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**MEN'S
MEMBER MEMBER CHAMPIONSHIP**

Dates: **Saturday, September 26th and Sunday, September 27th.**

Entry Fee: \$250 per team. Entry fee includes: Overall Champion's Award and Flight Winner & Runner-up Prizes. BBQ lunch during Saturdays 2nd & 3rd matches. Lunch following the completion of the 5th matches Sunday before shootout begins. On course beverages provided during competition.

Schedule of Events:

Saturday, September 26th

8:00 a.m. Shotgun start – First nine hole match.

10:30 a.m. Shotgun start – Second nine-hole match. Lunch will be served between second and third round matches.

1:00 p.m. Shotgun Start – Third nine-hole match.

Sunday, September 27th

8:00 a.m. Shotgun start – Fourth nine-hole match.

10:30 a.m. Shotgun start – Fifth/Final nine-hole match.

12:30 p.m. Lunch follows final match.

1:15 p.m. Shoot-Out for Overall Champion.

Format: Teams will be flighted into six flights based on combined total of handicap indexes. Five 9-hole matches will determine each flight's winner. Each flight winner will advance to a Shoot-Out Sunday afternoon to determine the Overall Champion.

NOTE: Field is limited to 36 teams.
Course will reopen to regular play at approximately 3pm Saturday, September 26th, and 12:30pm Sunday, September 27th.

Flight Prizes: First Place: \$500 (Gift Certificate) per team
Second Place: \$200 (Gift Certificate) per team
(Based on full field of 36 teams)

Visit our website at: www.ellendalecountryclub.com



PRESIDENT'S CORNER DANNY LIRETTE



I would like to thank all members that participated in the recent vote concerning the \$300 assessment. The vote was overwhelmingly in favor: 115 For & 25 Against. The total vote was 140. Forty members were present at the meeting.

Ellendale has continued to experience monthly losses after the notice of the assessment was sent out to members. As a result, the Board and myself felt that it was more prudent to delay paving the driveway and keep those funds in reserve to offset those losses. We will go forward with repairing the bulkhead on hole #6 but at a reduced cost from the original estimate. We have placed a hold on all capital improvement projects until we can reverse these monthly losses.

We are currently reviewing all monthly expenses and will cut back in areas that will not adversely affect the amenities provided to our members. This will be the last newsletter that will be mailed to members. Going forward the newsletter will be e-mailed to members. If you have not previously done so please provide the office with your e-mail address.

*While the Board is cutting expenses we ask for help from our members. **USE THE CLUB!** Come out to our wonderful buffet. Introduce Ellendale to a friend. Bring your office out to eat lunch. Invite a guest to play golf. All of this will help our bottom line.*

“YOUR SUPPORT OF ELLENDALE COUNTRY CLUB IS APPRECIATED”

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

Michael Monier
Jeremy Rau
Jason Jones
Current Membership Total: **508**



Family Fun Day

We would like to thank all the members & staff that participated in Ellendale's Family Fun day which was held on Saturday, August 8th. Not only did the kids enjoy it, but the adults also had a Blast! There was a Cajun dunking booth, a water-slide, wet & wacky kick ball, and many more fun activities. We are happy to report that because of membership participation, that event was a huge success. We hope to see even more members next year making it bigger & better!!!

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.

Notice to All Members:

This will be the last time the newsletter will be mailed to members. Going forward we will begin sending out all info via email. We will also keep a current calendar on the website. If you have not been receiving club emails, it is very important that you contact the Business office at 876-4392 to be added to our email list. This will ensure that you are kept up to date on the events going on at your club!

General Manager Report

Jamie Womack

Wow! I bet you all are as ready to wrap up this Summer as I am. Well, the heat that is.... not the fishing. The heat and idle activity are soon to be over. Let us look forward to Fall when we will be resurrecting the Men's Member Member Championship that historically built an insurmountable camaraderie. It is a time when this type of relationship building is important. Not only to me, but to the club and to our future. My recent struggles, and most notably the support received as a result, remind me of the importance of our solidified relationships and how they serve as our foundation. On the last weekend of September, your support of this event will be a testament to the efforts and agreement in this regard.

A general revamp is also underway as a representation of our strengthening club. We will introduce new wines and food items to our menu, and review the responses to these new items in an effort to improve member satisfaction while still remaining mindful of our monetary concerns. The results will be reflected on our new menu which will be issued [on October 1st](#).

Finally, a term has been served by some of our board members. Please help me extend deep gratitude to Don Callais, Dud Smith, Mark Leblanc, and Debi Samanie for their years of service to Ellendale Country Club. Because they acted on the Club's behalf, we are better for it. On that note, we can now introduce Danny Lirette, Jeff Bordelon, Dr. Rob Alexander, and Mike Peoples as our newest advocates. Thanks you in advance for your efforts!

Golf Rule of the Month:

A competitor's ball lies in some bushes and he fairly takes his stance, addressing the ball. With the intention of making a stroke, he starts his backswing. Before reaching the top of his backswing, his club strikes and breaks a small branch that results in an improvement to his area of intended swing, whereupon he discontinues his backswing. What is the ruling?

- A. There is no penalty because the player fairly took his stance
- B. There is no penalty because the branch was broken during backswing for the stroke
- C. There is a penalty of two strokes

Answer: See page 5

From the Ladies Tees

The Ellendale
Women's
Golf Association



Every Wednesday morning is Ladies Day at Ellendale. All ladies are invited to join us to play at 9:00 a.m. Please arrive no later than 8:45 to join in to play. A new round of Match play has begun for our ELGA. All ladies participating are asked to have their first match completed by the end of September. Good luck and have fun!

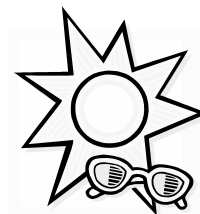
It's time for a new season of tournaments and events for the New Orleans Women's Golf Association (NOWGA). Thirteen ladies from Ellendale joined NOWGA and the first play date is September 15 at Timberlane Country Club. It will be a best nine event.

Sunday scrambles have been scheduled. Our ladies encourage everyone to participate. The first scramble will be September 13th at 1:00.

A special thank you to Joan Glover for hosting a swim party for our lady golfers after our August meeting and to Monica Folse and her daughter, Emily, for decorating the ladies locker room bulletin board.

Pool News...

The weekend only schedule has been in effect since the kids have returned to school. The Pool will be Open Monday, September 7th for the Labor Day Holiday. That will be the last day the pool will be Open for the season.



LABOR DAY

Ellendale Country Club will be Open Labor Day (Monday, September 7th), and would like to invite everyone out to the Club to come and enjoy the day.

The Golf Course: Open
The 19th Hole: Open
Pool: Open 12:00-6:00

GOLF NEWS

THE GOLF REPORT

GREG CRAIN
HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL

Ellendale has once again seen extreme weather conditions for the month of August. The heat indices have continued to soar above the 100 mark on a daily basis. The afternoon showers are all that seem to help lower the staggering temperatures, but the good news is that cooler temperatures are just around the corner.

The golf shop is having an end of Summer "Super Sale" for the month of September. The sale will offer apparel from Adidas, Ashworth, Footjoy, etc. at 50% off. Many name brand golf clubs, including iron sets, drivers, hybrids, fairway metals, wedges, and putters will be sold at rock bottom prices. Many golf bags, including stand bags, and cart bags will be greatly reduced. Come by the golf shop to pick up some great deals.

Congratulations to the MGA "tough course" August winners. Kevin Killian and Ray Hebert won the gross division with a super score of 67, wow!! Walt Weaver and James Champagne won the net division with an excellent score of 57, congratulations. The final MGA event will be Saturday, September 12th at 8:00. The format will be One Man 1 mulligan per hole event. This is the last event to accumulate points for the season ending Ellendale Cup. The top point's leader is Bret Cuneo with 1750 and James Champagne is in 2nd with 1150. The top 26 points leaders will qualify for the season ending Ellendale Cup. The Ryder Cup format will take place the weekend of October 24th and 25th. Make sure to sign up in the golf shop to improve your position in the exciting event. The weekend of September 26th and 27th will be our Member-Member Tournament. The event will be limited to 36 teams and will consist of 5 nine hole matches over the 2 days. This is a great event to participate. Call or come by the golf shop to reserve a spot for your team. Mark your calendar for this year's Club Championship for the weekend of October 10th and 11th. Mark LeBlanc is the defending champion and is ready to defend his title. Come by the golf shop to sign up for this event. The Sunrise Rotary will host their annual event on Monday, September 21st. This event is a scramble and will start at 1:00. The Rotary uses the proceeds to purchase bicycles for needy children for Christmas. Show your support and get a team together for this great event. Flyers are available at the golf shop.

Be sure to check the calendar and postings at the golf shop, clubhouse and website for upcoming events and activities. And as always, thanks for your continued support of the golf shop and Ellendale Country Club.

"2015 New Arrivals"

Adidas Golf

- Men's & Women's Climacool Apparel
- *All New Men's Climachill Apparel*

Callaway Golf

- Big Bertha Alpha 816 Series Driver, Fairway Woods, Hybrids
- Great Big Bertha Series Driver, Fairway Woods, Hybrids
- XR & XR Pro Driver, Fairway Woods, Hybrids
- Big Bertha Irons, XR & XR Pro Irons, Apex Irons

Mizuno Golf

- Mizuno Fitting Cart with the latest shaft optimizer and iron model in multiple head weights, Shaft Optimizer software program contains bend profiles for all 47 shafts offered

Nike Golf

- Tiger Woods & Tour Performance Apparel
- Men's & Women's LSU & Saints Apparel
- Men's & Women's F1 Impact 2 Footwear
- Men's TW '15 Footwear Special

Ping Golf

- New Ping I & GMAX Irons: Custom Orders Available Now

Titleist Golf

- 716 Ap1, Ap2, CB, & MB Irons Release Date: November 1st.

Upcoming Golf Events

- Monday, September 7th—Labor Day— Course Open!
- Saturday, September 12th - MGA Mulligan Event
- Sunday, September 13th— Sunday Scramble
- Monday, September 21st - Sunrise Rotary
- Saturday & Sunday, September 26th & 26th - Men's Member Member Championship
- Monday, October 5th - SCIA Outing
- Saturday & Sunday, October 10th & 11th - Club Championship

**Stop By Ellendale Country Club Professional Shop for All Golfing Needs!
(Custom Fitting and Special Ordering Upon Request)**

MGA NEWS

Ever wanted to know who the toughest golfers are at Ellendale? Well, the results are in... our August event was the inaugural "Tough Man" competition. The brainchild of Scott Gautreaux, two golfers were paired together in scramble format with tee boxes and hole positions that were less than favorable. The toughest golfers to emerge victorious in both Net and Gross divisions were the teams of Walt Weaver & James Champagne and Kevin Killian & Ray Hebert. Congrats on the solid play fellas. Some of you may remember Kevin from 8 years ago when he was our assistant golf professional. Now he's back to show us that the best golfers in this state are in oilfield sales with good expense accounts.

Moving on... our September event will be held on 9/12 at 8am. The format will be "Mulligan Per Hole" individual format. This will be our last event before the Ellendale Cup held at the end of October.

In other news, our Match Play bracket is down to the Elite 8. Congrats and good luck to the players who've made it this far. The final showdown will be held in October.

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank an unsung model member at this club. I routinely see this member working around the club pulling weeds, filling other golfers divots, gardening, etc... All this to make our club a better place. Thanks David Whitney!

Faithfully Submitted,
Jeff Bordelon
MGA Chair



Tennis News

Meenakshi Sundaram, who is the Head Tennis Coach at Nicholls State University, is also the Tennis instructor here at Ellendale and currently utilizing the Tennis Courts. He is available for private lessons. 24 hour notification is needed to reserve the Tennis courts. Please contact Meenakshi by email or phone to reserve your time.

**To schedule a lesson and/or
reserve the Tennis courts contact the tennis
coach at**

**Email: cetennis@gmail.com or call
Ph. 830-624-5895**



On Course

Scott Guidry,
Course Superintendent

We have had some wet weather towards the end of August. For the month we have recorded only 4.75", but much of that has come later in the month. We have had some weekends of cart path only rulings. The temperatures have been steadily in the 90's and mid 90's for most of the month. Due to these extreme temperatures, we are allowing tee times on Tuesday-Thursday to begin at 7:30 AM, and Friday-Sunday to begin at 7:00a.m. Hopefully this will allow golfers to beat the heat.

The greens are doing very good for this time of year. We are topdressing them every week, mixing up when we mow and roll them, and changing up our fertilization applications. On August 24, we aerified them with a 1/2" solid tine. This is a pretty big size tine that will obviously punch a bigger size hole. The process went smoothly and the recovery time will be quick. The entire course was sprayed with Primo in an effort to slow down the growth of the turf. This also allows us to mow the rough at a much lower height as of late. The course is in good health heading into the Fall and Winter.

FYI:

We offer Direct Debit Via ACH for payments on your membership account. If you would like to enroll in this program, please bring a voided check to the Business Office, and there is also a form to be signed. If you have any questions call the Business Office at 876-4392.

Golf Rule of the Month:

Answer: C. There is a penalty of two strokes. Decision 13-2/14.5

Restaurant Hours:

Tuesday through Friday & Sunday:

Open 11am to 2 pm

Monday, Tuesday & Saturday:

Restaurant closed (A la carte served on Saturdays from 19th Hole).

19th Hole Hours:

Tuesday through Sunday:

Open 8 am to 7:00 pm

Monday:

19th Hole closed

Buffet Hours:

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



Restaurant News



We would like to remind you that the restaurant has re-opened on Tuesdays, but with a limited menu. Wednesdays a soup & salad bar available and/or you can order off the a la carte menu. Thursdays & Fridays we have a full buffet along with soup, salad & dessert bar, and/or you can also order off the a la carte menu. Sundays we have a special Sunday Brunch buffet from 11am-2pm along with the a la carte menu. Weekly emails are sent out with the Sunday brunch menu, so if you aren't receiving the emails please contact the business office at 876-4392. "Dinner at Your Door" will resume in September.

Dinner At Your Door

"Dinner at Your Door" is scheduled for Wednesday, September 9th & Wednesday, September 23rd. You can enjoy "Dinner at Your Door" for \$12.95 delivered fresh to Ellendale Subdivision every other Wednesday between 4:00 p.m.– 6:30 p.m. If you don't live in the Ellendale Subdivision, you can still enjoy our delicious & convenient dinner with ease, just call us and we'll have your order ready for pick-up in the 19th Hole. All orders can be directed to the restaurant at ph.872-9924. Call us and let us make dinner a little easier!

MENU

September 9th: Chicken Stew, Sweet Peas, Bread, Salad & Dessert

September 23rd: Fried Pork Loins, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Bread, Salad & Dessert