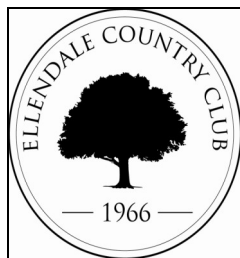


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2016 Ellendale Country Club Men's & Ladies Club Championship

Rescheduled Date: Saturday, October 29th & Sunday, October 30th!

The 2016 Ellendale Club Championship will be held on October 29th & 30th. The field is limited so call the Golf Shop at 876-4394 to sign up.

-No Entry Fee (Cart Fee Only)

-Flight Winners

-65 and older play from white tees except Championship flight

-Call the Golf Shop if you would like to help sponsor

Men's (Field limited to 96 players):

FLIGHT	HANDICAP
Championship Flight	0-4 & open to everyone
1st Flight	5-8
2nd Flight	9-12
3rd Flight	13-17
4th Flight	18+

Ladies & Juniors

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. The 19th Hole & restaurant is also open on Tuesdays for service.

Ellendale Country Club Contact Numbers:
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Restaurant / Catering Office: 985-872-9924

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Fellow Club Members:

We are finally starting to experience dry weather again, which is very much welcomed considering how much rain we've received in a 2.5-month stretch. Activity is once again picking up at the Club, so I encourage all to come out and enjoy this great weather, and a dry course! This is a busy time of year for Ellendale, with catering functions and golf tournaments providing a great revenue stream, which is much needed considering how little activity we've had in the last few months due to the rain.

Rainfall continued to negatively impact our financials in the month of August. We had Earnings Before Depreciation (EBD) of \$51,682 in August, which compares unfavorably both to the projected EBD of \$58,598, and the prior August's EBD of \$104,585. The main reason we were off so much compared to last August was the amount of assessment income, which was \$94k in 2016, compared to \$138k in 2015. This was a combination of lower amounts assessed, and lower membership totals compared to 2015. The main contributors to our being off vs. projected EBD was increased maintenance expense of \$6.8k due to the last round of work on the greens, and golf revenues being off by roughly \$14k due to wet course conditions. As described last month, these two events were partially offset by the \$7k in donation income received from the LGA and MGA.

Our cash balance was \$200,446 as of 8/31/16, compared to the 7/31/16 balance of \$232,253. The decrease is a result of prior months' losses continuing to impact the balance sheet. With the collection of assessment income in September, and increased activity in October, we should see an improved cash position as we get closer to the end of the calendar year.

We're continuing to see declines in our membership levels, as our local economy has still not found a bottom. Once again, I want to encourage our members to come out and use our beautiful facilities, and with the Holiday Season just around the corner, please consider hosting your Christmas party at Ellendale.

*Finally, I would like to address some of the rumors surrounding changes to our golf course maintenance department. We have had some turnover in that department in the last few weeks, and we are trying to figure out the best way to provide Stacey some additional support. He has done a great job in the last few months considering all of the rain we have received; however, with the recent staff turnover, it has taken a lot of extra effort on his part, and I want to make sure the membership recognizes his efforts. As of this writing, we still have not finalized what will be done, and to make matters worse, we were recently informed that one more in that crew will be leaving Ellendale for another opportunity this week. We'll be working to provide Stacey with a much needed solution this month, and as soon as that is finalized, we will let you know. No matter what direction is chosen, it will entail that we do not add more expense to that department. In the 11-month period Since Oct. 1, 2015, **we have reduced expenses by \$138k in that department**, and with the membership count and economy being what it is, I'm not looking to head in the other direction.*

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

Sang Lataw
Steve Bernard
Current Membership Total: **401**

FYI:

We offer 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.



Men's Golf Association

The 2016 MGA season is near completion. I want to thank all the men who participated in our events this year. Some were wetter than others, but you've shown what this group is all about – fellowship and love for this great game.

I want to congratulate Mr. Gordon Doiron for his victory over Mr. Timmy Deroche in the final match of this season for the title of MGA Match Play Champion. It was a hard fought victory that came down to the last hole.

We are but days away from the 2016 MGA Cup. Our Captains are Greg Crain and Acky Li. The 26 players who made the cut are: Mark Welch, Troy Baronet, Alec Breaux, Brian Cotton, Mike Kreller, Tommy Fanguy, Henry Kimble, Sean Brown, Jeff Bordelon, Robbie Naquin, Kurt Charpentier, Michael Borne, John Provost, Johnny Glover, Bret Cuneo, Byron Guidry, Troy Cunningham, Ray Hebert, Arlen Ledet, Curtis Callais, George Robertson, Wade Johnson, Mark Talbot, Dennis Elfert, James Champagne & Tristan Rogers. Hopefully this year will not be contested in the rain like last year.

As always, special thanks goes out to the maintenance department for their efforts in keeping the golf course beautiful despite the 55 inches of rain since July.

Jeff Bordelon
MGA Chair

Golf Rule of the Month:

While searching for his drive in tall grass, a player accidentally kicks his own ball. He very carefully replaces the ball in the grass, a few inches from the ground, where he assumed the ball to have been. He plays a shot to the green and two putts. His fellow competitor asks the players score on the hole. The player should correctly reply:

- A. 4
- B. 5
- C. 6
- D. 7

Answer: See page 5



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Restaurant News

We have begun featuring weekly “Chef Specials.” The specials will be available along with our regular menu items Wednesday through Saturday from 11am-2pm. Stop in next week to see what the first featured specials will be.

Dinner At Your Door

“Dinner at Your Door” is Back!!! You can enjoy “Dinner at Your Door” for \$12.95 delivered fresh to Ellendale Subdivision every other Wednesday between 4:30 p.m.– 6:00 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.

October Dates:

Wednesday, October 5th & 19th



The Golf Report, Greg Crain

The cool fronts for our Fall season have finally arrived and what a treat this will be compared to the heat and rain we have endured for the past 3 months!!! What a great month October will be to spend time on the golf course at Ellendale. Congratulations to Gordon Doiron on winning the Ellendale Men's Golf Association Match Play Championship. Gordon outlasted the 64 man field to compete against Timmy Deroche in the finals. Gordon won the final match 2&1. Congratulations Gordon!! We have many events scheduled this month at Ellendale. Opening the month is the SCIA event on October 3rd. This is the 2nd year Ellendale has hosted this event. Thanks to all the members that come out and support the South Central Industrial Association, hope to see you guys next year. October 8th and 9th is Ellendale's version of the Ryder Cup

which is the MGA's season ending Ellendale Cup. Congratulations to all the guys that qualified for this fun filled event. October 17th is the 17th Annual Troop C Grant-A-Wish Tournament. This event is always well supported by the community, and is held to raise money to grant wishes for ill children. Please come out and support such a great event for the children. October 24th is the 18th annual Joe Waitz Jr. Golf Tournament. This is a great tournament to enjoy plenty of food and fellowship and to show your support for our District Attorney. October 29th and 30th is Ellendale's Club Championship. Please call or come by the golf shop to sign up for this "no entry" golf tournament and a great weekend of competition. If anyone is interested in becoming a sponsor for our club championship, please contact the golf shop for a variety of options, thanks.

The golf shop continues to have an end of Summer "last chance" sale. Prices for brand apparel will be 40 to 75% off. Many other deals on golf clubs and bags will be greatly reduced. Stop by the golf shop and make your deal today!!

Remember to check the newsletter, and postings at the club for upcoming events, and as always, thanks for the continued support of the golf shop and Ellendale Country Club.

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On Course, Stacey Hudson

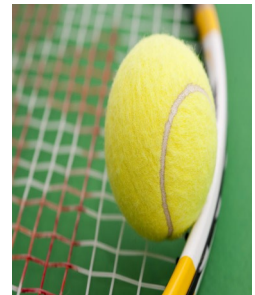
After receiving 55 inches of rain these past three months, we have finally gotten a break and have had beautiful weather the last couple weeks. Mowing heights are being lowered as we're getting back into a normal mowing routine. I'm very pleased with how the greens have held up with the torrential rains we've received. We went nearly a month without mowing 16 fairway. It was beginning to look more like a cow pasture than a golf course. We will be pre-emerging the golf course in the next couple weeks for Winter weed prevention. I encourage everyone to come out and enjoy your club and bring a friend to show them what Ellendale has to offer.

Tennis News

Great News! All tennis courts are under construction and will be like new and ready for play shortly. We will keep you posted as to when the work is complete.

Meenakshi Sundaram, who is the former 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. There is a 24 hour notification 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**



Restaurant Hours:

Tuesday through Friday & Sunday:

Open 11am to 2 pm

Monday & Saturday:

Restaurant closed (A la carte served on Saturdays from the 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.

Golf Rule of the Month:

Correct Answer: C (Decision 18-2a/21.5)

October 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 SUNDAY BRUNCH	3 SCIA	4	5 DINNER AT YOUR DOOR LADIES DAY	6	7	8 MGA ELLEDALE CUP
9 MGA ELLEDALE CUP SUNDAY BRUNCH	10	11	12 LADIES DAY	13	14	15
16 SUNDAY BRUNCH	17	18	19 DINNER AT YOUR DOOR LADIES DAY	20	21 CALLAWAY DEMO DAY 2-6	22
23 SUNDAY BRUNCH	24	25	26 LADIES DAY	27	28	29 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP
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