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Annual Stockholder's Meeting

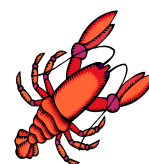


The meeting will be held on **Wednesday, July 23rd at 6:00pm** in the clubhouse dining room. All stockholders are invited and encouraged to attend. The meeting was originally set for the Thursday prior; however, due to the availability of our CPA Firm and a catering function it was rescheduled. Thanks for your understanding in this matter.

Proxies to vote for the three new board members are due by 6:00 p.m. on July 23rd. They were mailed with your statement dated May 31st, 2014. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the Business Office at 876-4392. Thank you!



CRAWFISH SCRAMBLE

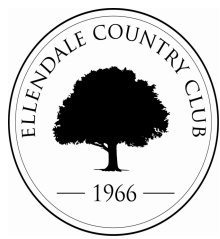


Although off to a very wet start, our 7th Annual Crawfish Scramble held on Friday, June 13th was once again a success. We would like to send out a special thanks to everyone who supports this yearly club fundraiser. There were forty-five teams who participated. Everyone enjoyed delicious hot boiled crawfish prepared by the Restaurant staff. Many members look forward to this fun tournament every year and enjoy the backwards play of the course. Congrats to all the teams who placed. A Complete list can be found at the Golf Shop. A special congratulations to our 1st place team. Thanks again for the Support to all involved.

1ST PLACE

**GARRETT BENNETT
ERNIE BENNETT II
TIMOTHY BERGERON**

Visit our website at: www.ellendalecountryclub.com



PRESIDENT'S CORNER DONALD CALLAIS



Ellendale has been bustling. Our membership has been using our facilities and bringing their quest. All of this leads to financial stability for the club.

For those of you who have not been to our Sunday brunch, you're missing an opportunity for a gourmet meal at a great price. It's also a great chance to see fellow members and old friends. Due to the interest in the Brunch, I recommend reservations be made. You'll get instant seating and service.

We're electing three board members in July. It's important we all vote. A ballot was sent out with the statements earlier in June. Please take the time to vote for those three candidates you feel will best represent the interest of the club. We have five excellent choices.

Important Update:

The Ellendale Board of Governors is happy to announce we have hired a General Manager. This will be effective July 1. After a search by an appointed committee, it was decided to hire our own Jamie Womack. Jamie's background and experience, plus his performance at Ellendale the last 22 months convinced the committee and board he was the person for the job. This much needed position will enable our managers to have a coordinated effort going forward. Better communications, sales and marketing, membership activities, and over all club enhancements are some of the results we'll be looking for. Jamie will also continue his present duties at the Pro shop and golf instructions. Congratulations Jamie!

Thank you and see you at the club .

BOARD OF GOVERNORS ELECTION

THE OFFICE HAS MAILED OUT PROXIES WITH YOUR MAY 31ST STATEMENT WHICH INCLUDES 3 POSITIONS OPENING UP ON THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS. PLEASE DO NOT FORGET TO RETURN IT TO THE CLUB.

THE NOMINEES RUNNING ARE: FRANCIS "JACK" CLEMENTS JR., MIKE LEDET, ROBBIE NAQUIN, GREG ROGER, & CLAUDE THOMPSON.

THE RESULTS WILL BE GIVEN AT THE ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING WHICH WILL BE HELD IN JULY. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL DESHONE AT THE BUSINESS OFFICE PHONE 876-4392. THANK YOU!

Junior Sports Camp

Juniors will participate in golf, swimming, and tennis throughout each session.
(Golf will not be available on Mondays!)

Swimming will be fun and recreational.

Golf will create a fun filled environment of learning for all juniors. Our Professional staff will focus on chipping, pitching, putting, full swing, etiquette, rules of golf, and safety.

Tennis will focus on the basics of the game, taught in a fun environment with the emphasis on forehands, backhands, serves, and volleys followed by point play.

Camp is open to members and their guests!

Contact Greg Crain or Jamie Womack @ 985-876-4394 to reserve a session! For more information, fell free to email Jamie @ womack62@ymail.com or Meenakshi @ cetennis@gmail.com

Session 3

Date: July 14th, 15th, 16th, & 17th
Time: 9:00am-12:00pm

Session 4

Date: July 21st, 22nd, 23rd, & 24th
Time: 9:00am-12:00pm

Cost: \$140 per Junior (Lunch Provided After)
All ages between 5-11 are welcome to Sign-Up
SESSION SIZE LIMITED TO 16

PLEASE SIGN UP IN ADVANCE TO SECURE PLACE

**We would like to Welcome
the following new members
and their families to
Ellendale Country Club!**

**Jacob Lipari
Henry Kimble
Dustin Rhodes
Elias Gogg
Levi Renois
Joe Dubois
Benton Leblanc
Jason Underwood
John Fontenot
Reece Bergeron
Robbie Breaux
Matt Matis
Timmy Thibodaux**

**Tuesday
Green Fee Special**

Every Tuesday we offer members an opportunity to bring guests to play golf at a discounted rate of \$49. This includes the cart. Please note that this is only available on Tuesdays. Guest must be with the member to get the rate.

Golf Rule of the Month:

In stroke play, prior to taking his stance, a player removes a stake defining out of bounds that interferes with his line of play. He plays the shot and replaces the stake. What is the ruling?

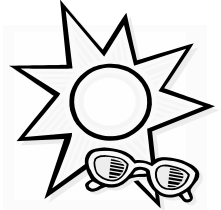
- A) There is no penalty
- B) There is a one stroke penalty
- C) There is a two stroke penalty

Answer: See page 5

Pool News...

The pool is Open from 12:00p.m.-6:00p.m. everyday except Mondays. The Pool is Closed on Mondays. The Pool is available year round for Pool Parties!!!

Swim Lessons will be offered through June. Call the pool office at 876-4397 for more information or scheduling.



FYI:

We are now offering Direct Debit Via ACH for payment on the membership accounts. If you would like to enroll in this program, please bring a voided check to the Business Office. There is also a form to be signed while you are there. If you have any questions call the Business Office at 876-4392.

MGA NEWS

Precipitation, perspiration and participation... June has welcomed us back to a typical Louisiana Summer with scattered thunderstorms and choking humidity. Despite those obstacles, our June MGA event had over 30 players compete in the "4 Club" event. Our Gross victor was Mark LeBlanc who shot 73, despite telling me on the 3rd hole that "my swing just doesn't feel right". Our Net Victor was Bret Cuneo with a 74. Mark proves again what a fundamentally solid golf swing he possesses, while Cuneo is off to the beach to replenish his bag.

Our Match Play bracket is narrowed down to the ELITE 8: Chuck Olivier v. Danny Blanchard; Bret Cuneo v. Scott Gauthreaux; Mark LeBlanc v. Bill Rigsby; Troy Cunningham v. Dennis Elfert. Good luck gents!

The next event is July 12th and will be "Mulligan per Hole". We will be starting this event at 8am to combat some of the summer heat.

Look forward to seeing you there. Fill in your divots!

Jeff Bordelon, MGA Chair

GOLF NEWS

THE GOLF REPORT

GREG CRAIN
HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL

Summer has officially arrived at Ellendale. The temperatures and humidity continue to climb with the heat indices near 100. Golfing is also heating up with many activities starting with our junior sports camps. We will have 5 different sessions throughout the Summer for the age groups of 5-11. The camps include tennis, golf, swimming and lunch. Thanks to Jamie for coordinating the camps, Niki and her staff for providing lunch each day, Coach Meenakshi for tennis, and Frank at the pool. The future tennis stars, golfers and swimmers all had a great time. The 4 tournament player's clinics are provided for the older juniors 12 and older, wishing to take their game to the next level. Emphasis will be directed more on course management, "on course training", and quality practice sessions. Please contact Jamie in the Golf Shop for additional information.

On June 9th, HLB Braves held their annual fundraiser at Ellendale. Everyone had a wonderful time enjoying great food and competition. Thanks to all that participated and we'll see ya'll next year. The 7th Annual "Crawfish Scramble" was finally contested on June 13th. The weather was a difficult foe this year, but thanks to the resilience of our members and their guests the tournament was a great success. Congratulations to this years "backwards" champions, Garrett Bennett, Ernie Bennett II, and Timothy Bergeron. Way to go guys!! Hope to see everyone on November 7th for the fall fundraiser the "Cochon De Lait" golf tournament. The MGA held their monthly event on June 14th. The 4-club event was an exciting format. Congratulations to Mark Leblanc on winning the gross division with a great score of 73 and to the net division winner Bret Cuneo with a score of 69!!! Wow, these guys are good. The next MGA event will be this month on July 12th. Please contact the Golf Shop to get signed up for this event.

Remember to check the website, calendar and postings at the Golf Shop and clubhouse for upcoming events. And always, thanks for your support of the Golf Shop and Ellendale Country Club.

Upcoming Golf Events

July 8th—LGA Mid AM Qualifier
July 13th—TBAGS Outing
July 14th—Covenant Christian
July 23rd—Annual Stockholders Meeting

"2014 New Arrivals"

Adidas Golf

- Pure 360 gripmore sport footwear
- Adicross gripmore footwear
- Ladies ClimaChill Apparel
- Men's ClimaLite Shorts
- Men's Puremotion Apparel

Brooks Brothers Golf

- Brookscool Non-iron shirt collection
- Custom orders upon request

Costa Del Mar

- Polarized Sunglasses

Nike Golf

- Stay Cool DRI-FIT ECC Headwear
- Custom Fit Reversible Belts

Odyssey Putters

- Versa
- White Hot Pro
- Metal X Milled

Page & Tuttle

- Men's Moisture Wicking ECC Apparel

Titleist Golf

- 2014 Scotty Cameron Select Putters Collection
- SM5 Vokey Wedges

2014 Junior Golf "Tournament Players Clinic"

Summer Session dates: July 9th & 16th

This clinic is designed for juniors ages 12 and older, wishing to take their game to the next level. Emphasis will be directed more to course management, "on course training", and quality practice sessions.

\$15 per session (Time: 4:00-5:30pm)

CLINIC SIZE LIMITED TO 6

PLEASE SIGN UP IN ADVANCE TO SECURE PLACE

Stop By the Ellendale Country Club Professional Shop for All Golfing Needs!



From the Ladies Tees

The Ellendale Women's Golf Association

Despite the heat, several ladies have been golfing on Wednesdays-Ladies Day. There was a discussion among ladies in attendance Wednesday, June 18 and it was decided that we will continue playing at 9 a.m. year round. All ladies belonging to Ellendale are invited to join in. You do not have to be a member of the Ladies Golf Assn. @ Ellendale to join in the fun and meet new people. We have Beginners to Ladies that have been playing for years. You may email Joann Blanchard, joblanc@bellsouth.net, Ellendale Ladies Golf Assn. Sports Chair with any questions you may have, or if you want to get on the email list for information on Ladies Golf at Ellendale. Match Play is in process and hopefully if we can finish the current tournament we can plan a new one for the Fall.

The MGA is hosting Thursday Afternoon Scrambles that are open to all--Please Call the Ellendale Golf Shop for more information. Scrambles are an excellent way for Beginners to start playing with different people and stepping out of your Comfort Zone (hard for many new golfers).

NOWGA will be having the 1st meeting for the 2014-2015 on July 7th. Elaine Ledet (NOWGA REP) will be attending the meeting and is in need of names of interested ladies. You do not have to be a member of the Ellendale Ladies Golf Assn. to join NOWGA; however, you must have an established 18 hole handicap. Please email Elaine Ledet-fepizani@yahoo.com if you are interested. This is a great way to play new courses at a minimal cost.



On Course

Scott Guidry,
Course Superintendent

The month of May has come and gone along with all of the tournaments as well. May was a great month for the club and the course. We had very good weather considering we went through a mini drought for most of the month. We had a total of 5.90 inches during the month, but most of it came down in the last few days.

June brings other challenges to us in the Maintenance Department. As of this letter we have had 3.0 inches of rain through June 24th. Our greens have finally been aerified. After the initial date was pushed back a week, we finally got the job done. Also, we are on a pretty regular schedule as far as verticutting and topdressing. This will help thin out the turf as far as thatch, as well as help smooth out any bumps on the putting surface. Both are key components as far as promoting a good putting surface.

Another thing that is common once greens are aerified is scalping. The first time we mowed our greens after the first aerification there was a lot of scalping. This seemed to cause a panic among the membership. Please remember next time that this is totally normal. It happened with the old greens and it will happen again next time we do it. It is especially common for new greens to scalp. The soil is new and when an aerifier gets put on a green it punches and bounces and disrupts everything imaginable. Therefore it causes the turf to become uneven. Through rolling, verticutting, and topdressing are the ways to heal. Thank you for your concerns, but please be advised that this will happen again.

The fairways are scheduled to be verticut and aerified as well this Summer. Again, this will only aid in the health and playing ability of this surface. There was a lot of concern from members regarding our fairways this winter, but in my opinion they are well on their way to being very good once again. Please remember we went nearly an entire year without them being fertilized prior to the renovation. We will also fertilize the entire course again sometime in July, weather permitting.

Another issue I am hearing about is the 419 Bermudagrass that encroaches into our collars. We have 419 Bermudagrass on everything except for the greens and the collars. We have Mini Verde Bermudagrass on our greens and collars. Both are the same turf just different cultivars. 419 is an extremely aggressive grass so there is going to be intrusion. The only way to eliminate this is to pick out the 419 that is going into the Mini Verde. This is extremely time consuming and intensive to maintain. We are doing our best to handle this issue, but it is not always going to be pristine. The way to rid this is to go to each collar and pick it out with a knife. Factor in everything that we have to do as well as member play and sometimes things have to get prioritized. We edge our greens weekly, but this does not always do the job. Play has a lot to do with this because we cannot be picking weeds on a green while members are hitting their approach shots or putting. And we do not do this on weekends do to the heavy play. All we can do is pick it whenever we have the time. We are always going to battle this due to the nature of 419 Bermudagrass. We knew this before we planted the new greens that this will be an issue so this is not a surprise. Thank you very much for your patience and support.

Golf Rule of the Month:

Answer: C)

**There is a two stroke penalty.
(Decision 13-2/17; Definition of Out
of Bounds)**

Restaurant

Hours:

Tuesday through Friday
& Sunday:

Open 11am to 2 pm

Monday & Saturday:

Restaurant closed (A la
carte served on Satur-
days from 19th Hole).

19th Hole

Hours:

Tuesday through Sun-
day:

Open 8 am to 6:00 pm

Monday:

19th Hole closed

Buffet Hours:

Full Buffet -11:00 am
till 2:00 pm Thursday,
Friday, & Sunday.

THURSDAY SCRAMBLE

<u>DATES:</u>	Every Thursday Evening (July Dates: 10th, 17th, & 31st)
<u>TIME:</u>	5:30 Shotgun Start
<u>REGISTER:</u>	Please sign up prior to 4:00pm the day of the event (Limited to the first 44 players)
<u>FORMAT:</u>	2-3-4 PERSON SCRAMBLE-NET Each player tees off and then the team chooses the best drive. Players then proceed to that ball and both play their second shot from there. This procedure is continued until the ball is holed out.
<u>RULES:</u>	Ball can be moved 1-club length no closer to the hole, except on the greens. On the green the ball may be moved 6" no closer to the hole. The ball must remain in the same condition (i.e... ball in rough must stay in rough)
<u>TEES:</u>	Men (Under 65) Blue Tees Men (65 & Older) White Tees Women Red Tees
<u>CONTESTS:</u>	Closest to Pin/Longest Drive/Straightest Drive
<u>HANDICAPS:</u>	USGA recommendations 35% of the "A Player" 15% of the "B Player"
<u>PRIZES:</u>	All Prizes will be paid out in golf shop credit!
<u>ENTRY FEE:</u>	\$5 Per Member \$15 Per Guest Plus applicable cart fee per person
<u>SCORING:</u>	Please turn your scorecard in at the 19 th Hole following play

(Please call to confirm, Dates are subject to change, this is to be a fun and enjoyable event)

MGA Members will receive 10 points for participating!

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