



EL CONQUISTADOR

ORO VALLEY ARIZONA

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MEMBER NEWSLETTER



LETTER FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

The search for the Director of Agronomy is progressing well. We have narrowed the candidate pool to three highly qualified individuals and will be conducting onsite interviews and golf course evaluations throughout the month of February. In the meantime, Ivan Patheal and his team continue to do an excellent job managing day-to-day operations. This is a critical leadership role, and we are committed to selecting the right individual to continue the course improvement progress established by Jason Wolf.

Cesar Balganon will be transitioning to a new role as Director of the PGA Southern Chapter with the PGA Section. We sincerely thank Cesar for his time at El Conquistador; while his tenure was brief, his contributions were meaningful and impactful. Cesar has an exciting opportunity ahead, and we wish him continued success in his new endeavors. His last day of work at El Conquistador will be February 6.

In the coming days, members will receive communication outlining new cart policies related to our El Conquistador cart fleet. These policies will focus on reducing the number of carts per group in order to enhance overall golf operations, preserve course conditions, and protect key revenue streams. We appreciate the cooperation of our membership and public players as we work together to improve operational efficiency and elevate the overall guest experience.

DARRYL JANISSE
General Manager



LETTER FROM THE HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL

We have a new cart policy rolling out on February 1st.

- 2 (two) El Conquistador golf carts per group, starters will be asking golfers to pair up
- If you want to have your own private golf cart (Based on availability) you will need to come into the golf shop and talk to one of our golf professionals. You will pay a \$18 fee and be given a green flag that will attach to your golf cart. This allows the Rangers to identify those who paid for their own cart.
- Please return the green flags to the pro shop upon completion of your round
- Golf members who have more than two El Conquistador golf carts out while playing will be charged \$18 to their member accounts.

Please remember to close the sand and seed boxes on the tee box; this will help keep the seed from germinating and the sand from outside moisture

Frost delays - Beginning in February, the frost delay information will be recorded at 7:00am. Please do not call earlier than these times, as we won't have the information from our agronomy team until then. We also send emails out to golfers on the sheet for frost delays.

I want to thank all of our staff and golf members here at El Conquistador for all the support; thank you.

TROY JEWKES
Head Golf Professional



LETTER FROM THE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

As we move into February, I would like to share several updates and highlights as we continue through a very active time of year at El Conquistador Golf. With favorable winter conditions and strong participation across the club, this month offers many opportunities to enjoy both the course and clubhouse amenities.

Addressing a few operational challenges related to technology: Some of our systems have experienced inconsistencies in recent weeks following email, website, tee sheet, and app changes, which may have affected communications or processes. These matters are actively being reviewed and addressed, and I appreciate your patience as solutions are implemented to ensure reliable service.

February brings an exciting lineup of social events in the clubhouse. On February 6, we invite you to join us for a Live Music Happy Hour featuring Freddy Jay, an evening designed to relax, unwind, and enjoy great entertainment. In addition, our Friday themed dinners will continue throughout the month, offering a variety of creative menus and enjoyable dining experiences. We encourage you to review the event calendar and make reservations early, as these evenings have been well attended.

The golf course remains in excellent condition, and we encourage members to take full advantage of the favorable playing weather during this peak season. Whether participating in events or enjoying a casual round, February is an ideal time to be on the course, so bring your friends!

As always, please feel free to contact me directly with any membership-related questions or concerns. Thank you for your continued support of El Conquistador Golf, and I look forward to a successful and enjoyable month ahead.

ROXANNE HARDING
Membership Director



the
OVERLOOK
restaurant

FRIDAY
FEB. 6
5-7 PM



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LETTER FROM THE FOOD & BEVERAGE MANAGER

I can't believe we are in February already! It has been very exciting for all of us in The Overlook to be doing Friday dinners again and I hope even more of you will come check out our offerings!

This month, we are excited to welcome back Freddy Jay on the 6th for our live music happy hour. He gave us a wonderful performance last year, so look forward to a fun night!

We will have a comfort food night on the 13th with a brand-new menu we have not had before, featuring comfort food classics. You may have tried our meatloaf or fried chicken in the past on old menus or during events, but we are excited to bring these items together on one menu for a new dinner experience!

Due to the annual Oro Valley Cup golf event on the 20th, we will not be doing a themed dinner that Friday, but we are happy to once again have the opportunity to support our local high school graduating class by helping to raise money for safe a graduation night.

Finally, on the 27th, we will be doing another fan favorite event: pasta night! Don't miss the opportunity to see the amazing crew that cooks all your meals in action with the custom pasta action station and full salad bar!

As always thank you for all the support you give us, and I look forward to seeing you in The Overlook!

ZACH OLFERS
Food & Beverage Manager



LETTER FROM THE ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

As we move through the winter season here at El Conquistador, the course continues to look beautiful and remains very busy. This time of year, the tees, fairways, and green surrounds are overseeded with perennial ryegrass, while the greens are overseeded with *Poa trivialis*, providing excellent color and playability. The roughs have gone dormant, creating a clean contrast throughout the course. As a municipal facility, we take great pride in offering these conditions at an exceptional value, allowing everyone the opportunity to enjoy golf in Oro Valley.

Recently, we were fortunate to receive over an inch of rain, with more potentially on the way. While rain is extremely beneficial for the health of the golf course, it does come with some challenges. Runoff from the surrounding desert and saturated soils can create muddy conditions, including tire tracks in the roughs, which may temporarily affect playability. Following the rain, we experienced a cold snap that lasted several days. These cold mornings bring frost, which impacts both golfers eager to start their day and our maintenance crew's ability to safely prepare the course.

Frost delays are necessary to protect the turf, as traffic on frosted grass can cause long-term damage. Unfortunately, the only solution is patience while the sun has time to thaw the frost, and we do expect additional frost delays as winter continues. Please know that the course is in fantastic shape, and we, the maintenance team, are always looking for ways to improve both playability and aesthetics. We appreciate your understanding and continued support as we care for this wonderful course.

IVAN PATHEAL
Assistant Superintendent



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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