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The Ellendale Board of Governors invites you to a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Thursday, November 10th 2016

In conjunction with our 50th Anniversary celebration this year, we are holding a ribbon cutting ceremony next Thursday, November 10th at 5:00pm to celebrate our new and improved tennis courts and pool house. We have invited the Chamber of Commerce and it's members. We would like to encourage our members to come out and celebrate with us, and be sure to bring a guest with you so we can showcase our club and its facilities. There will be a light reception following the ribbon cutting with a cash bar available. Call the business office at 876-4392 for more information.

Night Golf / Glow Ball

Let it Glow, Let it Glow! Join us next Friday, November 11th for some wild & wacky night time golf. The cost is \$20 per person plus cart. The price includes glow golf balls and a meal after the game. This is a two person scramble and non-members are welcome to attend. Happy Hour starts in the 19th Hole at 4:00 and the tee time for the event is 6:30. The field is limited to 54 players (27 teams) so call the Golf Shop at 876-4394 to sign-up.

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

ROBBIE NAQUIN

Fellow Club Members:

This past weekend, we held our annual Club Championship, and it was nice to see the interest and participation in the event. The course was in great shape considering a long period of too much rain, followed by a long period of no rain. Much appreciation goes out to Stacey and his team for their hard work to get the course tournament-ready, considering the above. We're having a glow golf event the evening of Friday, November 11th, and hope that everyone can come out and enjoy themselves at Ellendale as they did this past weekend. Also, keep an eye out for details regarding a ribbon cutting ceremony with the Houma-Terrebonne Chamber of Commerce at Ellendale, celebrating the recent improvements to our facilities, most recently our tennis court resurfacing. Please come out and show your support of Ellendale as we showcase ourselves to the outside business community.

The Summer's rain event continued to negatively impact our financials in the month of September. We had negative Earnings Before Depreciation (EBD) of (\$36,432) in September, which compares unfavorably both to the projected EBD of \$1,082, and the prior September's EBD of \$11,598. The main reason we were off so much compared to last September was the \$59k decline in monthly income year over year, comprised primarily of declines in Membership Dues (\$21.3k), F&B (\$20.7k), Pro Shop Sales (\$8.8k), Green Fees (\$5.2k), and Cart Rentals (\$5.4k). The main contributor to our being off vs. projected EBD was on the revenue side, with Golf Revenues off by \$25.4k (mostly weather related, but \$9.5k in tournament revenue that should have been forecasted in October), and F&B Revenues off by \$12.3k (also mostly weather related, as catering income met projection). Our expenses were in line with projections for the period.



Our cash balance held steady at \$206,549 as of 9/30/16, compared to the 8/31/16 balance of \$200,446. As stated last month, with increased activity in October, and the Holiday party season approaching, we hope to see an improved cash position as we close in on the end of the calendar year.

Although we are very fortunate to not experience any major storms this year (knocking on wood), the rain event this Summer has certainly had a substantial financial impact on the Club, as you have been seeing in my financial analysis over the past three months. The other difficulty is that it has provided three months of extraordinary financial results, making it difficult to benchmark our actual performance vs. prior year and projections. With October's financials, we'll have a better sense for what revenue declines we can attribute to the declines in membership and our local economy. At that point, we will quickly decide if further changes to our near and long term financial plans need to be made, so we can continue to operate through this downturn while preserving the quality of Ellendale, and more importantly, the cash we have on our balance sheet.

Finally, I would simply like to thank our members who continue to support Ellendale, like Dr. Rob Alexander, who generously donated to replace the carpet in our dining room. It's important to remember that the tough times we are going through are temporary, and that continued support from our members ensures that our club will be around for another 50 years.

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

Adam Cheramie

Current Membership Total: 389

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.

News From Niki

The restaurant has lots planned for the next couple of months. Beginning in November we will be doing Sunday Brunch only once a month. It will be held on the first Sunday of each month. Our November Sunday Brunch event will be held this Sunday, November 6th. Be sure to call in for reservations. The restaurant will continue to be open on all Sundays and will offer items from the a la carte menu only.

We will be serving our fabulous traditional Thanksgiving Feast on Thanksgiving Day which is Thursday, November 24th from 11am-2pm. Be sure to make your reservations early, as we have booked up in the past years for this popular event. We are also available to help cater your Thanksgiving meal. Call Niki! We have baked and deboned turkeys, baked hams, briskets, rice dressing, corn bread dressing, vegetables & desserts. Just call in and make your order and we will have it ready for pick up when you need it.

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.

The 19th Hole will be featuring monthly specialty beers and “Happy Hour” every Friday from 4pm -6pm. We will feature half price appetizers and drink specials. This will be available for dine-in only.

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. November dates are Wednesday, November 2nd & 30th.

Be sure to stop by the restaurant during your Birthday month, for a free Birthday buffet. Beginning this month, you can stop by anytime during your birthday month to take advantage of this.

Lastly, We would like you to save some December dates so that you can join us here at the club. Here are a few things that we have planned for December:

- December 4th - Sunday Brunch 11am-2pm
- December 11th - Santa Brunch 11am-2pm
- December 14th - Neighborhood/New Member Social 6pm-8pm
- December 21st - Polar Express Night 6pm-8:30pm
- December 31st - New Year’s Eve Dinner

Thanksgiving Buffet at Ellendale Country Club

*Please join us
Thursday, November 24th, 2016
for our annual Thanksgiving feast.*

SOUP: CHICKEN & SAUSAGE GUMBO

ENTREES: ROASTED TURKEY, PORK ROAST, BRISKET, HAM, GREEN BEANS, CORN, SWEET PEAS, RICE DRESSING, SWEET POTATOES, CORN BREAD DRESSING, AND FRESHLY BAKED BREAD. DESSERT CHOICES TO INCLUDE PECAN PIE, PUMPKIN PIE, SWEET POTATO PIE, APPLE PIE, CARROT CAKE, AND COCONUT CAKE.

*To make a reservation for our annual
Thanksgiving
buffet, please call 872-9924.*

Men's Golf Association

The MGA 2016 season has commenced as Team Acky defeated Team Greg in the Ellendale Cup with a total score of 22 to 17. It is widely speculated that both teams performed better than usual thanks to their vibrant Footjoy apparel, particularly the “watermelon” polo. Thank you to all those who participated in the Cup and we look forward to seeing you again next year.

If you are thirsty for competition between now and the annual putting contest, be sure to take part in the Glow Ball Tournament taking place on November 11th. This event is always a lot of fun. Details can be found in the pro shop.

Lastly, please keep in mind that you **DO NOT NEED TO BE A MEMBER** to dine in the restaurant. We have a terrific menu with comparable prices to all the big chains in town. Our Sunday Brunch is the best deal in town and is a great way to gather after Sunday service with your fellow members.

Please fill your divots!
Jeff Bordelon
MGA Chair

The Golf Report, Greg Crain

October was a great month for golfing at Ellendale. The weather finally improved from the “dog days” of Summer. The fall temperatures with the low humidity were the perfect recipe for golfing.

The golf shops “Fall sale” continues this month with huge savings. Many name brand shirts are 50% off. This will be a great time to pick up some early Christmas presents at huge savings. Come by the golf shop and check out these great deals. Also, we are having a secret Santa “wish list” available this year in the golf shop. Come by the golf shop and let the staff know what you would like as your Christmas present from the golf shop, i.e. balls, tees, gloves, shirts, caps, irons, drivers or gift certificates. The golf staff will then email or mail the list to your loved ones to insure you get something you can enjoy this year!!! One of the special promotions this year will be the Pro V golf balls for the super low price of \$39.99 per dozen. Come by and get your “wish list” in early for your Christmas.....

On Course, Stacey Hudson

The Fall season is upon us, which produces great golfing weather. October was a very busy month at the club with tournament play. I heard several compliments from members and non-members on course conditions and how helpful the staff were during these events, so kudos to the entire staff at ECC. After being wet for three months, we are now in a drought not having received any rain for over 30 days. Seems we go from one extreme to another, we are running irrigation system mostly every night, averaging right at 1 million gallons per night. The golf course has been sprayed with a pre-emerge herbicide for winter weeds, also fairways have been sprayed to provide

October was an active month at Ellendale. October 3rd was the annual SCIA golf tournament. The weather was beautiful with a lot of great food and fun was enjoyed by everyone. We look forward to hosting such a great event next year. We hosted the 18th Annual Joe Waitz, Jr. Golf Tournament on October 24th. The day was beautiful with perfect weather and great Cajun cuisine for all the participants to enjoy. Thanks for a great event for Ellendale and the community, see everyone again next year. October 8th and 9th was the MGA Ellendale Cup. Congratulations to Captain Acky and his team for their victory. October 17th was the annual Grant-A-Wish golf tournament sponsored by Troop C. Thanks to Captain Mark Richards and all the volunteers and sponsors that makes this a special event for Ellendale, community and especially the children. See you guys again next year. October 29th and 30th was the Ellendale Club Championship. Congratulations to all the flight winners and Garrett Bennett as the Men’s Club Champion and to Joanne

maximum fertility going into the fall/winter which will provide a better quality playing surface going into the spring. The chipping green surround and all tees will be overseeded with rye grass Monday October 31st, the driving range tee will be limited to mat play for approximately 10 days to allow seed to germinate. Currently mowing heights on greens is .155, mid to late November heights will be raised to .170 to provide a more healthier turf going into the winter. We will be addressing a few leaks on the course in the very near future, a mini backhoe will be needed to repair these areas. Any question or concerns feel free to contact the maintenance facility 985-851-1376, come on out and enjoy your club

Blanchard as the Ladies Club Champion. Congratulations to everyone that competed. Thanks to everyone involved that helped make this an enjoyable event for all. Thanks to this year’s sponsors Jamie Garrison of Garrison Construction Pipeline Fabricators and Ricky Reaves of Honey Baked Hams for the prizes and drinks on the course.

November 7th will be A Place of Restoration Golf tournament. This is a great event to support. Please call or come by the golf shop for additional information. November 14th will host the annual NSU Baseball and Football fundraiser. Come out and support this event and meet the coaches from NSU. Check the postings or call the golf shop to sign up for this event.

Be sure to check the 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.

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From the Ladies Tees

The Ellendale Women's Golf Association

Every Wednesday morning is Ladies' Day at Ellendale, and golfers of all skill levels are invited to play. We have standing tee times in the morning. Call the Golf Shop at 876-4394 for more information or to reserve your tee time.

Four ladies from Ellendale: Elaine Ledet, Joann Blanchard, Kathy Lecompte & Susan Pellegrin joined NOWGA this year. English Turn held an event on October 12th. With over 50 ladies participating, Elaine Ledet was on the winning team. Susan Pellegrin was on the 3rd place team and Joann Blanchard had Closest to the Hole in her handicap division. Congratulations ladies and keep up the good work representing Ellendale Country Club.

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



*Congratulations to **Richard Chauvin** who scored his very 1st **Hole-In-One** on Thursday, September 15th. Richard aced Hole#4 from 140 yards with a 9 iron. This memorable shot was witnessed by Glynn Pitre, Jim Vidrine, David Whitney, and Lee Martin.*

*Congratulations to **Danny Lirette** on his 4th **Hole-In-One**. This was accomplished on Monday, October 24th during the Joe Waitz Jr golf tournament. Danny used a 6 iron for the 140 yard on Hole#8. The fantastic shot was witnessed by Johnny Glover, Dexter Gary, and Randy Lirette.*

Way to go Guys!!!

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 6

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Club Championship Results

Congratulations to this year's Champions

Championship Flight

Winner: Garrett Bennett

First Flight

Winner: John Whitman

Second Flight

Winner: Eddie Evans

Third Flight

Winner: Marshall Faulk

Fourth Flight

Winner: Don Callais

Ladies Championship

Winner: Joann Blanchard

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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)

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 DINNER AT YOUR DOOR LADIES DAY	3	4	5
6 SUNDAY BRUNCH	7 A Place of Restoration	8	9 LADIES DAY	10	11 NIGHT GOLF "GLOW BALL"	12
13	14 NSU Tournament	15	16 LADIES DAY	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 LADIES DAY	24 THANKSGIVING BRUNCH	25	26
27	28	29	30 DINNER AT YOUR DOOR LADIES DAY			

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