



Eisenhower Men's Golf Association 2025



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EMGA End of Year Report

President

I'd like to express my sincere gratitude to all EMGA members who generously volunteered their time to serve on the Board and committees. Your dedication is the foundation of our association; EMGA simply wouldn't thrive without your commitment and support.

A special thank you, as always, to the EGC and catering staff for their continued partnership. Your contributions play a vital role in our success.

Most importantly, thank you to every EMGA member who brings heart to this association through your kindness, camaraderie, and enthusiasm. You're what makes EMGA truly special. I encourage you to keep sharing the experience—invite your friends to join us and discover what makes our group so rewarding. We remain committed to keeping EMGA vibrant and evolving through thoughtful improvements, and this year was no exception. To all our members: the strength and spirit of EMGA come from you. It's been a pleasure connecting with so many of you throughout the season, and I'm looking forward to an even better 2026.

Larry Walker
President

Vice President

We updated our Constitution to specify that the Distinguished Service Award could only be awarded to an individual once. However, we are now allowing a member to be annually recognized for their Significant Contribution multiple times during their membership.

Meal attendance was again lower than the previous year, saving us almost \$1600 from what was budgeted and keeping our overall EMGA budget in the black. This was also because the expected cost increase for 2025 was never adopted. Diane has told us though to expect a 10% increase in 2026. However, by lowering our expected count for each meal, we did reduce our budget request for 2026 from \$7,500 to \$7,250

Another new and major meal issue we experienced in 2025 was members signing up but then failing to show. We had about 25 members no-show for the Kregel lunch and 10 for the Fall breakfast. This cost us over \$700 for the meals we still had to pay for.

Don Knight
Vice President

Secretary

Over the 2025 season, we had about a dozen members not seeing/getting our emails from the League Database sometime during the year. This small number is mostly because 98% of you have already added a new contact to your email program's contact list. Those members who were on the "Suppression List" were contacted and their emails cleared. They were asked to add the contact's name below to help reduce these rejections. If you haven't yet, please do add the email address:

noreply@golfgenius.com

as a new contact in your email program address book/contact list and give it a name like "EMGA Emails" or something similar. That should tell your email provider that these are good emails and should allow them to be processed properly.

I want to thank you all and especially the members of the EMGA Board for their support to me as your Secretary for the past 5 years. It has been an extreme pleasure to serve as your Secretary and prior to that on the Tournament Committee which helped me learn about the game of golf and the rules of play.

At our last general membership meeting, you voted in our new Secretary elect Russell Barnes who will take over all duties of the Secretary after the close of this season. I have already met with Russ and gone over several duties and tasks with him, and he will be an excellent Secretary. I will also walk through the end of year duties as we start/initiate the new software database, league setup, and league member roster. Russ is also welcome to contact me with any questions as he begins his duties for the 2026-2027 term.

If you have any issues with emails or your contact info in the League Roster, please let Russell know and he will try to fix it quickly.

Sam Bryant
Secretary

Treasurer

Finances

We began the season with a balance of \$2,141 (down from \$2,612 at the end of the 2024 season). We ended the 2025 season with a balance of \$2,014.

We expected \$14,400 in dues this season; we received \$14,430 (up from \$13,930 received in the 2024 season).

Match Play collected \$710 and disbursed \$700.

Ike Cup collected and disbursed \$515.

Blue and Silver Ringers each collected and disbursed \$550.

Interest income received was negligible while we were charged \$7.40 in checking account fees.

Our OPC program collected \$9,239 and disbursed \$9,248.

Our Home and Away program collected \$20,070 and disbursed \$20,058.

Our Tournament Committee budgeted \$6,900 and disbursed \$6,829. They also collected and disbursed \$2,295 for Skins.

We budgeted \$1,950 for Admin Expenses, and we spent \$1,860. Primary payments were \$880 for Golf Genius user fees and \$500 for EGC Employee Appreciation.

We budgeted \$7,500 for meals and disbursed \$6,829 because the number of meal attendees was lower than expected and prices did not increase from the 2024 season.

Membership

We finished the season with 176 full-year members (down from 185 in 2024), 6 partial-year members (up from 1 in 2024), 0 social members, and 4 Honorary Lifetime Members. The drop in returning members was caused primarily by member health concerns and members moving out of the area. We gained 24 new members this season (up from 21 in 2024). In addition, we had 14 guests join us during our October “Try Out the EMGA” promotion. We hope many of them will become full members in the 2026 season.

John Hayes
Treasurer

Tournament Committee

We hosted ten tournaments in 2025, with a total of 1,081 participants, counting both Kregel rounds separately. This compares to 1,010 participants in 2024, a slight increase.

Our 2025 budget was \$6,900, and we paid out \$6,789 in winnings, for a \$111 surplus. The surplus was due to reduced payouts from minor tournament restructuring that differed from what we originally planned; an original budget programmed \$20 less than what EMGA allowed, and a few threesome payouts where the fourth person wasn't paid. The surplus was turned back into EMGA, with a request that the surplus be added to the 2026 TC budget.

The move to \$5 skins was a success. Players enjoyed the larger payouts and had fun tracking whether their potential skins held up as each round progressed. We collected and paid out \$2295 in skins money compared to \$1371 in 2024.

We are considering adding Skins to Two-Man team events in 2026. Funding would be pre-paid and included in the total dues for EMGA membership.

The addition of the Combo Tee options for players' Declared Tees in 2025 was a success. As of 6 Oct, we have 32 players who have declared either White/Gold or Gold/Silver tees. Additionally, 2 players have declared Silver tees, which became available for EMGA play in 2025.

In 2025, we encouraged all players who initially declared Blue, Green, or Green/White tees to move to White tees for tournaments. All players agreed, some more willingly than others. Purpose of the request to move to White tees was to better equalize competition for the Four-Man team events, with all the “A” players playing from the White Tees.

For 2026, the Committee is considering allowing players to declare the Blue, Green, or Green/White tees for tournaments, with the exception of Four-Man team events (Including the Variable Best Ball) and the Kregel, which will be played from the White tees for those who declared longer tees. This would allow longer players to play their preferred tees on the individual and Two-Man team events. We have polled the players with a 10.0 or lower handicap index and are reviewing responses.

The Kregel format continues to be a point of debate. For 2026, a consensus is building for the Championship Flight to be gross only, with participation voluntary. All other flights would compete for net-only payouts. This would result in a smaller Championship Flight, but the Committee would continue to equalize the probability of winning a payout across all flights.

The TC will add an 11th Tournament in 2026 between mid-Jun and mid-Jul. We had previously blocked this period from tournament play due to the EGC Youth Camp and various USAFA activities; however, the EMGA Junior Golf Director noted that tournament play during this period would not negatively impact the EGC Youth Camp. The TC will fund this additional tournament out of its current budget but may ask the Executive Committee for additional funds if required.

For individual tournaments, the Committee is planning to continue flighting Individual tournaments by Tee Division in 2026, as we did this year. This provides a nice contrast in competition compared to the OPCs, where flighting is by handicap index, regardless of which tee is played. The Committee implemented a walk-on policy in 2025 for Four-Man team events that restricted any walk-ons from playing in an A, B, C, D, player open slot unless their handicap index reasonably fit into the range of the existing A, B, C, D players handicap indexes. Our only walk-ons this year were D players, which is where the open slots fall when the original tee sheet is published, so no one was turned away. For 2026, the Devil Ball and Gold/Silver Two-Man Shamble are not scheduled to be played. The TC will add a Two-Man Chapman and an Individual play tournament, format TBD, to the 2026 schedule. For the EGC EMGA Appreciation Day, we are looking at another Four-Man event, format TBD.

Ron Schilling
Tournament Committee Chair

Open Play/Open Play Competition

We have had another great year of OP/OPC play on Thursdays (mostly Thursdays) for the EMGA membership. A special word of Thanks to the volunteers who stepped up and assisted in getting people checked in and off the #1 Tee Box.

A total of twenty rounds for this year occurred with an average participation rate of 82 players, not counting two challenging weather days. Round times of play were closer to four hours and fifteen minutes, which is appreciated.

We hope everyone enjoys flexibility in playing different teeing areas. This gives you a little insight into enjoying the two courses from different perspectives. Also, to mix it up a little for the month of October we added a Chicago and a 3-Clubs and a Putter format. Both seemed to go over well, even though we only had 19 players for the latter tournament due to inclement weather.

Golf Genius worked well and signed paper score cards flowed in just fine. This resulted in scores being posted and sent out quickly.

John Henninger and Ron Black
OP/OPC Co-Chairs

Home and Away

First, I need to say thanks to Larry Walker and Don Knight for continuing to check my work. For most matches, one of them reviewed my set up and in some cases answered questions to help me set things up in Golf Genius. I want to also thank John Hayes for keeping up with the checks and squaring the account with the EGC after each match. Things ran smoothly once the EGC staff figured out how to charge us accurately for each match.

I scheduled ten matches this year. I generally had to schedule home matches on Thursdays during an OPC match. 40 members played in at least one H&A match. We won all our Home matches, except one, which was rained out. When we played Perry Park, the weather turned bad and rained out the match after about eight holes. We only lost two of our Away matches; one to Glenmoor and one to Pueblo (the same as in 2024). We did add Hollydot Golf Club to the list of clubs we played this year, but I could only find 10 players to

play in that match. We also added the Broadmoor Golf Club to our list of clubs. We only played the Home Match with The Broadmoor this year and the Away Match at The Broadmoor will be played sometime in 2026. That's how they schedule matches, so we'll need to follow up with them next year to play the match at their club. We were unable to schedule a match with The Colorado Springs Country Club and should try to make sure we schedule them in 2026.

Everything ran very smoothly with setting up the matches. The EGC staff worked well with me to set up the carts and practice range. The Catering Staff were very attentive to our needs. The breakfast snacks were always good, and the lunches met our expectations. This year, the EGC staff coordinated with the staff at other clubs and set the pricing for us at \$135 per player, which included the carts fees, green fees, breakfast snacks, hole-in-one, and lunch. I added \$20 to that price to cover the cost of the team prizes and the Skins Competition.

This year we continued using electronic scoring, and it was a big help in doing the final work to develop the Leaderboard for our matches. By the time I got everything set up to score the match, the scores were all entered, and the final process ran smoothly.

This year was my fifth and final year to chair the Home & Away Program. I really appreciated all the support I received from the players and the EMGA Board, as well as the EGC staff. I will help support Mark Dalzell as he takes over this position and provide him back up as long as he needs it.

If anyone has suggestions to improve the program, I welcome their comments/dialogue.
Submitted by:

Barry Patterson
Home and Away Co-Chair

Season-Long Tournaments

We held four season-long tournaments for 2025. Each of the tournaments had a separate entry fee, and members could join any of them based on their interest.

Match Play: The call for Match Play went out through email and through our registration process for 2025. The field for Match Play started at 72 players but dwindled down to 64 after eight withdrawals. The entry fee for Match Play is \$10. A total purse of \$700 was collected, and the winnings were returned as credits in the Pro Shop. We changed the format for match play. We started by placing the 72 players in 16 flights based on handicap indexes. The flights had either 4 or 5 players. The players then played a round-robin within the flights, using Nassau-scoring, to determine the flight winners. The 16 flight winners went forward to the Knockout Round of 16. The 2025 Match Play Champion was Rick Rhoden, who defeated Phil Sosalla.

Ike Cup: The Ike Cup is our version of the Ryder Cup. We had 103 members join and the entry fee was \$5.00, with a total purse of \$515.00. All proceeds were returned to those members that made the Ike Cup Blue and Silver teams in Pro Shop credits. The 103 members were evenly divided across 4 flights. Six players from each of the four flights made up the 24 players that were selected for the Ike Cup teams. There were 19 qualifying rounds held this year, and the best four rounds were used to determine your position in the four flights that were used. The Ike Cup was played on two consecutive days, Sep 14-15, one day on the Blue Course and one day on the Silver Course. The Silver team defeated the Blue Team by a score of 15 to 9. Each player of the Blue team received \$28.75, and the Silver team received \$14.16.

Blue Ringers: The Blue Ringers were held on the Blue course over 10 different rounds. The Ringer Tournament is one in which the best net score posted on each hole by a player over those 10 multiple rounds

are added up for one 18-hole score total. We had 110 members that signed up for the Blue Ringers with an entry fee of \$5.00 for a total purse of \$550.00. All proceeds were returned as Pro Shop credits to the members that placed in the money. There were seven flights broken down by Handicap Index at the beginning of the season, and the flights remained static over the season. The payouts were proportional to each flight, broken down as 1st (30%), 2nd (25%), 3rd (20%), 4th (15%), and 5th (10%). Ties were retained. We paid out to 41 players.

Silver Ringers: The Silver Ringers were held on the Silver course over 9 different rounds. The Ringer Tournament is one in which the best net score posted on each hole by a player over those 9 multiple rounds are added up for one 18-hole score total. We had 110 members that signed up for the Blue Ringers with an entry fee of \$5.00 for a total purse of \$550.00. All proceeds were returned as Pro Shop credits to the members that placed in the money. There were seven flights broken down by Handicap Index at the beginning of the season, and the flights remained static over the season. The payouts were proportional to each flight, broken down as 1st (30%), 2nd (25%), 3rd (20%), 4th (15%), and 5th (10%). Ties were retained. We paid out to 45 players.

Larry Walker

Season-long Tournaments Chair

Rules and Handicaps

Summary. We conducted our rules and handicap awareness program that included ten rule refresher emails. We responded to member emails about specific rules questions. We conducted a scoring review on one member using the USGA Handicap Review tool but found no issue.

Committee Activities. The Committee conducted the following significant events in 2025:

- a. We reused the ten Rules Refreshers from 2024 since they are the most common encountered rule infractions. Each email included a short video link from the USGA and other golf sources demonstrating each rule. [📺](#)
 - I. However, we added a rules contest with these emails. Each email had a rules question from the USGA Basic Rules Quiz. All members that answered correctly were entered into a random drawing for the weekly prize of ball markers. There was a \$30 Pro Shop grand prize for having the most correct responses to all 10 questions.
 - II. We had 30 members participating in the 10-week contest. Weekly winners were Don Becker, Terry Bennett, Sam Bryant, Patrick Burke, Charles Couch, Rick Horn, Tim Marburger, Rosario Nici, Ken Pearson and Geo Roberts. Grand Prize winners were Patrick Burke, Don Becker and Charles Couch who answered 9 questions correctly; each received a \$10 Pro Shop Credit. Our EMGA President and Vice President correctly answered all 10 questions but were not eligible for the Grand prize award.
- b. We managed our bulletin board space by rotating various USGA Handicapping posters.
- c. We remind our members that the committee can review members' scoring records, delete duplicate scores, and adjust scores as needed. Any member can request a scoring record review by the Rules and Handicaps Committee. We also serve on the Tournaments Committee to oversee any Rules or Handicap issues that might arise.

EGC Course Rating 2025 Update. The EGC accepted the committee's recommendation for a Blue Course Gold/Silver tee-set combination. This 4,855-yard tee has a Course Rating of 63.1 and a Slope of 111.

2025 Budget. The committee had the following expenditures:

- a. \$25.19 for the Weekly Rules Contest's Ball Marker prizes
- b. \$30.00 for the Rules Contest Grand Prize Pro Shop Credits
- c. \$20.00 for the Committee Chair to attend the USGA Rules Seminar at EGC on 27 March 2025

2026 Outlook. The committee will remain focused on educating the EMGA membership on USGA Rules of Golf and Handicapping. The committee requests a 2026 \$100 budget for two expenditures: \$75 for Rules Challenge gifts and if possible \$25 to defray the cost for the Chair to attend a CGA sponsored Rules seminar.

Tom McKernan
Rules and Handicaps Chair

Welcome and Hospitality

Together with John Hayes, the EMGA treasurer, we welcomed all new members to the EMGA this year. John will have the numbers. Our role remains to help new members settle in, and thanks to everyone on the committee who patiently helped the new folks become acclimated to EMGA.

During a survey commissioned by our president, Larry Walker, we spoke to and emailed members who seldom played during EMGA events in 2025 and discovered almost everyone was absent due to poor health of themselves or their loved ones, family involvement or moving to new locations. None expressed disappointment with the EMGA or its members, and they all thanked us for being in touch.

We said goodbye and remembered 5 members who passed away at our Memorial Breakfast in May.

Ron Black has volunteered to help on the Hospitality Committee, and we plan to meet during the off season to see how we might serve the membership even better. If anyone has ideas for making EMGA even more welcoming and hospitable for members, let us know.

I thank Tom O'Brien for the many years he has served as Director of Hospitality and helping me to step into the role. Please do thank him as you see him around. His family needs him more than we do right now, so keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

Tom O'Brien, Geo Roberts
Welcome and Hospitality Co-Chairs

Junior Golf

We again supported the EGC Junior Golf Camps by providing logistics and administrative support during its two events in June. A total of **Thirteen** EGC members (**most ever**) unselfishly gave their time to this

important event in giving back to this wonderful game of golf. I intend to continue my junior golf responsibilities during the coming 2026 season.

Marty Bunker
Junior Golf Coordinator Chair

EMGA Information Services

EMGA Information Services for 2025 the EMGA website had no issues and remained up for over 99% of the time. We posted more than 250 updates, and no changes were made to the site's overall design. Posts are typically made from weekly updates received from the EMGA portal. Updates were also made to several of the EMGA Policies received from board and committee members.

I would appreciate any changes for 2026 to be sent to me before the start of the next season.

For the 2026 season, I am researching other web hosting sites which would be more responsive to problems. Additionally, I would like to find someone who could take over sometime during the 2026 season. I would become their backup.

Mo Hall
Webmaster

Submitted on 2 Nov 2025

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Sam Bryant
EMGA Secretary

Approved on 6 Nov 2025

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Larry Walker
EMGA President