



# THE TALON

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

June 2026

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**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.

There are still some spots in the  
Golden Eagle Kids' Golf & Tennis Camps

Two Sessions:

June 9th thru June 12th

And/or

July 14th thru 17th

8:30 am to 1 pm and includes lunch!

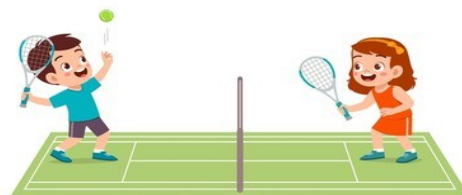
Children ages 6 years old to 12 years old

Attend one or both sessions!

\$300 each session for members

\$375 each session for nonmembers

To register please call the Pro Shop at 850-668-1071



# June Maintenance Update

Welcome to June! As we head into the summer growing season, you'll notice the course getting greener and better every single week. We've been blessed with recent rainfall, which is actually the best possible medicine for our grass. While our irrigation system is great, constant watering during dry spells can cause good nutrients to get trapped in the dirt over time. Natural rainwater acts like a refresh button, unlocking those nutrients so the roots can easily soak them up. To take full advantage of these ideal conditions, we are starting our summer fertilization across the entire property. Between the rain, the fresh fertilizer, and the warm weather, the course is really going to pop with vibrant growth soon!

We are also moving full steam ahead with our recovery plan for the greens that suffered winter damage. Now that the weather is warm and the grass is fully awake, we are laying fresh sod in the larger damaged spots and plugging the smaller areas with healthy turf. This hands-on work lets us quickly replace the dead winter grass with healthy, growing turf. To give this new grass the absolute best chance to thrive, we are pairing these repairs with a scheduled **Wet-Ject aerification on Monday, June 22nd**. This process uses high-pressure water to safely open up hard soil and blast fresh oxygen deep into the root zone, giving both our newly repaired spots and our established greens the strength they need to breathe and beat the late summer heat.

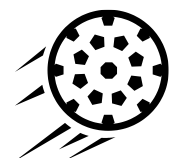
To keep our greens rolling as smoothly as possible, we are staying on top of our routine weekly light sanding and grooming. This light work is essential for cleaning out old debris and keeping the grass blade canopy tight, which directly impacts how straight and true your putts roll. Our daily goal during the summer is to keep our green speeds between 9 and 10 feet on the Stimpmeter—the angled tool we use to measure how far a golf ball rolls. By sticking to this light, frequent upkeep, we can give you a fast, consistent surface while protecting the daily health of the grass.

We are also working hard to stay ahead of summer weeds. We recently put down our third weed preventer of the year, specifically targeting crabgrass and goosegrass. These treatments work by creating a protective barrier in the soil that stops weed seeds from sprouting in the first place. This usually gives us about 90 days of solid control, though summer heat and heavy downpours can wear that barrier down a little bit faster.

Finally, we kindly ask for your continued help in keeping the course in peak condition by following our daily cart rules. Please check in with the pro shop before your round to see what the routing guidelines are for the day. Keeping heavy carts out of wet, high-traffic, or recovering areas prevents the ground from packing down and saves the grass from unnecessary wear and tear. Thank you all for your understanding and cooperation. It takes a true team effort between our maintenance crew and our membership to make Golden Eagle the premier golf course in our area, and we truly couldn't do it without you.

See you on the course,

Ramsey Prescott  
Golf Course Superintendent



## Par -Tee Nine Hole Ladies Golf

The Par-Tee golfers started off May by playing a game called “The Devine Nine.” It’s fun because players can throw out their scores on four holes. To play, our members only counted their strokes on one Par 3, one Par 5 and three Par 4s. The winner was the golfer with the best net score for the Five “Divine” holes. Joan Tolliver won the game, which we played on May 6th.

Mary Lou Larson has been doing a fantastic job organizing our second quarter games. Some of our games in May were canceled by rain and, most regretfully, I neglected to make a note of our other weekly winners.

Pam Rhodes has joined our group as a new member, bringing our total membership to 30. Like so many of our members, Pam has an interesting background. She is a former radio broadcaster with WFBQ/ WNDE in Indianapolis. She came to Tallahassee through Knoxville, and is currently in public relations with the Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Esther Cummings has scheduled one of our monthly “Nine and Dine” Scrambles for May 31<sup>st</sup>. Our Social Committee Chairperson, Joan Tolliver, is planning a potential social on July 3 in conjunction with the fireworks on Lake Diane in Golden Eagle. Finally, Tamara Aitken is working on a trip to play Wakulla Sands in the near future.

Anyone interested in joining the Par Tee group, please contact Donna at the club!

Helena Sims

Par-Tee Ladies President

# Pro Shop News

Welcome to June, friends!

We had a very busy May. First off, congratulations are in effect for Mr. Pete Derham and his son Matt for winning the 2026 Member-Guest! There are a lot of people that I would like to thank, but I have already written long letters, so I will say thank you to all of you who helped make this tournament a success!

We have had two rounds of golf in May that we need to celebrate! First off, Mr. Ernie Monk beat his age by 12 shots shooting a 77! Great round, Mr. Monk!

Secondly, Mrs. Wendy Bostick made a Hole-in-One on Hole #12! It was her very first hole-in-one. She hit a 9-Iron from 98 yards, and it never left the hole and found the bottom of the cup. It was witnessed by Mrs. Marie Howe and Mrs. Terry Newman. Great shot, Mrs. Bostick!

Instruction is still going strong at Golden Eagle Country Club. If you are looking to work on your game, please do not hesitate to ask me. I will always make time for the membership who want to improve their game. Now, this isn't shameless self-promotion, but I will say that the people I have been working with have won tournament flights and qualified for shootouts. Just saying .

Junior Academy is still going on every Tuesday and Thursday from 4:45-5:30. If you are interested in your Juniors playing golf, please feel free to join us! You can also come to the Pro Shop and join the Group Me that I have for Junior Academy to keep up to date with our classes!

Our Junior Camps will be June 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>. It will be a fun day between golf and tennis with plenty of activities and instruction for all! Sign-up is in the Pro Shop!

I am looking forward to having a great June with you all! I can't wait to see you at the club. And as always, thank you for letting me be your Pro!

Geaux Leaux  
Greg Gilder  
Head Golf Professional



# Men's Golf Association News

I hope all of you are doing well. Before I get into June/July activities, I wanted to thank all of our MGA members that supported the GECC Member/Guest Tournament. We had a full field, and it was a great event! Congrats to the entire GECC staff and M/G Committee for making this such a fun event for us and our guests! Also, congrats to MGA member, Pete Derham and his son, Matt for winning the Member/Guest Shoot-Out and becoming the Champions for 2026!

The MGA continues to grow!! We've added multiple members over the last two months! Welcome all of our new members! We are excited to have you onboard! For those of you that have not joined but would like to become a member, please get in touch with myself or Donna Biggins at GECC. This is a great way to build relationships and find your place at the Club. We have our next tournament coming up on Saturday, June 13th. This is called 'The Hando' Tournament and will be an individual event with full handicap applied. The goal is to shoot a net 72 which places you in a shoot-out to win the tournament. The registration link and further details have been emailed to all MGA members. If you are not receiving these emails, please email me at [DLJJVJ@AOL.COM](mailto:DLJJVJ@AOL.COM) and provide your name and email address. We also have our Summer Member/Member right around the corner (July 18-19). This will be a 2-Man Match Play flighted event.

I encourage you to participate in our tournaments. The more players we have, the more fun and camaraderie we have. Thanks again for your continued support and I look forward to seeing all of you on the course!

Best,  
Doug Jennings  
President, Men's Golf Association

# Ladies Club News



Our final meeting of the year was held on April 17. Susan Barnes, master gardener was our speaker. She showed pictures of different pollinators and shared how critical pollinators are to our environment. Did you know that pollinators are entirely responsible for the production of most fruits, nuts and vegetables. Thank a bird, bat, butterfly, moth or bee today!

We were able to generously donate to six local organizations this month, thanks to your generous support through club dues and the 50/50 raffle. These organizations were at your suggestion, and were the top vote getters. We were able to donate one hundred twenty-five dollars each to the following charities:

Second Harvest of the Big Bend  
Alzheimer Project, Inc. (who sent a nice thank you note)  
Big Bend Hospice Foundation, Inc.  
Grace Mission  
Ladies Learning to Lead  
The Salvation Army

It has been an honor and privilege to serve as your club president for the past 2+ years. I hope you enjoyed the programming, and look forward to more excellent programs in the fall with a new leadership team. They are already at work lining up speakers. More news to follow! Please come out and support us as we continue to grow. Our next meeting is Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM. Please save the date!

Susan Weed

# 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

### 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

When using the Pickleball courts, please return the nets along the fence where indicated with signage.  
Thank you.

## 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 members. 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 are now carrying Paddletek Pickleball paddles. 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, June 3, 10, 17 and 24 at  
6 pm to 7:30 pm  
Saturdays: June 6, 13, 20 & 27  
at 8:30 am 10 am

\$20 per person




To reserve your spot text 859-619-0015

Kara Reister  
Instructor & Certified Professional through



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Course & Clubhouse CLOSED	2 Bunco 1:00 pm	3 Chicago Cuts 5:30pm  Pickleball 6 pm to 7:30 pm	4 Mah Jongg 10 AM	5 Open Pickleball 10 am	6 Pickleball 8:30 am to 10 am
7 Club & Course Open Normal Hours	8 Immanuel Baptist G/T	9 Kid's Summer Camp 8:30 am to 1 pm	10 Kid's Summer Camp Chicago Cuts 5:30pm Pickleball 6 pm to 7:30 pm	11 Kid's Summer Camp 8:30 am to 1 pm Mah Jongg 10 AM	12 Kid's Summer Camp 8:30 am to 1 pm Open Pickleball 10 am	13 Pickleball 8:30 am to 10 am
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21 Happy Father's Day 12 pm Luncheon	22 Wet Ject Aerification	23 Your spouse called, they'd like to have dinner at the club!	24 Chicago Cuts 5:30pm  Pickleball 6 pm to 7:30 pm	25 Mah Jongg 10 AM	26 Open Pickleball 10 am	27 Pickleball 8:30 am to 10 am
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