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**EAGLE RIDGE RESORT & SPA  
GOLF COURSE RESTORATION GETS UNDERWAY**

**GALENA, ILL.** - Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa has announced that restoration of all four golf courses, The North, The South, The East, and it's crowing achievement, The General is currently under way.

While the heavy storms of July 27 are all but forgotten to many, Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa's Golf Maintenance team is still in the process of cleaning up and repairing the significant damage. High winds and a 16" downpour of rain that engulfed much of the immediate tri-state area led to damage at all four of the resort's golf courses. The more apparent and cosmetic repair work has already been addressed and the resort has enlisted an aggressive restoration plan that commenced on September 12. Eagle Ridge's own project managers for this program, Kurt Strothers, Matt Hancock and Fred Steiger, are working under the direction of The Oliphant Companies' Madison, Wisconsin, division, who will be spearheading the more extensive three month restoration project.

Goals for the multi-million dollar reconstruction project includes the rebuilding of over 100 bunkers throughout all four golf courses, improved drainage by reshaping several creeks, removal of select trees to improve play, restoration of tee boxes, and several bridge repairs. One of the more impressive, final results of the redesigning and reconstruction will be the ability to bring back the bunkers to their original USGA quality.

"We are confident that we'll be able to meet these reconstruction goals before our official golf season ends," said Ikhlas Ahmed, General Manager. "The overall restoration is not only imperative, but it will enhance the golf experience on each course in various ways. When the 2012 golf season rolls around in the spring, I think our golfers will be very impressed with the outcome of the project."

**About The Oliphant Companies, Inc.**

Oliphant is an industry leading golf course development, construction, and management company. Founded in 1996, the company has completed award winning new construction and renovation golf course projects at some of the most highly regarded golf clubs and new golf course developments across the country. The

firm has worked on over 150 projects, ranging in individual contract values from \$100,000 to over \$20,000,000.

### **About Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa**

Located on 6,800 acres amid the rolling hills of northwestern Illinois, **Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa** in Galena, Illinois, is a full-spectrum resort complex located 150 miles west of Chicago. The property showcases superior golf with 63 holes on four acclaimed courses which include the North Course; the South Course; the East Course (9-holes); and the resort's crowning achievement, The General, an 18-hole, par 72 course with over 250 feet of elevation changes throughout.

Eagle Ridge offers three distinctive restaurants that include award-winning Woodlands Restaurant, along with Spikes Bar & Grill and Paisanos. Other amenities include the tranquil Stonedrift Spa, providing ten treatment rooms for a complete sensory experience, and a state-of-the-art fitness center with a beautiful indoor/outdoor pool, sauna and steam room.

The resort lays claim to numerous industry awards and recognition, such as:

- **Successful Meetings** - Honored Eagle Ridge with the "Pinnacle Award" as voted by readers in the Hotels & Resorts category for 2011. The resort also won the award in 2008 and 2009.
- **Golfweek** - The General was named as one of the best resort courses in their annual "Best Resort Courses" listing for 2012. The resort laid claim to the ranking in both 2009 and 2010. In 2009, the same magazine named The General second in the state of Illinois for *Golfweek's Best Courses You Can Play* listing.
- **Meetings MidAmerica** - Eagle Ridge was honored with the "Best of Mid-America" award for outstanding corporate meeting space as voted by readers in 2011. The resort was given the honor in 2007, 2008 and 2010.
- In 2010, **Golf Magazine** listed The General as the #4 "Best in Illinois" course to play alongside the "Top 100 Courses You Can Play" ranking. In 2000, 2008 and 2010, The General was listed as one of the "Top 100 Courses You Can Play" in the magazine's ranking.
- In 2009, **Golf Digest** named The General one of the best golf courses in the state of Illinois for *The World's Greatest Golf* rankings, 2009-2010. The General was named #24 in the state of Illinois. The rankings were put out as a supplement to the May 2009 issue of Golf Digest.
- In 2009, **Zagat** ranked Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa's The General, North and South courses in the 2009 America's Top Golf Courses, sixth edition as ranked and reviewed by players.

The property is the perfect backdrop to an incredible selection of outdoor activities including miles of biking, hiking and horseback riding trails, as well as tennis, hot air balloon rides, boating and fishing on the picturesque 225-acre Lake Galena. For reservations or additional information, call (800) 892-2269 or visit [www.eagleridge.com](http://www.eagleridge.com).