

# 2020 Grand Elk Spring Newsletter

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## The Coronavirus - Getting Back to Normal

### *HOA Board*

The coronavirus has put a large part of our lives on hold. After months of isolation, more and more people are talking about “opening the country” back up again, or getting back to “normal,” especially in time for the summer. The big question about this is: What will “normal” look like? We are way past the point where things could just go back to the way they used to be. Whenever we can go back outside, things will be fundamentally different. We need to prepare for that. The new normal encourages one to deal with current situations rather than lamenting about what could have been. But how will our lives and activities continue if the virus continues to endanger our lives.

### **Gradual Reopening**

The gradual reopening should not be like flipping a switch with everything

zooming back the way it was before. A lot of social distancing was put into place hoping that this will put us back into a more stable situation.

Grand County has requested a variance which essentially asks the state to allow the Grand County Public Health (GCPH) Director to make local decisions on guidance and restrictions. The variance does not allow that every business and every citizen will be free to do as they wish. Please note, in some cases, the variance request is broader than what the businesses may experience on “opening day”. If the Grand County request is accepted by the state, the variance request is a tool that allows the flexibility to increase and decrease restrictions as needed. The Grand County request is asking for a variance for four sectors: recreation, restaurants, places of worship, and lodging.

As restrictions are lifted, the Grille and Golf Club will be adding services and amenities.

At this time, the number of positive COVID-19 cases are being reported as 5 and no deaths. Due to the limited number of health services the county has prohibited short-term rentals until May 21, 2020; curbside delivery and take-out is the norm and a few of the businesses are operating with social distancing rules in place. The Governor is still emphasizing and encouraging Stay At Home.

*Please understand that this is a rapidly changing situation, we will keep you posted with new information as soon as we have it.*

# GE Golf Club

*Larry Burks, General Manager*

We hope this letter finds you and your family safe and healthy during this unprecedented time. The golf course is open for play now. For your safety and the safety of the other golfers we ask that you do not have any activities on the golf course besides golfing. We also ask that you check in with the golf shop before you play golf starting at hole number one or ten and wear your mask at the window. Like always there is no walking on the golf course including walking your dogs.

Thank you for your cooperation.

## **Club Coronavirus Updates**

The staff has been very busy figuring out how to operate the golf course and adapting to the new normal in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. As most of you already know the golf course is open for play. Grand Elk Golf Club has been approved by Grand County and we have filled out the COVID-19 Compliance Verification through Grand County and we are doing everything we can to keep the members, the public and the employees safe during this time.

Outside staff are disinfecting golf carts after every use. The outside staff has been instructed not to touch your personal equipment for safety reasons. So, unfortunately there will not be any unloading of clubs onto the carts, car, or washing clubs. Additionally, we are only having people from the same household ride together. Golf cart availability may be limited on certain days due to having single riders - we could run out of carts by 1:30 pm or so, and therefore, encourage our Members to make early tee times.

We are encouraging walking and are patrolling the golf course for social distancing several times per day. We

have been adjusting things daily to keep members, guests and employees safe. The Clubhouse, the pool and spa will open when we are allowed to open community pools and spas and get the okay from the State. The Golf Shop will be open very soon but we will be limiting the amount of people in the golf shop at one time. We have some great merchandise coming in this year and are excited to get the golf shop open for you to see. Please wear your mask while in the shop.

You may either call or go to the window to check in for golf. We can also do curbside pickup for both golf shop items and food.

The entire Clubhouse and Grille have been thoroughly cleaned and sanitized including all floors. The locker rooms have also been cleaned and sanitized and we are working on the getting all the lockers functional with keys. We will be cleaning them out and starting a new list of lockers for members. If you have a locker now and have items in the locker could you please contact the golf shop so that we can get you on the list.

We know that things will be different this year and possibly further into the future and we are adapting to the changes as quickly and safely as possible.

## **Club Maintenance Updates**

The kitchen has been upgraded with new and used equipment that will help improve our efficiencies and also bring it up to code.

New bistro tables have been purchased for the small grille deck to allow for outside seating in that area.

The pool deck will not have any sun shade at this time as the system in place is not functional. We are unable to correct the sun shade without harming the deck structure. We are investigating new systems that would be both economical and functional for the high winds that we have here. Plans are in place to add seating to the pool deck

area this summer as we believe that the outside seating will be at a premium due to the current situation and we will try to accommodate the increased demand.

The pool tile is being repaired and the leak in the pool has been located. Currently, we are determining if the leak can be fixed or will major repairs need to be made. We would like to have the pool open for Member use this summer. Additionally, the staff is also accomplishing some minor repairs to the spa.

We will be doing more eradication of the ground squirrel population in the coming weeks on the golf course which means please keep pets away from the golf course area. We hire a professional company to come in and do the work and they only target the ground squirrels. If a predator was to eat a dead ground squirrel nothing would happen to the predator.

Mosquito control will occur sooner in the season this year. We had a banner year for snow and the water is flowing and sitting in the wetlands. So, we want to get an early start.



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## Further Updates

Member information is also posted at: [grandelkliving.com](http://grandelkliving.com)  
Golf Shop

Members are able to do virtual shopping on a few of the clothing lines and receive a discount. This is in addition to the items you will find in the Golf Shop. Here's how:

Shop using code GRANDELK15 and receive 15% off your purchase and the Grand Elk logo on the left chest\*.

(1) Head on over to one of the following websites. Use the links below to activate this offer:

<https://zerorestriction.com/collections/summit-club-code>

<https://fairwayandgreene.com/collection/summit-club-code>

<https://bdraddy.com/collections/summit-club-code>

<https://epnygolf.com/collections/summit-club-code>

(2) Add your items to your cart and proceed to checkout

(3) Ensure the code **GRANDELK15** is applied before finalizing your order

• PLEASE NOTE • Product ordered using this promotion is not available for returns or exchanges due to being decorated. If you have questions about your size, reach out to our customer care at 855-924-2228.

### Men's League

The Men's League will start soon. An email notification will be sent once the schedule and staff are established.

### Golf Course Events

The Member Memorial Golf Tournament has been cancelled. All other tournaments scheduled this summer are still planned events.

Nine & Dines are still scheduled.

Junior Lessons are still scheduled but only individually or in family groups. Contact Daniel in the golf shop. Lessons for junior are at a discounted rate.

Home Owners free beginner lessons will be starting June 8. Look for email from golf shop.

### Golf Committee

The Golf Committee was able to meet just prior to the lockdown. They prioritized improvements for the range, target greens, over seeding the body of the range. Additionally, bunkers and bridge work will be added to the list of work items. Priorities will be reviewed once the Golf Committee gets together again. The Golf Committee members are: Mike Ritter, Pam Press, Mike Giarratano, Cliff Larson, Stan Opperman (Chair).

### Social Committee

The Social Committee is working to reschedule all the cancelled events that can be rescheduled for this coming season.

Book Club is on hold until the Grille can reopen in order to social distance. Stayed tuned for the upcoming book which will be posted on the [grandelkliving.com](http://grandelkliving.com) calendar.

### Ladies League

Are the ladies ready to get back out on the golf course for Friday night Ladies League! League starts Friday, June 5th at 5:00pm. Please arrive by 4:45 and check in at the pro shop window. There will be an envelope for your \$5 kitty contribution at the window

For more information email, [grandelksocial@gmail.com](mailto:grandelksocial@gmail.com)

## This Month's Events

May 22, 2020

**Granby**

**Short Term Rentals**

Short term rentals can resume, **SUBJECT TO COUNTY GUIDELINES.**

May 24, 2020

**Grand Elk Golf Club**

**Member Memorial Tournament**

Unfortunately, this event is cancelled.

May 27, 2020

**Grand Lake, CO**

**Rocky Mountain National Park**

RMNP will have a phased reopening. Contact RMNP for further information.

June 5, 4:45 p.m.

**GE Golf Club**

**Ladies League**

For more information email [grandelksocial@gmail.com](mailto:grandelksocial@gmail.com)

June 13

**4:30 p.m. Grand Elk Golf Club 9 & Dine**

9-hole scramble tournament with dinner to follow. Members and their guests are welcome.

June

**GE**

**Book Club New Book**

A new book will be assigned for reading and discussion in July.