

April 2018 Newsletter

PRESIDENTS CORNER

Hello Friends (in your best Jim Nantz voice)... Spring is finally here and with the Masters being played this week, everyone is getting in the golfing mood. It has been a while since we've sent a newsletter and we have a lot to catching up to do.

As mentioned in previous newsletters, the hiring of a General Manager has been a focus of the Board of Directors and the Search Committee. We reviewed dozens of resumes and were fortunate to find a professional that will guide our club in the years to come. We are happy to announce that Devin Thomas has joined our family as General Manger and has been at the helm since the beginning of March.

Devin has a background in managing Private, Daily Fee and Resort Facilities. He is one of three Certified PGA General Managers in the Gulf States Section and has a strong playing and teaching background including being an NCAA All American at UC San Diego.

Devin will be charged with oversight of ECC along with bringing back a level of energy that has been lacking over the last couple years. Please take the opportunity to welcome Devin and lend your support where needed.

This Spring we will have an extensive array of events at the club and we look forward to having everyone out. We will continue to communicate through the club email marketing platform and will soon introduce a printed calendar each month to keep you up to date on club activities.

We thank you for your continued support of club activities including the hundreds of members that have attended our Friday Crawfish Boils and our Sunday Brunches.

Lastly, I would like to thank Dr. Jimmy Mire and Robert Page for their service to our board. Both men have contributed countless hours to the betterment of our club in the areas of course maintenance and F&B operations. We will do our best to continue their spirit and passion for this club and its members.

Financial results for the month of February 2018, including cash balance is as follows:

- Income from Operations \$143,372
- Expenses from Operations \$139,779
- Earnings Before Depreciation \$3,593
- Cash - \$116,427 Receivables of \$130,359.
- Membership Count – 361

Ellendale Board of Governors

Jeff Bordelon – President

Jared Toups – Vice President

Dennis Elfert – Secretary

Skippy Jones

Kurt Charpentier

Dr. Rob Alexander

Dr. Patrick Ellender

SPECIAL MESSAGE

Two new board members were welcomed during the month of March. Dr. Rob Alexander and Dr. Patrick Ellender were both added by unanimous board approval to fill the vacant positions of Dr. Jimmy Mire and Mr. Robert Page who have both stepped away from their positions on the board.

Manager News

For all the members that have stopped by and introduced yourself I can't thank you enough for the encouragement and kind words. It is apparent there is a lot of pride and support for Ellendale Country Club. It is my challenge and goal to return Ellendale to its rightful place as one of the premier private clubs in the state. There is a significant amount of work ahead of us but I am confident we have the right Staff and Board of Directors in place to put us back where we should be.

I welcome all members to share your thoughts on what steps need to be taken to reach our goal. The board has identified several important initiatives to make our shared goals a reality.

The first initiative is to begin planning for the future of the club by getting more young professionals to become members of the club. We are doing this by making our Junior Executive membership affordable and comparable to other private clubs. As of April 1st Junior Executive dues will be \$214 including dues, cart and range. This will put us in a position to achieve our goal of 60 Junior Executive members by next year. This will also ensure that our membership will have a consistent influx of Stockholders each year.

The second initiative is the formation of a Corporate Membership whereby local companies can have a stockholding position and a minimum of 2 designees that do not own stock. The 2 designees would receive reduced dues of \$200 per month. These companies could have additional designees at the same rate. All Corporate Memberships require board approval.

If you or anyone you do business with might have interest in these new offerings please contact Devin Thomas at: devin@ellendalecc.com or 876-4393.

News From Niki

Hey Everyone!

First off we'd like to give a big THANK YOU to our repeat customers for attending our Friday Crawfish Boils and Sunday Brunches during February and March. We had over 1,000 members served during those events. Thanks for the support!

This month we will be having special dinners on Thursdays. Chef Pat has come up with some great menu's for this new series. Each of these weeks offerings will feature an a la carte menu with Appetizer, Entree and Dessert Options that are unique and beautifully designed.

Click Here to Download our **[April Event Calendar](#)**

Our April 19th Chef Selections Dinner will feature the following options:

Appetizers

Crawfish Martinis - Crabcake Trio

Entrees

Petite Filet & Fried Oysters, Seafood Roulade or Pollo Rosa Maria

Four Cheese Potatoes Au gratin & Grilled Asparagus

Desserts

Ginger Coconut Creme Brulee

We would like to remind our membership, new and old, about Dinner @ Your Door every other Wednesday all year long from 4:30-6:30pm. This is a great opportunity to forgo cooking for a night to spend time with family and friends. Sit back, let us do the cooking, and save yourselves the work.

Our next Dinner @ Your Door will be on April 4 and April 18th. If you'd like to be added to our calling list, please contact Melanie at the restaurant.

Have A Great Month!

NEWS FROM THE PRO SHOP

March 18th was the Ellendale Couple's Invitational. The event was a huge success with 46 teams participating. A special thanks to the Ellendale Ladies Golf Association and chairperson Joann Blanchard for such a great event. Congratulations to Joann and Danny Blanchard for the overall gross winners with a score of 68, 2nd flight winners Robbie and Leah Naquin, 3rd Flight winners Dennis and Kim Elfert, and 4th flight winners Mike and Susan Pellegrin. Congratulations to the winners and to all our Ellendale Couples for participating and making this event so successful!!

March 28th was our first 9-hole scrambles starting at 5:30. We will be holding weekly scrambles so please call the golfshop to sign up for the weekly Wednesday event.

April's Golf Calendar will be even busier!

April opens the month with the APT Tour 2018 "Options for Independence Professional Golf Tournament" on April 2-7.

The Pro Am will be held on Tuesday, April 3rd with 8:00 and 1:30 shot gun starts. Call the proshop 876-4394 for additional information or Barry Chauvin with Options for Independence for getting a team in the Pro Am.985-868-2620. The Professional event starts on Wednesday and will end on Saturday. Come out and see the future stars in Professional Golf, who knows, you may get a chance to see a future Masters Champion!!

April 9th will be the annual fundraiser for Vandebilt Terrier Club. Please contact Greg Crain at the golf shop for additional information.

The MGA will have their 2-man best ball on April 14th.

April 17th will be the Boys High school District Championship starting at 8:00 tee time. April 19th will be the Rotary Outing starting at 8:00.

April 23rd will be the annual Haiti Mission Golf Tournament and silent auction. Get a team together and come out and support such a wonderful cause.

April 29th will be the Golf Channel Amateur event on Sunday AM. Member play will follow event mid morning. Contact the golf shop for additional information.

April 30th Jerry Larpenter will close out the month with "Jerry's Shootout" Golf Tournament. Contact the Sheriffs office for additional information.

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.

MAINTENANCE MINUTE

We have had many questions about the inconsistency of the greens during the spring and the overall health as it relates to the putting greens. The main factor is the inconsistency of the poa-trivialis overseed on the greens that is resulting in faster greens on the front nine and slower greens on the back. As temperatures get into the 80's we will begin to thin out the overseed and regain the consistent roll of the mini-verde bermuda that will take over as temperatures increase.

We have increased the fertilizer on the driving range and modified mowing practices to increase turf strength and reduce the amount of sand on the tee. We will be increasing our fertilizer and chemical programs to better balance the health and playability of the greens, tees and fairways.

There will be occasional mornings where we will keep the course closed early to allow us an opportunity to verti-cut and/or top dress the greens. Please be patient as we focus on improving the overall health and quality of the course.

Flowers and shrubs have been planted in front of the golf shop. Special thanks to the Garden Club for beautifying these areas.

MENS GOLF ASSOCIATION

Congratulations to Dr. Rob Alexander and Kurt Charpentier on winning the gross division of the MGA Shamble with a score of 68 and Chris Smart and Dr. Howard Russell on winning the net division with a score of 55.

Next month's event will be a 2-man best ball on April 14th. Call or come by the golf shop to sign up for the event.

Reminder, Ellendale Cup, Match Play starts April 1 and continues until September when winner is crowned.

MGA Tournament Schedule 2018

April 14 - 2 man best ball

May 5 & 6--4-Ball (50 point for participating)

June 23

July 14

August 18

September 8

October 6 & 7 or 27 & 28—MGA CUP

Troy Cunningham

MGA Chairman