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*Annual Santa Claus Visit*  
*Sunday, December 13th*

*You are invited to join us for our annual Santa Visit to Ellendale Country Club. The children are sure to gleam with excitement as they gather and visit with Santa Claus. Santa will arrive Sunday, December 13th at 11:00 am, and lunch will be served from 11:00 am until 2 pm with delicious meal options for all ages.*

*Don't forget to RSVP early for this popular holiday event so that Santa can make sure he has enough surprises for all of his special guests. Please call 872-9924 to reserve your table. (Don't forget your camera!)*

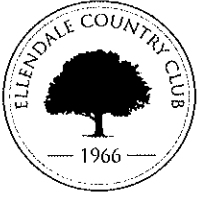


**2016 MGA SEASON  
KICKS OFF  
STEAK NIGHT & PUTTING CONTEST**

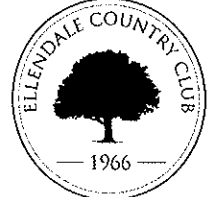
**THE 2016 MGA SEASON WILL KICK OFF ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH, 2016 AT 6:00 PM IN THE 19TH HOLE. AFTER DINNER AND THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS, WE WILL HAVE OUR PUTTING CONTEST. RANDOMLY PAIRED TEAMS OF TWO WILL COMPETE IN A BATTLE ROYALE ON THE PUTTING GREEN FOR BRAGGING RIGHTS. IF AN ELLENDALE MEMBER WISHES TO RUN FOR AN OFFICER'S POSITION, PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR NAME TO THE GOLF SHOP OR BUSINESS OFFICE (PH876-4392). WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING ALL THE SAME FAMILIAR FACES AND HOPEFULLY SOME NEW ONES.**

**AGENDA: 6:00-6:30 SIGN-UP  
6:30 ELECT OFFICERS (9 COMMITTEE MEMBERS)  
7:00 MEAL  
7:30 PUTTING CONTEST  
SIGN-UP IN THE PRO SHOP**

Visit our website at: [www.ellendalecountryclub.com](http://www.ellendalecountryclub.com)



# PRESIDENT'S CORNER ROBBIE NAQUIN



*Members of Ellendale Country Club:*

*I want to first thank everyone that came out to our special general membership meeting this month. A lot of good points were made, many of which we have begun to follow up on, and all of which will be helpful for the Club going forward.*

*With the Holiday and Mardi Gras seasons approaching, I want to encourage everyone to use Ellendale Country Club for any catering events. Our staff does a wonderful job catering events such as this, and we want to be sure our membership takes full advantage of this great service Ellendale provides. As you will see in the financial analysis below, it is imperative that our membership uses our Club.*

*I want to go over some quick financial points regarding our six month Year-to-Date financials as of 10/31/15:*

*Our total cash balance was \$275,000.*

*Compared to the 2014 six month period, our revenues were down by \$76,000 (excluding assessment income) driven by an \$81,000 drop in catering revenue, and a \$15,000 drop in green fee revenue; however, with a \$104,000 drop in operating expenses, our cash flow available to cover principal payments improved by \$28,000 year over year.*

*On a historical basis, we are still running at a cash flow deficit, but with cost cutting measures already approved, most of which are effective January 1st, we should be at a cash flow neutral or positive position shortly, and will report those financial results monthly.*

*It seems that all we have been doing lately is harping on our financials. We have and will continue to look at ways to boost revenues and reduce expenses efficiently, but what we have to recognize is the need to provide value to all of our members, while also doing so in a fiscally responsible manner. As we have communicated, we are getting estimates on certain capital improvements to our pool and tennis facilities; however, a capital expenditure estimate without a funding source is useless.*

*We are putting serious thought into our long term capital structure, setting goals on how we pay for projects not just in the near term, but going forward as well. All while focused on ways to reduce our debt in the process. The one thing I have heard from talking to past presidents, board members, etc., is the financial horror stories we have endured in our past. I want to be sure that the club is prepared not just during my term on the Board, but going forward. This includes managing with realistic operating budgets, and setting the appropriate target cash balances for operations and emergencies going forward. Once this work is complete, we will roll out this forward-looking comprehensive plan.*

*We will continue to need and seek input from our membership. I highly encourage you to reach out to me, or any other member of the board, with any suggestions you may have as we work forward. Thanks for all of you support, and I hope to see you out at Ellendale!*



Not sure what to buy for a Christmas gift? A gift certificate from the Ellendale Golf Shop is always a winner!

There are Gift Certificates available for not only Golf Shop merchandise, but also for Golf Lessons.

## *End of the Year Sale!*

Titleist Pro V1 & Pro V1x Golf Balls

Retail Price: \$49.99

Sale Price: \$39.99

Free Personalization Upon Request!

Order before Dec. 15th to guarantee delivery by Christmas.

# *New Year's Eve Dinner*

*We would like to invite you out to Ellendale  
for New Year's Eve Dinner.*

*Dinner will be served from 6pm-9pm.*

*Reservations are limited so please call  
872-9924 to reserve your table.*

*We will make sure you have time  
to make it to your midnight  
destination in time to watch the  
ball drop!*



## **Golf Rule of the Month:**

In stroke play, a player finds a ball he assumes to be his drive and plays that ball. Prior to playing his next shot, he realizes he has played a wrong ball. The player addresses the wrong ball, takes a full swing, and hits it 150 yards into an adjacent driving range. He then returns to the area from which he played the wrong ball, finds his original ball after a brief search, and plays the original ball into the hole in four more strokes. The player's score for the hole is:

- A. 6
- B. 7
- C. 8
- D. 9

**Answer: See page 4**

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

Trent Brady

Current Membership Total: 458

## **MGA NEWS**

Attention MGA Members,

As we put 2015 in our rear view mirror and look forward to 2016, I would like to express my appreciation to all the members who participated in our events this year. It was an eventful year with a membership that continues to grow year over year.

For those of you who cannot wait for the next season to begin, I would like to urge you to participate in the Christmas Co-Ed Scramble held on Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 3pm. Many Thanks to Julie Steigner for organizing this event. It should be a lot of fun. We are now accepting applications for "Golfing Santa". All applicants must be able to bounce 250 lbs on one knee.

Our first event of the 2016 MGA season is scheduled for the Thursday before the Superbowl which is February 4th. That event is the annual Steak and Putting Contest.

Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year!

Jeff Bordelon  
MGA Chair  
VP ECC Board of Governors



## *From the Ladies Tees*

### **The Ellendale Women's Golf Association**

Be sure to "like" the Ellendale Ladies' Golf Association on Facebook to keep up with events and activities.

The Ladies' Golf Association is hosting a co-ed Christmas Scramble on December 13. This social 9-hole scramble will have fun prizes and awards. You can make your own team or we will place you with a group. All skill levels are welcome... especially beginners! Scrambles are a great way to introduce newbies to the social fun of golf. Look for the sign-up sheet in the pro-shop or RSVP to the event on our Facebook page.

Every Wednesday morning is Ladies' Day at Ellendale, and golfers of all skill levels are invited to play. We have standing tee times at 9:00, 9:10 and 9:20. Interested players in need of a foursome should arrive no later than 8:45.

If you or your daughters are interested in learning more about golf and how it's played, leave a message in the proshop or visit the Ellendale Ladies' Golf Association Facebook page to arrange a meetup with a ladies' golf mentor.

Players still in Fall Match Play are encouraged to complete your matches before the end of December. Good luck to those still in it!

# **GOLF NEWS**

## **THE GOLF REPORT**

GREG CRAIN  
HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL

November has continued with great weather. Hopefully the good weather will continue through the Winter months.

The golf shop has many new items arriving daily. Titleist has introduced the new 916 AP1 and AP2 irons. Callaway is offering a new Great Big Bertha Driver. Taylormade now has the M1 driver, fairway woods and hybrids on sale for the holidays. Ping has the new GMAX irons. New Ellendale Logoed Golf bags from Titleist & Ping are in stock and would make great Christmas gifts. Winter apparel from Sunmountain, Footjoy and Adidas has arrived for the chilly mornings. Our staff will be happy to wrap any purchases through the Ellendale Golf Shop to ease your holidays!

The 2015 MGA season will be kicking off with the annual steak night and putting contest in February. The festivities will include NFL football, grilled steaks, putting contest, possible pedro and the election of 2016 officers. Contact the golf shop for more information regarding this night of fun and season! The first MGA tournament will be the Super Bowl Scramble on February 6<sup>th</sup>. This is a great event to get the season started.

Be sure to check the calendar, website 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**

Friday, December 11th - Mizuno Demo day  
Sunday, December 13th-Christmas Scramble 3pm  
Thursday, December 24th-Course Open till 2pm  
Friday, December 25th- Course Closed  
Thursday, December 31st-Course Open till 2pm  
Friday, January 1st-Course Closed

## **Golf Rule of the Month:**

Correct Answer: D (Rule 15-3; Decision 20-7c/5)

## ***“2015 New Arrivals”***

### ***Adidas Golf***

-Men's Climachill & Climacool Apparel  
\*Christmas Sale\*

### ***Ashworth***

Cardiff Footwear Special  
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### ***Callaway Golf***

-Big Bertha Alpha 816 Series Driver, Fairway Woods, Hybrids  
-Great Big Bertha Series Driver, Fairway Woods, Hybrids

### ***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***

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-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 1<sup>st</sup>.  
Full Demo Sets Available for on course Trial!

## ***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.*

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

**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 6:00 pm**

Monday:  
**19th Hole closed**

**Buffet Hours:**

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



# Restaurant News



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from Ellendale Country Club! We would like to remind you that we can assist in preparing your Holiday Feast. We can help with main dishes, sides, desserts, etc. Call us at 872-9924 to place your order and let us help reduce a little stress from your Holidays!

## Dinner At Your Door

You can enjoy "Dinner at Your Door" for \$12.95 delivered fresh to Ellendale Subdivision every other Wednesday between 4:00 p.m.– 5:30 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! Thanks for your support of the Ellendale Country Club restaurant.

### Featured Entrees:

**December 2nd: Hamburger Steaks**

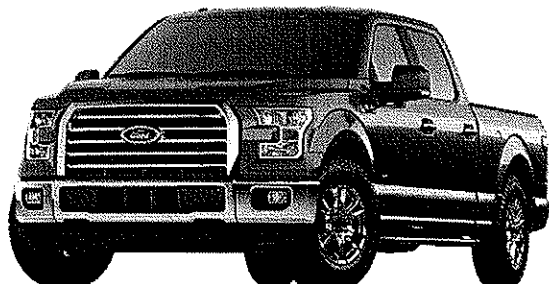
**December 16th: Baked Chicken**



# Tri-Parish



# Truck Talk



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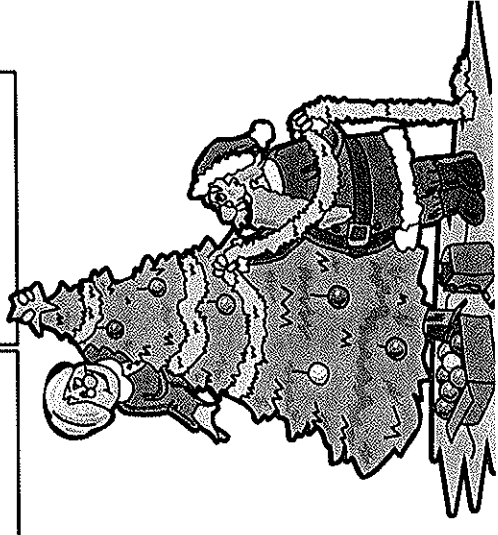
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Managing Editor

# DECEMBER

# 2015

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# ELLENDALE COUNTRY CLUB

