

Some questions that get asked...

Q. I belonged to a Country Club before I moved here what is the MGA and El Conquistador like?

A. The property is owned by the Town of Oro Valley and managed by Indigo Sports, a Troon Company. Most Country Clubs own the property and charge dues to maintain it, to maintain a private status. El Conquistador is municipally owned so while we have a very active membership and the members enjoy lots of privileges, non-members have access to our courses and outside tournaments are hosted here. You will find joining the club and taking advantage membership in the MGA and WGC is similar to a country club but you need to watch the calendar closely because members don't have exclusive use of the facility.

Q. Is there a junior program for my kids.

A. Yes we offer PGA Junior League programs, First Tee Programs and beginning in the Fall of 2022, we will be offering the Operation 36 Player Development Program. For more information, please contact Mark Thesing at mthesing@elcongolff.com or Troy Jewkes at tjewkes@elcongolff.com.

Q. If I bring a family member or friend as a member do they get a break on the price.

A. Yes, we do offer reduced guest rates for guests of members.

Q. Can I use my own golf cart?

A. Yes, you may use your own cart. Monthly cart plans are available and there is a reduction in price if you own your own cart. We allow 2 club carts per foursome in addition to any privately owned carts in the group. Cart fees are for the use of a shared cart.

Q. I've played golf for a long time but I don't have a handicap why do I need one?

A. The USGA created the handicap system to try and make the game fair. Since golf is played outdoors and no two golf courses are the same a system was setup to keep track of how well players play and calculate how well they should play on all courses, from all tees. This system is relied up by all players to make things equal so when you have a competition some players will get extra strokes and some will not. Getting a handicap means two things first you get your "index" and second you maintain it meaning you "post" your scores. This means your handicap is current and if everyone does this the system is very reliable.

Q. What if I'm part time and don't stay here all year long?

A. Many members are part time that's fine. Members maintain their handicaps some even have the handicaps kept at their golf courses in other states. The MGA tries to help out those who are part time by scheduling big events when the majority of people are here and we have a reduced price for part time members.

Q. I have played golf for fun but this sounds serious, can I pick up my ball if my score is too high on a hole and what if I do something wrong.

A. Golf is a sport where people help others out so just ask your fellow players. While you normally play until the ball is holed some games have a maximum score so yes in some cases you pick up, just ask the guys you are playing with if that's appropriate. If you have question on a rule that's what you're playing partners are there for. Many of our members have high handicaps and play right along with players who have low handicaps. Just remember you are going to post your score at the end so finish out the round and have fun.

Q. The practice range and putting areas when do I use them?

A. The range and practice greens are open almost every day all day. The practice range closes at 2:00 pm on Wednesdays for maintenance prep. We have double sided range so you can hit from the far side or the side closest to the Golf Shop. We also have chipping greens on both ends and the putting green next to the Golf Shop.

Q. Should I tip the guys who get my golf bag? Can I store my bag at the course?

A. Gratuities are appreciated for service. Bag storage and Locker Usage are available for a nominal monthly charge. Please contact Roxanne Harding at rharding@elcongolf.com with any questions on bag storage or locker usage.