign-up information to use Golf Genius in a club email!

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. You'll soon be receiving sign-up information to use Golf Genius in a club email.

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 manager@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

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 2024 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: _____