



EL CONQUISTADOR

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MEMBER NEWSLETTER



LETTER FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

The overseeding process is underway and the Agronomy team is working hard to transform our 45 holes of golf into a golfer's paradise. The club's championship courses and stunning scenery offer a truly unforgettable golfing experience. We ask all members with private carts using the closed golf course as access to the golf club to always keep carts on cart path. We want to avoid damage to the newly seeded course and respect the hard work of the Agronomy team. Once again, we will host a variety of exciting golf events, from friendly tournaments to more competitive events. These gatherings provide an opportunity for golfers of all skill levels to connect with fellow member's and compete for pride and prizes.

We have a few projects happening at club over this upcoming season. The Town of OV has hired a contractor to paint the entire exterior of the clubhouse and community center. This project is currently ongoing with completion date being early December. The Town has approved the resurfacing of the parking lot. This project is still under discussion, but I am expecting to begin late spring to early summer. There will be several logistics that will need to be worked out in the upcoming months. We all know how much traffic our parking lot receives so it may be a little chaotic as we go through this project, but I think we will all agree it is needed. The final major project will be the replacement of the pump station located on Cañada #16. The pump station controls the irrigation for the Cañada golf course. I like to think of the pump station as the heart that pushes all the water out to the veins which is the irrigation lines and sprinkler heads. A very important part of the irrigation system!

Last year, we introduced a few nights of live music and happy hour which was attended favorably by the membership. We have decided this year to continue live music the first Friday of each month beginning with Kaci Bays on October 3rd. Beginning in January, we are planning on having special dinner events planned on Fridays of the month through May. There will be a few exceptions on some Fridays due to other events currently scheduled in the Overlook. Be on the lookout for all the details. We hope you will spend your Friday's during the season with us!

DARRYL JANISSE

General Manager



LETTER FROM THE HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL

Dear Members,

As we transition into the beautiful fall season, I want to take a moment to thank each of you for an incredible summer here at the club. Your continued support, participation in events, and enthusiasm for the game truly made this summer one to remember. With the fall season now upon us, we're looking forward to cooler temperatures, vibrant course conditions, and another fantastic stretch of golf ahead!

We're also excited to welcome a new face to our golf staff. Please join me in giving a warm welcome to Cesar, our new Assistant Golf Professional. Cesar brings great energy and experience to our team, and he's eager to get to know each of you. Next time you're at the club, please stop by the Golf Shop to introduce yourself!

As part of our fall specials, we're offering some excellent October promotions in the Golf Shop:

Golf Bags – 20% Off

Wedges & Putters – 15% Off

This is a great time to upgrade your equipment or get ahead on holiday shopping. Feel free to stop in and let us help you find the right fit for your game.

Thank you again for being part of our incredible golf community. We look forward to seeing you on the course and enjoying a memorable fall season together.

TROY JEWKES
Head Golf Professional



WELCOME OUR NEW ASSISTANT GOLF PROFESSIONAL CESAR BALGAÑON



I'm excited to be joining the team at El Conquistador Golf as an Assistant Golf Professional! My name is Cesar, I am a proud Pascua Yaqui Tribal Member, PGA Member Professional, and I was born and raised here in Tucson. El Conquistador has always been one of my favorite courses in town. The views are incredible, the layout is fun for every type of golfer, and the courses are always in great shape. I'm grateful for the chance to now be part of the team that helps deliver that experience every day.

I started my golf career at Sewailo Golf Club, where I worked my way up to Assistant General Manager and had the chance to lead programs like PGA Junior League and PGA HOPE for Veterans. Along the way, I have been honored to receive recognition from the PGA and the Tucson community for my work in player development and leadership, including the 2025 Player Development Award and Patriot Award from the PGA Southern Chapter. More than anything, I'm passionate about teaching, growing the game, and making sure every golfer enjoys their time on the course. I look forward to meeting you all out here at El Conquistador and sharing this great game together.

LETTER FROM THE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

Dear Members,

Welcome back to a brand new season at El Con! I'm excited to kick off what promises to be another fantastic year of golf, community, and camaraderie. Whether you're returning for another season or joining us for the first time, we're glad to have you as part of our golf family.

We're pleased to announce that Pusch Ridge, our 9-hole course, will officially open for play on October 25. For all El Con happenings, be sure to check the website calendar for a full schedule of upcoming events, tournaments, and social gatherings. There's something for everyone this season! Go to ElConGolf.com/Events.

As a friendly reminder, credit book funds may only be used for food and beverage purchases or golf shop merchandise. They cannot be applied toward dues or cart fees. We appreciate your cooperation in following this policy and encourage you to take advantage of the great merchandise and dining options available. Have you explored the online store yet? Go to ElConGolf.Troon.Shop to see tons of cool options.

I've received a few questions recently regarding membership terms. Please note that all memberships are still 12-month contracts, regardless of how many months you reside in the area. For our valued snowbird members, this means that the policy has not changed. Choosing to leave for the summer does not release you from the terms of the agreement in all membership types. We appreciate your understanding as we strive to keep our membership structure consistent for all.

Lastly, while we've seen steady interest and growth, we want to let everyone know that no cap on membership numbers is being implemented at this time. We'll continue to monitor membership levels and keep you informed of any future updates.

I'm looking forward to a vibrant, active season. Here's to a great start and an even better year ahead! And as always, my door is open.

ROXANNE HARDING
Membership Director



LETTER FROM THE FOOD & BEVERAGE MANAGER

Hello everyone and welcome back to those returning to town from their summer away!

Summer flew by this year and as we shift into fall, we will be ramping up our activities in the restaurant. This year, we have many more special events planned and lots of things going on for you to enjoy in the Overlook.

I'm very excited to kick off the season in a few days with Kaci Bays performing for us during a happy hour event on Friday, October 3rd from 5-7PM! We will continue to have live music every first Friday of the month for the whole season. We will be posting these events to the calendar as we book musicians so you will be able to see the full lineup very soon!

After a full schedule of events in November and December, we will be starting weekly dinners in January on every Friday through May. We have some returning favorites planned like our fish fry and our pasta night as well as some new concepts for you to try!

I hope everyone had an amazing summer and I can't wait to serve some excellent food for you! See you all in the Overlook!

ZACH OLFERS
Food & Beverage Manager



LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR OF AGRONOMY

Summer has flown by and it's hard to believe it is overseed time again! We're excited to grow a new crop of Ryegrass for our members and guests to enjoy all winter long. It has been a challenging dry summer season this year again. The golf course only received about 2 inches of rain this monsoon. It was another dry monsoon for the record books.

New equipment on the course! We're fortunate to have a couple of new pieces of equipment arrive. Two John Deere greens mowers, three John Deere XUV vehicles, and a Toro fairway mower. We're excited to use our new greens mowers this winter. These mowers are equipped with groomers helping to stand the grass up prior to cutting it. This should help improve our playing surface.

We have made some changes to our cultural practices for 2025, focusing on removing thatch accumulation on greens and putting surface firmness. Our second aerification was a huge success, removing a little over 27% organic matter from the greens. Adjustments were made to our pre-emergent application timing and products used. With these adjustments, we hope to see less Poa Annua breakthrough in the rough this spring.

We have a couple of reminders about the ryegrass germination on Canada. The first 10 days of germination are the most important because the grass is at a very fragile point in its growth stage. Every year we see cart tracks in the overseed from people going home on #15, #2 and #16. It seems like they are avoiding the sprinklers. Each sprinkler has a 3-4-minute run time so please wait for them to turn off and continue to your destination. Below are some photos of areas we seeded and our new equipment.



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Director of Agronomy



The Overlook Restaurant

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OUR MISSION

Our mission is to empower our team to provide a “Fun & Enjoyable” experience for every person that steps onto our property. We will always display a positive attitude and provide superior service so our guests may enjoy a safe, casual, genuine, and comfortable experience. We will be a forward thinking team and use our creativity to continually encourage change and always be an industry leader.



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