



**Children’s Easter Egg Hunt & Brunch\***

**Saturday, April 3**

**3 Time Options: 10:00am, 10:30am, (11:00am Sold Out)**

\$15 per child (includes Easter Goodie Bag & Egg Hunt)

Start the weekend off with a visit from the Easter Bunny and, of course, an egg hunt! We’ll have goodie bags with treats, crafts, and more! All children and grandchildren of members are welcome. *Bring your own baskets.* [Country Club Attire required.](#)

A simple buffet will be available for those with a Reservation.

*\*Please remember our need to keep all event details flexible during the pandemic. Thank you!*

**Family Easter Brunch\***

**Sunday, April 4**

**Reservations Available: 12:30pm - 2:00pm**

Continue the Easter Celebration weekend with [brunch](#) for the family! [Country Club Attire required.](#)

RSVP Required  
48 Hour Cancellation Policy

*There will be no Regular Dinner Service on Easter Sunday.  
Thank you for your understanding!*

*\*Please remember our need to keep all event details flexible during the pandemic. Thank you!*



**Shred It at the Club**

**Saturday, May 1 | 10:00am - 1:00pm**

We’re hosting another “Shred It” event at the club! Save up all your private documents, or any papers that need disposing of after completing your taxes, and bring them out to the club for safe and secure shredding!

Only \$5 per box | Drop & Go Available

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**Kelly Sutherland**  
President

Dear Members,

Spring is upon us and with it comes great anticipation of the Golf Course Improvement Project which is scheduled to begin on April 19.

Every effort has been made to minimize disruption to play and to ensure your enjoyment of the club while these improvements are being made. Important information will be forthcoming so please keep an eye out for the Clubber, the Weekly Happenings, and special emails from Tim Cloninger and Rich Spurlin, to stay up to date on the project. As you know, a Steering Committee has been created to provide additional oversight and communication with members so you are likely to hearing from them, as well.

It has been a very busy and very productive few months since the Golf Course Improvement Project was approved by the membership. Much time has been devoted to finalizing contracts and securing financing for the project. Many thanks to the Board of Directors, Finance and Green Committee members, and Club Management for their extra time and efforts.

The ECC Board of Directors and Club Management continue to be conservative with financial projections – particularly with regard to membership, cash balances, and debt. At the same time, members continue to have strong opinions about membership priorities and the important dynamic of debt.

To this end, I couldn't be more pleased to share that in securing financing for the Golf Course Improvement Project, ECC was presented with the opportunity to refinance our current long-term Clubhouse Renovation debt with the same favorable (low) interest rate as the Golf Course Improvement Project short-term loan. With this restructured financing, we are fortunate to have eliminated a balloon payment in 2033, paying down our long-term debt proportionally and fully over 15 years.

A look back at the most recent member survey indicates that we're on the right path!

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DRC Research 2018 | Eugene Country Club Membership Survey Summary

### CLUB PRIORITIES

When members were asked "Which of the following do you think is most important?" Making Club Improvements, Reducing the Club's debt, or both – 17% said Club improvements, 17% said Reduce debt, and 66% said both are important.

Following the general question of importance members were asked to rank a list of potential Club improvements – Golf Course Maintenance Improvements ranked first (47% selected it #1) followed by Reduce Club's Debt and very closely third Driving Range and Practice Facility Improvements.

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The Finance Committee has already begun work on a 20-year long-term financial plan (with 5 years of historical reference) to support the prioritization, planning, and funding of future capital improvements because we are always striving to evolve and improve.

Thank you for your membership and investment in our beautiful club.

See you on the course,

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

|                       |                  |
|-----------------------|------------------|
| <b>PRESIDENT</b>      | Kelly Sutherland |
| <b>VICE PRESIDENT</b> | Pat Eagen        |
| <b>TREASURER</b>      | Ed Barclay       |
| <b>SECRETARY</b>      | Mark Giustina    |
| <b>PAST PRESIDENT</b> | Dave Swenson     |
| Molly Brown           | Joe Couey        |
| Erik Finrow           | Kate Kloos       |
| Bill McIntyre         | Donna Moore      |
| A.P. Parks            | Mark Quinney     |

## GENERAL MANAGER

Rich Spurlin, CCM CCE  
[rspurlin@eugeneclub.com](mailto:rspurlin@eugeneclub.com)

## PHONE NUMBERS

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|---------------|----------------|
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| Greens        | (541) 344-9772 |
| Golf Pro Shop | (541) 344-5124 |

## CLUB ADDRESS

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 Eugene, OR 97401

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## DINING ASSESSMENT

*Based on the first letter of your last name, the dining assessment billing cycle begins on the first date listed and ends the following month on the second date.*

|       |             |
|-------|-------------|
| A – G | 26th – 25th |
| H – O | 10th – 9th  |
| P – Z | 17th – 16th |

## CLUBHOUSE DINING HOURS

### BREAKFAST

|          |            |
|----------|------------|
| Saturday | 8am – 11am |
| Sunday   | 8am – 11am |

### LUNCH

|           |            |
|-----------|------------|
| Monday    | 11am – 4pm |
| Tuesday   | 11am – 4pm |
| Wednesday | 11am – 4pm |
| Thursday  | 11am – 4pm |
| Friday    | 11am – 4pm |
| Saturday  | 11am – 4pm |
| Sunday    | 11am – 4pm |

### DINNER

|           |           |
|-----------|-----------|
| Monday    | 4pm – 8pm |
| Tuesday   | 4pm – 8pm |
| Wednesday | 4pm – 8pm |
| Thursday  | 4pm – 8pm |
| Friday    | 4pm – 8pm |
| Saturday  | 4pm – 8pm |
| Sunday    | 4pm – 8pm |

*Outdoor Dining is available in the heated tents on the deck.*

## New Member Information

### We want to welcome the following members:

William & Leslie Cornog | *National*  
 Brent & Mary Jo Bianchina | *Regular*  
 Mike & Tate Kelley | *Regular*  
 Wayne & Kathleen Partee | *Regular*  
 Allison Bryson & Michael Blade | *Intermediate*  
 Rob & Katie Ready | *Intermediate*  
 Adam Reid & Kaleen McGuire-Reid | *Intermediate*  
 Haley & Graham Simon | *Intermediate*  
 Sarah Schram & Tim Sweet | *Social*  
 Jeff & Anne Sharman | *Social*  
 Sue & Gerald Vickers | *Social*

## SPRING CLEANING

As you clean up your house for spring, please do the club a favor and return any towels and umbrellas that may have accidentally made their way from the fitness center, bag room, or other areas of the club. These items are not inexpensive and cost the club money to replace. Thank you for your help!

## FUN AT THE CLUB!

Thank you to those who came out for ECC's first indoor social events, Vino & Vango as well as a cozy Indoor Movie Night featuring Tin Cup! Here's to a fun season ahead!



## EASTER HOURS

### Main Clubhouse

Closes at 4:00pm

### Food Service

Closes at 2:00pm

*No Regular Dinner Service*

### Bar Service

Closes at 4:00pm

### Fitness Center & Locker Rooms

Close at 8:00pm

### Driving Range & Golf Shop

Close at 6:30pm

## ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS APPRECIATION DAY

Wednesday, April 21  
 11:00am - 2:00pm

Where would we be without them? Treat your administrative staff to a delicious lunch at the Club. Make your reservation today!



## Upcoming Events

See back page of newsletter for the April calendar.

### MAY

- 01 "Shred It" at the Club
- 06 Big Demo Day
- 09 Mother's Day Brunch
- 14 Women's Spring Luncheon
- 29 Pool Opens (*weather dependent*)
- 31 Memorial Day BBQ

### JUNE

- 19 Father Son/Daughter Tournament
- 20 Father Son Tournament
- 23 Hit & Giggle
- 30 Senior Invitational Member-Member

### JULY

- 04 4th of July
- 07 Hit & Giggle
- 12-13 Women's Member/Member
- 15-17 Men's Invitational
- 19 Irrigation/Bunker Project Begins
- 23 Movie Night on the Range
- 28 Hit & Giggle





## Opening Breakfast

We encourage all ECC women members to join us for this “kick-off” event! Greet old friends and meet new members! Learn more about the golf course renovation and upcoming social events, including the Spring Luncheon. Plus, sign up for Valley League Team Play, scoring, and season pairings. The 2021 Women's Organization schedule of events will be available to pick up. Reservations are required with the ECC front desk, (541) 345-0181.

Tuesday, April 6

8:00am - Arrival and Sign In

8:15am - Plated No-Host Breakfast and General Meeting

9:30am - 9-Hole Golf Shotgun

*\*At the time of printing this edition of the newsletter, the Women's Opening Breakfast is SOLD OUT. Please call to be placed on the waitlist. Thank you!*

## Golf Clinics

It's time to get out there and tune up your golf swing! The golf professionals at ECC will be offering free women's golf clinics from 9:00am-10:00am and 10:00am-11:00am on April 13-14 and April 20-21. There will be two one-hour clinics each day, with 12 ladies allowed per session. Advance registration is required... Please sign up in the Golf Shop.

## Women's Club Championship

Sign-ups are now open for the 2021 Women's Club Championship. Contact the Golf Shop if you would like to participate. The format will be match play for the Championship, Senior (age 65+), and Regular (handicaps used) division. You may register for two divisions, if you wish. The deadline to sign up is May 7.

## Spring Luncheon

Reservations open on April 1 for the “Women's Spring Luncheon” scheduled for May 14. Join us as we travel to the Italian island of Capri for a lemon fresh welcome to spring! Six ladies per table, immediate family guests only. \$50, includes gratuity. Keep an eye out for updates as we get closer to the date and review Covid guidelines.



## Member-Member Tournament

The ECC “Member-Member Challenge Cup” is returning for a second year! The tournament will be held July 11 - July 13, during the dates of the cancelled Tradition tournament. The “Challenge Cup Reveal Party” will be held on Sunday, July 11. This is when golfers will discover which team they are on and their matches for the tournament. Two nine-hole matches will be played on both Monday, July 12 and on Tuesday, July 13. The points earned for each nine-hole match will determine which half of the participants win the “Ladies 2021 Challenge Cup”.

If you are interested in playing in the “2021 Challenge Cup”, line up another ECC member as your partner. Registration materials will be emailed to all women members and will be available to review in the Pro Shop on April 5. Online registration through Golf Genius will begin on Thursday, April 15 at 9:00am.

Questions? Inquire in the Pro Shop or contact the event chair, Amy Adams- Schauer.

## 18-Hole News

The 18-hole season is off to a great start, and we're getting so excited to have an opening breakfast on April 6! Please continue to sign-up for Tuesday golf on ForeTees and enjoy snacks upstairs on the deck at the turn. Plan on attending our scorer's meeting on April 20, as we gear up for scoring and payouts beginning May 4. The first pairings date is May 11. Sign-ups for pairings are on the bulletin board in the ladies locker room, or contact Shannon Roseta for more information. We are looking forward to a fun season!

## 9-Hole News

We have five new members who have joined the 9-hole group, and the season has just begun! It's not too late to join! There are a couple of fun chances to win prizes in the month of April. There will be a raffle on April 7 to kick off the first Wednesday of the month and a chance to win another prize at the end of April. We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the opening breakfast and for the season to begin. Contact Cheri Weeks, 9-Hole Chair, if you have any questions.



*“Golfers in Green”  
this St. Patrick's Day!*

*Marilyn Deaton,  
Sharon Wendell,  
and Nancy McMahon*

## 2021 SENIOR INVITATIONAL MEMBER / MEMBER

### SAVE THE DATE

Wednesday, June 30  
12:30pm Shotgun

In place of the Men's 2021 Senior Member/Guest Invitational, ECC plans to host a one day Senior Member/Member event for members 55 years and older. The Member/Guest event will return in 2022!

Registration is open on ForeTees as of Monday, April 5.

### Great Shots of the Month!

Congratulations to Mr. John Knutson for his recent eagle "2" on hole #14. John used his trusty hybrid for his second shot and knocked it right in. Great job John!

Nice shot to Mr. Steve Edman for recently making his 5th career Hole-in-One! Steve used his 7-iron from 125 yards on hole #12 for his latest shot of perfection. Congratulations Steve!

### Dates for the Calendar

#### April 19

Irrigation / Bunker Project Begins  
(Holes 9, 10, 18)

#### May 21

Scheduled Completion of Holes 9, 10, 18

#### June 25

Men's Club Championships  
(Championship Flight Only)

#### June 26 - June 27

Men's Club Championships

#### June 29

Women's Club Championship

#### June 30

Men's Senior Invitational  
(Member/Member 2021)

#### July 12 - July 13

Women's Member/Member

#### July 14 - July 17

Men's Invitational (Covid Conditions Permitting)

#### July 19

Irrigation / Bunker Project Phase 2 Begins

**Bill Morach**  
*Golf Professional*



### News and Notes

The summer [dress code](#) and play schedule (please see your Member Directory) begins on Thursday, April 1. This will signal the time to put your jeans in the closet when visiting the golf course and driving range. We appreciate your cooperation and your assistance by communicating the dress code to your guests. Thank you!

Ladies – are you ready to dust off the golf clubs and get back to playing?!? Please contact the Golf Shop to RSVP for the Women's Pre-Season Golf Clinics. Due to covid cautions we will make the group size small and the lessons just be an hour in length. The dates will be Tuesday & Wednesday, April 13 & 14 along with Tuesday & Wednesday, April 20 & 21.

The Golf Shop is starting to fill-up with the latest and greatest offerings from Callaway, Taylor Made and Titleist. If you have not updated your driver in the last 4 years, you may be missing an opportunity to hit the ball farther and straighter. Likewise, if you have played more than 75 rounds with your wedges, studies have shown that your grooves are probably starting to lose their ability to grip the ball and give you spin. Please let the Golf Professional staff know if you would like to demo some new wedges.

Spring is also a great time to have your clubs regripped. The Pro Shop offers regrip services – most of the time this can be done in 24 hours or less. Depending upon how much golf you play, your grips should be replaced annually. You would be amazed how much better your clubs will feel with a fresh set of grips.

Please help to maintain the great playing conditions on the golf course by fixing your ball marks, replacing your divots, and driving your golf cart no closer than 30 feet. Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

Like many of you, I enjoy a little bit of music while I play golf these days. It is important, however, that we are courteous to our fellow members who might enjoy the peace and quiet of the golf course. If you choose to play music, please do so at a volume that only you and your cart partner can hear. Thank you again!

Yours in golf, the greatest game of all,  
Bill Morach, PGA  
Head Golf Professional

### From Don Essig and Dave Brewer – Tuesday Golf

A fun tradition at ECC since the 1970's has been the Tuesday afternoon golf group! It is open to all members and will begin on April 12. About 1:30pm players put a golf ball into the hat along with a \$10 bill. Balls are drawn and teams are created. The money goes into the bank, and the first Tuesday in October the entire group goes to an out-of-town course, with all expenses paid. It is a fun event, and a great way to meet and play with other members. Come and join us beginning on April 12. We guarantee a good time for all!



**Tim Cloninger**  
*Superintendent*

As I am writing this article we are setting everything up for our greens and fairway aerification the week of March 29. The weather forecast for aerification week looks dry so we should be able to get a great aerification on the greens and fairways. The greens need a good aerification after a winter season of record play at ECC. The greens have held up well to the extra traffic but traffic causes soil compaction and less than optimal conditions for drainage and root growth.

The greens will be core aerified with a ½ inch hollow tine then sand topdressed. Aerification recovery in the spring can take longer than the fall because of cooler soil temperatures. I would expect a full two weeks for complete recovery of the greens aerification. After aerification the greens are prone to large ball marks so please repair your ball marks.

The fairway aerification will start the week of March 29 but might need a few extra days to complete the week of April 5. The fairway aerification process is very similar to the greens as we pull a core, then sweep up the cores, then sand topdress the surface. We have a very efficient process in place but covering 30 acres of fairways takes some time.

The fairway aerification the past two seasons has improved the drainage and the firmness of the fairways significantly. However, we still need to continue the fairway aerification process and regular sand topdressing program to get the fairways where they can be fast and firm and healthy.

The replacement of our irrigation system this summer is much needed. We just recently pressurized the irrigation system and we are finding leaking sprinklers all over the course. We have had electrical components fail on 4 irrigation controllers already. The old system has to just make it one more season!

The refurbishment of the bunkers on number 9 green will start the week of April 19. The greenside bunkers on 9 will sit in the same location as the current bunkers are

now. During this work we will have a temporary green for number 9. After 9 bunkers we will move into re-grassing number 10 tee and also re-grassing and enlarging the East Putting Green. During this time we will have a temporary blue/white tee for number 10. As we finish up 10 tee and east putting green we will move into work on 18 greenside bunkers. During the work on 18 greenside we will have a temporary green for 18. During this process we will only have one temporary green being utilized.

Cheers,

*Tim*



*^Temporary Green cart flow for 9 and 18 greens. Only one temporary green used at time.*



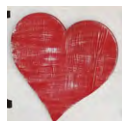


## Craft Class for the Kids

Sunday, April 25 | 2:00pm

A great opportunity to get the kiddos away from their computer, phone, and television screens and create something fun with their hands and imagination!

\$25 per child, not including food and drink  
RSVP Required



## Adult Art Class

Wednesday, April 28 | 5:30pm

Grab your friends and create this super fun sign for your porch! You'll get to decorate all four icons to fit in the place of the "o" in "home" so that you can stay festive all year long!

\$45 per person, not including food and drink  
RSVP Required



## Mother's Day

Sunday, May 9 | 9:00am - 2:00pm Reservations

Join us at the Club to celebrate mothers, grandmothers, and every wonderful woman who fits a maternal role in your life. This special day, we'll have a delicious brunch and an array of yummy desserts!

\$40 per adult | \$19 per child (3-12) | under 3: Free

*RSVP Required | 48-Hour Cancellation Policy  
Current Covid Guidelines in Place*

## Blood Drive

May 17 - May 31

Appointments through Bloodworks Northwest Required

Blood drives are looking a little different at the moment. Eugene Country Club is participating in a two (2) week donation cycle. Let's see how many donors we can gather! When you go to donate, give them our special code (ECC), which "tracks" the number of donors from the club.

***All who participate by donating blood will be entered into a drawing for a prize from the club!***



# APRIL 2021

| SUNDAY  | MONDAY   | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY | SATURDAY   |
|---|--|---|---|---|--------|--|
|   |  |   |   | 1   | 2      | 3<br>Children's Easter<br>Egg Hunt & Brunch To Go<br>10am, 10:30am, 11am |
| 4<br>Family Easter Brunch<br>9:00am - 2:00pm<br><br>Bar Closes at 4:00pm<br>No Regular Dinner Service | 5<br>Registration Opens on<br>ForeTees for the<br>Senior Member/Member                                   | 6<br>Women's Opening<br>Breakfast<br>8:00am Arrival<br>8:15am Breakfast<br>9:30am Shotgun | 7<br>Green Committee<br>11:30am   | 8<br>Golf Committee<br>11:00am  | 9      | 10   |
| 11  | 12<br>High School Tournament<br>Course Closed  | 13<br>Women's Pre-Season<br>Golf Clinic<br>9:00am - 11:00am                               | 14<br>Women's Pre-Season<br>Golf Clinic<br>9:00am - 11:00am<br><br>House Committee<br>11:30am         | 15<br>Membership Committee<br>11:30am<br><br>Registration Opens<br>for the Women's<br>Member/Member | 16     | 17<br>Men's Spring Opener<br>Course Open at 12:00pm                      |
| 18<br>Men's Spring Opener<br>Course Open at 12:00pm   | 19<br>Irrigation/Bunker Project<br>Begins ( <i>Holes 9, 10, 18</i> )<br><br>Finance Committee<br>12:00pm | 20<br>Women's Pre-Season<br>Golf Clinic<br>9:00am - 11:00am                               | 21<br>Administrative<br>Appreciation Day<br><br>Women's Pre-Season<br>Golf Clinic<br>9:00am - 11:00am | 22<br>Earth Day<br><br>Board of Directors<br>6:00pm   | 23     | 24   |
| 25<br>Kid's Art Class<br>2:00pm   | 26   | 27  | 28<br>Adult Art Class<br>5:30pm   | 29  | 30     |  |



## EUGENE COUNTRY CLUB

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