



THE TALON

A Membership Newsletter from Golden Eagle Country Club
Clubhouse 850-893-7700 Pro Shop 850-668-1071

May 2026

President - Bruce Sellers
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Director Sales/Marketing - Donna Biggins
Director of Food & Beverage - Patrick Espitia
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Head Golf Professional - Greg Gilder
Head Tennis Professional - Allen Long
Golf Course Superintendent - Ramsey Prescott

MIXED GRILLE HOURS

Tuesday: Kitchen 10:00 AM to 7:30 PM
Mixed Grille 10:00 AM to 8:30 PM
Wednesday -Friday: 10:00 AM to 8:30 PM
Saturday & Sunday: 7:30 AM to 8:30 PM

Tuesday through Friday, complimentary coffee will be available daily in the Pro Shop.

A Traditional Celebration in Honor of Mothers!

Please join us for our Mother's Day Brunch, Sunday, May 10, 2026

11:00 am Seating or 1:30 pm Seating

Chef Doyle and his culinary staff will delight you with fabulous favorites including:

*Mixed Greens Salad Bar with Assorted Dressings
Fresh Fruit Display
Imported and Domestic Cheese Display*

*Mashed Potatoes
Wild Rice Pilaf
Macaroni & Cheese
Squash Casserole with Aged Cheddar
Vegetable Medley
Collard Greens*

*Fried Chicken
Roasted Pork Loin with Garlic Herb Jus*

Carving
*Roasted Prime Rib
Horseradish Cream and Au Jus*

Desserts
Chef's Selection of Assorted Desserts

*Please make your reservations by calling the club today! Seating is limited.
Adults \$39.95 ptt Children 3 years to 12 years old \$18.95 ptt*



A Fresh Foundation for Our Fairways

To the Membership of Golden Eagle,

I know many of you have been asking about the recent appearance of our fairways, and I want to start by saying: **Please do not be worried—it will grow back, and it will be better than ever.**

Currently, you may notice some "brown" or "scalped" areas in the fairways. While this might look unusual at first glance, it is actually a deliberate and vital part of our spring transition and long-term turf health strategy.

The "Why" Behind the Mow

Zoysia grass is a premium, dense turf, but it has a natural tendency to produce **thatch**—a thick layer of organic material that builds up between the grass blades and the soil. Over time, this layer acts like a sponge, trapping water and preventing air and nutrients from reaching the roots.

The "scalping" you see now is our team's way of physically removing that excess thatch. By lowering our heights of cut early in the growing season, we are:

- **Waking up the Soil:** Removing the "insulation" of thatch allows the sun to warm the soil faster, encouraging the Zoysia to break dormancy and fill in with a vibrant, deep green.
- **Improving Playability:** Thatch creates a "spongy" feel underfoot. Removing it firms up the fairways, providing you with better ball roll and a cleaner "snap" off the turf with your irons.

Long-Term Health: Reducing this organic layer prevents localized dry spots and disease, ensuring our fairways stay resilient through the heat of the summer.

The Road Ahead

We are currently in a "reset" phase. Like any significant home or landscape improvement, things often look a bit different before the final, polished result is revealed. With the warmer nights and our current fertility program in place, these areas will aggressively transition into a tight, carpet-like canopy over the coming weeks.

Our goal is to provide you with the highest-performing playing surface in the region. This short-term "haircut" is the most effective way to guarantee a world-class fairway experience for the rest of the season.

Thank you for your patience and for your shared pride in the conditions here at Golden Eagle. We look forward to seeing you out on the course.

Best regards,

Ramsey Prescott

MGA News

We concluded our 2026 Spring Member/Member in April. It was a great event and some outstanding golf was played. I wanted to share our results and recognize these players on their great play. Already looking forward to our next tournament! A special thanks to the MGA Board, Greg Gilder, Trey Thayer, Donna Biggins, Ramsey Prescott and Patrick Espitia. All of these folks worked with us to provide a tremendous experience for our members. Great job everyone!

Flight winners:

Palmer Flight:

1st: David Faulkenberry/Jeff Blomeley
2nd: Glenn Moss/Terry Dove
3rd: Justin Bates/Reid Thomas

Sarazen Flight:

1st: Ron Tolliver/Mike Martin, Jr.
2nd: Alan Hart/Fred Fernandes
3rd: David McCranie/Clark Kuntz

Nicklaus Flight:

1st: Larry Lynch/Shannon McWilliams
2nd: Doug Jennings/Brian Shern
3rd: Jim Thompson/Dan Collins

Player Flight:

1st: Mike Snodgrass/Lonnie Milburn
2nd: Mark Schneider/Gery Florek
3rd: Cody Burger/Dale Jackson

Shoot-Out:

Runner-Up:
Doug Jennings/Brian Shern

Champions:
Alan Hart/Fred Fernandes



Congrats!
Doug Jennings
President, Men's Golf Association

Par -Tee Nine Hole Ladies Golf

Par-Tee Ladies Golf

The Par-Tee Golfers ended April on a high note. Five foursomes participated in our “Nine and Dine” scramble on April 26. Organized by Esther Cummings, the nine-hole tournament has been reinstated and it is more popular than ever. The Team comprised of Mary Lou and Phil Larson and Andrea and Paul Lewis won the championship trophy with a net score of 31! Coming in second was the team of Jane and Ruil Springer and Ellen and Brad Eaton with a score of 32. After the tournament we met in the clubhouse grille for dinner and comradery – always a festive end to a fun event!

We kicked off April by attending a tasteful social sponsored by Golden Eagle’s women tennis players. This event, which we have attended twice, is much-loved by our golfers. It is great getting to know the tennis players, who we see at the grille, but aren’t known to most of us. The event always features wonderful food, creative spirits and sparks of friendship. It’s great getting to know more of Golden Eagle’s members at such a delightful event.

One of the year’s most popular events took place on April 15. Esther Cummings sponsored our annual “White Elephant.” For the event, our members contribute all sorts of amazing junk that we have lying around our homes. Then we bid on it with fake money won during a morning tournament. Bidding always heats up and it is rumored that we have to meet on the back veranda because we laugh so loud. Esther excels at creating a good time out of not much and her antics make her one of the most entertaining auctioneers in Tallahassee.

With all of the special events in April, we didn’t have an opportunity to play much regular golf. We played on April 1 with low gross awarded to Susan York and low net awarded to Jane Springer. Ellen Eaton had a chip in. In addition, after the deadline for the last Talon, KC McWilliams won low gross and Carol Brady and Joan Tolliver tied for low net on March 25. Mary Lou Larson had a chip in.

Looking toward the future, it will be hard to have more fun than we did in April, but we’re up for the challenge!

Helena Sims

Par-Tee Ladies President



Welcome to May, friends!

We had a busy April! First off, congratulations are in order for Fred Fernandes and Alan Hart on winning our April MGA Member-Member! They edged out Doug Jennings and Brian Shern on the last hole of the shootout! Great playing guys! The tournament was well represented by the MGA, and there were a lot of close calls in each flight. It was a great weekend for golf!

My lesson book is getting busy, but it is never too busy for any of you who wish to improve your game! I will always make time for every member who wishes to understand their golf swing better. Come to the golf shop and book a lesson, and let's make more birdies this year!

Speaking of improving, I am happy to announce that we will be having **THREE FITTING DAYS** in May! Titleist, Srixon, and TaylorMade will be coming in the month on 8th, 22nd, & the 28th, respectively. TaylorMade has hired a new rep, and he has our best intentions in mind. We had a very good meeting at the end of April, and he has a lot of good programs for us. I know a lot of you are in the market for a new golf bag, and Mr. Nash with TaylorMade has some great ones for us to display in the Pro Shop. If you are in need of a new golf bag and you have a color in mind, I am always open to suggestions on what to carry in the Pro Shop. Also, if you want to make putts like Rory McIlroy, your boy will have the McIlroy putter in his golf bag pretty soon. I can always loan it for a small fee 😊. Titleist will be unveiling a new Driver on the 8th, and TaylorMade will continue to carry their current Driver due to its popularity and performance. Fitting links for Srixon and TaylorMade will go out May 1st. Titleist is currently full, but walkups are welcome.

I am very happy with our three reps from Titleist, Srixon, & TaylorMade. They want to bring the newest and best equipment they have and put it in the hands of our members at Golden Eagle Country Club!

I'm looking forward to a great May with everyone!

Geaux Leaux
Gregory Gilder
Head Golf Professional

TENNIS



**Interested in playing tennis? Please contact our
Tennis Professional Allen Long for more
information! 850-508-7487**

Ladies League Clinics

Ladies 3.0 to 3.5: (B) Monday 9 am to 10:30 am
Ladies A: Wednesday 9 am to 10:30 am

Kid's Camp!

Children ages 6 yrs to 12 yrs old

\$300 members \$375 nonmembers each session

TWO sessions: June 9 thru June 12 AND/OR

July 14 thru July 17

Register your child by
calling the Pro Shop at 850-668-1071

Guest Policy:

Tennis OR Pickleball guests please register at the
Tennis Pro Shop. Members please let Allen know if
you have guests and to reserve courts. For more
information please call Allen Long at 850-508-
7487

Open Play Pickleball

at the hard courts

Friday mornings at 10 a.m.

Players of all skill levels welcome!

Play will involve a rotation system where players
will rotate in and out allowing everyone a chance
to play.

There is no cost to participate for Tennis/
Pickleball, Swim & Tennis, or Golf mem-
bers. Dining members or non-members (Guests)
pay a \$10 fee.

Questions?

Call/text Paul Lewis at 850-212-5461



ELITE JUNIOR TENNIS Spring Programs

Beginning (Ages 6-10)

Wednesday 4:30 –5:30 pm

Coach Corbin Graves Hard Courts

Intermediate (Ages 8-12)

Coach Oliver Foreman

Monday/Thursday 5:30 pm-7 pm (Clay Courts)

Stroke development and learning to compete

Advanced (Ages 10-16)

Coach Oliver Foreman

Monday/Wednesday 4 pm to 5:30 pm (Clay Courts)

Live Ball drilling/competitive play/tactical and
strategic development

ELITE (Ages 12-18)

Coaches Allen Long and Oliver Foreman

Tuesday/Thursday 4 pm to 5:30 pm (Clay Courts)

Tennis Pro Shop:

*We have a new line of Babolat Pickleball racquets in
stock! We are now carrying Tecnifibre and Babolat tennis
racquets! Come try our demo program!
As always we offer 24 hour stringing!
Text Allen Long at 850-508-7487 for more information!*

Pickleball Clinics

For Beginner & Intermediate Players! On the Hard
Courts.

Wednesday, May 6, 13, & 20 at
6 pm to 7:30 pm

Saturdays: May 9, 16, 23 & 30
at 8:30 am 10 am

\$20 per person

To reserve your spot text 859-619-0015

Kara Reister

Instructor & Certified Professional through

GOLDEN EAGLE WOMEN'S TENNIS (GEWTA)

Current GEWTA Happenings

April has been especially busy for the GE Women's Tennis Association. On the court, league play is finishing up a little later than scheduled thanks to numerous weather make ups. Both GE A Teams are hovering in the middle of the pack while our B Team is in a nail-biter, top 3 battle to be determined over the last few matches.

Off the court GEWTA members have been busier than popcorn on a hot skillet.

April 1st was the 5th annual Night at the Net fundraiser for the FSU Women's Tennis Team with a number of GEWTA members once again involved in organizing the event. This year's Night at the Net was once again well attended by many of our GEWTA members who helped make it the most successful to date, raising just under \$109,000.



On April 8th the "Doubles Before Bubbles" team hosted the second annual combined social with our GE lady golfers at the tennis clubhouse - "Woods, Racquets and Azaleas". It was one of our most well attended events with 40 ladies enjoying Charleston Open and Masters inspired food and beverages at the clay courts.



The social informally kicked off GEWTA's Masters watch party as we gathered to support Mason Howell (GEWTA's very own Lauren Howell's son), as he made his Masters Debut. Ideas for future combined get togethers have already been mentioned, so stay tuned.

Heading into late April The Tallahassee Challenger ATP event was hosted at Forest Meadows. GEWTA traditionally provides lunch for the players on Thursday of the tournament, and this year we had Gordo's delivered. In addition, as in past years, many GEWTA members were involved as volunteers, patrons and attendees.

What's Coming Up

With our 2025-26 league season winding down we are looking ahead to the fall. The next couple months are a fantastic time to reach out if you are interested in playing any level of tennis at Golden Eagle. We will have weekly round robin play as well as informal pick up matches when league ends in May. We would love to have players of all levels join our GE league teams. The Georgia – North Florida Women's Tennis League is a competitive yet social league. B League matches are Tuesday mornings and A League matches are Thursday mornings. If you don't feel you can commit to weekly matches, don't worry - there is always room for substitutes no matter your level. All GE members interested in playing tennis are welcome to come and join us! And you do not need to be a "league" tennis player. Just reach out to our GE tennis pro, Allen Long at 850-508-7487.

May 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Open Pickleball 10 am	2 Watch your email for Mixed Grille Specials
3 Club & Course Open Normal Hours	4 Hang Tough Foundation G/T	5 <i>Bridge 10 am</i> Bunco 1:00 pm	6 Chicago Cuts 5:30pm Pickleball 6 pm to 7:30 pm	7 <i>Big Bend Ladies</i> <i>G/T</i> <i>Mah Jongg 10 AM</i>	8 Open Pickleball 10 am	9 Pickleball 8:30 am to 10 am
10 Mother's Day Brunch 11:00 am and 1:30 pm	11 Men of Good Shepherd G/T	12 <i>Bridge 10 am</i>	13 Chicago Cuts 5:30pm Pickleball 6 pm to 7:30 pm	14 <i>Mah Jongg 10 AM</i> <i>Member Guest</i> <i>Practice Rounds</i> <i>Social</i>	15 <i>Open Pickleball</i> 10 am Member Guest G/T & Social	16 <i>Pickleball</i> 8:30 am to 10 am Member Guest G/T
17 Club & Course Open Normal Hours	18 Tallahassee Ford Golf Tournament	19 <i>Bridge 10 am</i> Bunco 1:00 pm	20 Chicago Cuts 5:30pm Pickleball 6 pm to 7:30 pm	21 <i>Mah Jongg 10 AM</i>	22 <i>Open Pickleball</i> 10 am	23 <i>Pickleball</i> 8:30 am to 10 am
24 31	25 Memorial Day <i>Mixed Grille</i> 7:30 am to 7 pm <i>Kitchen</i> 7:30 am to 4 pm	26 <i>Bridge 10 am</i> Verticutting Fairways and tee boxes	27 Chicago Cuts 5:30pm	28 <i>Mah Jongg 10 AM</i> <i>Your spouse called,</i> <i>they'd like dinner at</i> <i>the club tonight.</i>	29 <i>Open Pickleball</i> 10 am	30 <i>Pickleball</i> 8:30 am to 10 am