



EL CONQUISTADOR

ORO VALLEY ARIZONA

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MEMBER NEWSLETTER



LETTER FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

I hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful holiday season and had time to recharge with family and friends. As we turn the corner into the new year, we're gearing up for the busiest stretch of the golf season. The coming months will bring increased activity across the course and facilities, and our focus is on being fully prepared to deliver the best possible experience for our members and guests.

I would also like to share an important staffing update. Superintendent Jason Wolf's last day will be January 2nd, and we sincerely thank him for his hard work and dedication to the club. As we continue the search for Jason's successor, Ivan Patheal will be stepping into the lead role to ensure continuity and maintain our high standards during this transition period. Ivan has been with El Conquistador since 2023 and was formerly with Saddlebrook HOA2.

Beyond daily operations, I am currently developing several initiatives ranging from immediate facility upgrades to long-term capital improvements. These projects are designed to elevate our course conditions and operations within The Overlook Restaurant. We look forward to sharing more specific details as these plans are finalized, and we thank you for your ongoing support as we invest in the club's future.

DARRYL JANISSE

General Manager



LETTER FROM THE HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL

Happy New Year, and welcome to 2026 at El Conquistador Golf. I hope you enjoyed a wonderful holiday season with family and friends and are feeling refreshed for a great year ahead on the course. January is always one of our most enjoyable months for golf, and we're excited to kick off another outstanding season together.

January Course Conditions

Our maintenance team has the course in excellent shape as we begin the new year. Fairways are playing fair, greens are rolling true, and the beautiful temperatures make for ideal scoring conditions. Please remember to repair ball marks and replace divots so we can continue to deliver the premium playing experience for all our Golf members and guests.

Golf Shop & Instruction

The Golf Shop opens at 7am and closes at 5pm. If improving your game is one of your New Year's resolutions, January is a perfect time to schedule a private lesson, putting or short-game tune-up. A few focused sessions early in the season can make a big difference all year long.

Pace of Play Reminder

As we enter peak season, we kindly ask everyone to be mindful of pace of play. Please keep up with the group in front of you, play ready golf when appropriate, and assist your fellow members in maintaining an enjoyable flow for everyone.

Looking Ahead

2026 is shaping up to be an exciting year with great tournaments, special events, and continued improvements to your golf experience. I look forward to seeing you on the range, on the course, and at the clubhouse throughout the season.

On behalf of our entire golf staff, thank you for being such a valued part of El Conquistador Golf at Oro Valley. Wishing everyone a healthy, happy and successful New Year.

TROY JEWKES
Head Golf Professional



LETTER FROM THE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

Happy New Year, and welcome to January! As we move into the height of our active season, El Con is buzzing with energy, and we are excited to share another wonderful month with you.

As a reminder, a slight dues increase went into effect on January 1. This adjustment is reflected on your latest monthly statement. Members who have chosen annual or biannual payment options may notice a separate adjustment for any prepaid months in 2026. If you have questions about how this appears on your statement, please feel free to reach out to me. I'm happy to assist.

I'd also like to remind everyone that we do require a minimum of 30 days' written notice for any change to your membership, including resignations. This helps us ensure accurate billing and seamless account management for all members.

A Note About Club Emails:

We are aware that some members do not always receive emails from us. Comcast is a common email provider that may block or filter our communications. To help ensure you don't miss important updates, we recommend adding a backup email address to receive our emails. I am always happy to double-check with our Corporate team that you are opted in to receive emails on our end, however, in 99% of cases the issue is related to email filtering. Please be sure to always check your spam or junk folders regularly, even if our emails have not gone there in the past.

January marks one of the most vibrant times of the year at El Con. We look forward to seeing you enjoy a full calendar of events, including themed dinners, live music happy hours, and many opportunities to connect with fellow members both on and off the course.

Thank you for being an important part of the community. Wishing you a fantastic month ahead, and I look forward to seeing you around El Con!

ROXANNE HARDING
Membership Director



The Overlook Restaurant

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LETTER FROM THE FOOD & BEVERAGE MANAGER

Hello all and Happy New Year!

I hope you all enjoyed the holiday season and had a great new year celebration. I can't believe 2026 is already here and the busiest time of the year is upon us. We have a very exciting slate of events this month. First of all, we have another musical happy hour featuring Kaci Bays.

As for dinners, I look forward to everyone joining us the evening of the 9th for our famous Fish Fry. We will have our fish and chips and most importantly, walleye! On the 16th we will have a BBQ Night featuring chef's amazing barbeque. We will be bringing back my personal favorite, the pasta night on the 23rd. This is a rare opportunity to see our wonderful kitchen team in action as they prepare your pasta in the dining room! Finally, we will round out the month with a burger night on the 30th featuring some hand selected burger options our kitchen team has come up with.

Look out for more information on complete menus and options shortly! We are all excited to be doing more dinners and events so make sure to stop by and check out our new and returning meals! As always, thank you for all your support and I look forward to serving you in the restaurant!

ZACH OLFERS
Food & Beverage Manager



LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR OF AGRONOMY

The south pumpstation has been installed!

The 2007 Rainbird station has now been replaced with a 2025 Rainbird station. This is a huge upgrade for the golf course. This station will deliver precision irrigation, optimize water usage and significantly reduce operation costs. It will also decrease our water window allowing the course to firm up faster before the first tee time.

As we all return from the holiday break it's time to get caught up on golf course maintenance.

Fertilizing the rye grass will commence this week. This is a monthly application of Urea, iron, manganese and growth regulator. The growth regulator keeps the Poa Annua suppressed throughout the winter.

The guys have been busy prepping and adding DG to #18 Conquistador tee surround. We're nearly finished dressing up the area and it should be completed in the next few weeks. Other things we have been working on are tree trimming, spot spraying weeds and the endless chore of exposed bunker liner removal.

Hope everyone had a good holiday.



The New Pump Station

JASON WOLF
Director of Agronomy



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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