

THE TALON

A Membership Newsletter from Golden Eagle Country Club

July 2026

Clubhouse 850-893-7700 Pro Shop 850-668-1071

President - Bruce Sellers

Vice President - Trae Sellers

General Manager - Bruce Sellers

Director Sales/Marketing - Donna Biggins

Director of Food & Beverage - Isaiah Caple

Executive Chef - Doyle Williams

Head Golf Professional - Greg Gilder

Head Tennis Professional - Allen Long

Golf Course Superintendent - Ramsey Prescott

Accounting - Roxanna Benitez-Mena

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 Camp

July 14th thru 17th

8:30 am to 12 pm and includes lunch!

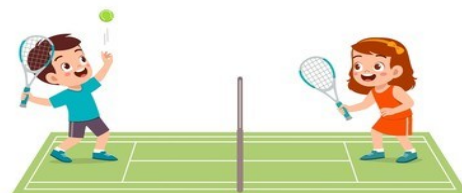
Children ages 6 years old to 12 years old

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



Pro Shop News

Welcome to July friends!

This summer is flying by so fast! Football season will be here before we know it! Geaux Tigahs & Geaux Neauxls (by marriage)! For the rest of you football fans, second place ain't that bad.

Speaking of flying – we had some golfers score some Eagles in June. Mike Snodgrass made his first eagle ever on June 9th on Hole 4, holing out his third shot! Not to be outdone, John Radey saw that eagle and said, “Hold my beer!” He dunked his own eagle on the same day on Hole 18! Great shots gentlemen! On June 12th, Junior Golfer Jackson Hale also made his very first eagle ever. He one-hopped and dunked a wedge on Hole 10 for an Eagle 2! We will call June 2026 “The Month of the Eagle” at Golden Eagle!

The MGA held “The Hando” golf tournament on June 13th. Jim Thompson won the inaugural event with a par on the second playoff hole over Geoff Hamil. Tied for 3rd place was Shannon McWilliams & Allen Ross. The other golfers who qualified for the playoff were Eric Parks, Mark Schneider, Dan Collins, Tony Gillman, David McCranie, Brian Shern, & Scott Needham. Congratulations to Mr. Thompson for winning, and congratulations to everyone else for qualifying for the playoff!

Over the past couple of weeks, I have sent out a few emails regarding a few policy changes. I would like to say that I am very, very thankful for how overwhelmingly positive the feedback was. The policy changes are the “Open Play” tee times and bagging the range balls. These decisions were made with the best interest for your Club. If you have any questions or feedback, my door is always open to you.

Instruction and Merchandise are still high on my priority list here at Golden Eagle Country Club. My schedule will never be too busy for you to book a lesson to work on your game. For the merchandise side, we will have an “End of Summer” sale for Swannies & Travis Matthew for the entire month of July. Both brands will be “Buy one, get one half off.” You can mix and match in between brands to receive your discount.

If you are looking for a fun, afterwork round of 9 Holes, Alan Hart has a shamble that tees off at 5:30 on Thursdays. It is a lot of fun to come out and enjoy some good golf, good company, and watch a good sunset. All you need to do is check in the Pro Shop and show up on #1's tee and say, “I'm in!”

I look forward to seeing you at your Club! Thank you for all your support this past month! It meant a lot to me and my family! Thank you for letting me be your Golf Pro!

Geaux Leaux
Gregory Gilder

Men's Golf Association News

I want to first begin by thanking those MGA members that participated in 'The Hando' tournament which was played on June 13th. There were several rounds of great golf played but our Champion and Runner-Up stood out amongst everyone else. Congratulations to our Champion, Jim Thompson and our Runner-Up, Geoff Hamil. Great playing gentlemen!!



Our next event is coming up. Our Summer Member/Member will be played on July 18th and 19th. This will be a 2-Man Best Ball Match Play tournament. Please see email that was sent to register. Also, please see all upcoming events below and make sure you place them on your calendars. Thanks for your support and participation. We look forward to seeing you on the course!!

Doug Jennings

President, Men's Golf Association

Upcoming events:

Summer Member/Member- July 18-19

MGA Tournament-Format TBD- Sept. 12

GECC Cup- October 24-25

2 Man Alternate Shot- November 14

3 Man Shamble- December 12

MGA Holiday Party- December 17

Par -Tee Nine Hole Ladies Golf

Despite the rain, despite the heat and despite the gnats, our band of nine-hole golfers has persevered and we've had a good time. One of our Wednesday golf days was rained out and the heat was nothing short of oppressive on another, but we've gone out when we could and diligently hit the little round ball.

Our "nine and dine" events continue to have excellent participation. Our most recent event on May 31st was blessed with good weather. Because not everyone was able to be part of a foursome, given that 18 of us played, we had two threesomes, which were comprised of one member from the following couples: the Springers, the Cummings and the Sims. Amazingly, the threesomes came in first and second. The team of Jane Springer, Bob Cummings and John Sims came in first. The team of Ruil Springer, Esther Cummings and Helena Sims came in second. We continue to be in debt to Esther Cummings, who organizes and handles each "nine and dine." This was our last "nine and dine" until the fall. Esther and Bob are avoiding the summer heat and have gone to their mountain home in North Carolina, where Esther continues to organize events for her club there. Fortunately, they return this fall and our "nine and dine" will resume.

One of our newest players continues to excel during our regular Wednesday games. Ellen Eaton won both low net and low gross on June 3. On June 24th, four people tied for lowest putts: Tamara Aitken, Carol Brady, Judy Sheridan and KC McWilliams. They all had 18 putts on 9 holes.

Eight of our members played Wakulla Sands on June 10th. The trip was organized by Tamara Aitken, who is coordinating local and away trips for our group this year. The group had to cope with high heat and humidity, but they enjoyed each other's company had a good time nonetheless.

I want to thank all of our committee chairs. They keep our group going! I mentioned a number of them already, but I would also like to specifically commend the people who organize our weekly games, which is a demanding job. Our Vice-President Joann Rivas, not only handled our bylaws revision this year, but also coordinates our Friday golf. Our Friday games have become increasingly popular. In addition, a number of people have coordinated our Wednesday games this year, including: Esther Cummings, Mary Lou Larson and Jane Springer. Finally, some of our members, like Tamara Aitken, help with games when our quarterly chairs need assistance. Many thanks to the people who toil behind the scenes to make things work!

Helena Sims
President, Par-Tee Ladies Golf



News and Updates from the 18-hole Lady Golfers

Golden Eagle's informal but dedicated group of lady golfers (the LGA) plan 18-hole matches every week at Golden Eagle, weather and course permitting, with tee times scheduled every Wednesday and Friday. Different games are scheduled every Wednesday, with the players joining each other for lunch and beverages in the grill and announcement of the day's winners. On Fridays, play is based on a points method of scoring using GHIN handicaps and awarding one point for a double bogie, and up to five points for a birdie. Friday play is also followed by a gathering in the grill and announcement of winners.

Before the rains came in June, frequent winners included Carolyn McQuary, Terry Newman, Barbara Graves, Renee' Miller and Betty Edwards. LGA "member" Wendy Bostick scored her first hole-in-one during Wednesday play, on #12. Spectacular accomplishment for those of us who don't belong to that club. We all love our winners!

The LGA is an informal group, there are no dues, and no requirement that everyone play every week. All 18-hole golfers with a GHIN handicap of 54 or less are welcome to play. Interested players simply contact the Proshop to sign up each week.

The LGA members work hard to play by the rules of golf, and promote proper speed of play. Shared by one of our "members" from the WSJ: "Forego your process: Lee Trevino needed, on average, 15 seconds to hit a shot – and that was in the majors. He turned out all right. Cease your practice of copying tour pros who have turned golf into survival of the finickiest by adhering to pre-shot routines that violate loitering laws in most states. The USGA about a decade ago produced a pace-of-play promotion titled 'while we're young.'" We encourage keeping up with the group ahead as the best speed of play rule.

New and returning GE members are welcome to join us on Wednesdays and/or Fridays when they can, for a little competition, a lot of fun.

Sue Homant



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 9 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 Summer Programs

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 1 pm to 2:30 pm (Clay Courts)

Live Ball drilling/competitive play/tactical and strategic development

ELITE (Ages 12-18)

Coaches Allen Long and Oliver Foreman

Tuesday/Thursday 11 am to 12:30 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, July 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 at
6 pm to 7:30 pm

Saturdays: July 4, 11, 18 & 25
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)

GEWTA Happenings

The end of league season brings a bit of a lull for competitive tennis, but it doesn't mean things aren't busy on and off the courts. Both A and B Teams' seasons culminated with end of year luncheons



A LEAGUE LUNCHEON – teams finished 5th & 7th

where awards were presented and final standings determined.

Congratulations to our B team on their 3rd place finish!



B LEAGUE LUNCHEON – team finished 3rd



At the A League luncheon our own Jane Snyder – team captain of “Veuve and Victory”, was the recipient of this year's Sybil Ballard Award. The award is named for the league's founder, and presented to the player who embodies “Dedication to the spirit of tennis, love of the game and inspiration to others” as voted on by all A League players. ***Congratulations, Jane!***

Hazy, But Not Lazy Days of Summer

The end of competition season is when GEWTA begins organizing for next year. Our new board has been voted in by membership and the team selection process is underway. Meanwhile, on the courts we are fitting in as much fun tennis as possible as we dodge rain drops and hydrate for the heat. Thursday morning league play has been replaced by “Champagne Thursdays” when we typically have 3 courts of round robin play followed by informal social time. This summer is a fantastic time to come out if you are considering either starting to play or getting back into playing – no matter what level. All GE members interested in playing tennis are welcome to come 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.

Welcome New Members

GEWTA is growing and we would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest members. We are looking forward to many fun matches and great times spent off the court with all of you!

Brett Everett

Hayley Hajjar

Reagan Jackson

Taylor Ann Short

Bri Whigham



July 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Chicago Cuts 5:30pm Pickleball 6 pm to 7:30 pm	2 Mah Jongg 10 AM	3 Open Pickleball 9 am	4  Club and Course Open Regular Hours Pickleball 8:30 am to 10 am
5 Club & Course Open Normal Hours	6 Red Hills Golf Tournament	7 Red Hills Golf Tournament Bunco 1:00 pm	8 Chicago Cuts 5:30pm Pickleball 6 pm to 7:30 pm	9 Mah Jongg 10 AM	10 Open Pickleball 9 am	11 Pickleball 8:30 am to 10 am
12 Club & Course Open Normal Hours	13 Course & Clubhouse CLOSED	14 Kid's Summer Camp 8:30 am to 1 pm	15 Kid's Summer Camp 8:30 am to 1 pm Chicago Cuts 5:30pm Pickleball 6 pm to 7:30 pm	16 Kid's Summer Camp 8:30 am to 1 pm Mah Jongg 10 AM	17 Kid's Summer Camp 8:30 am to 1 pm MGA Social	18 9 am MGA Member Member Pickleball 8:30 am to 10 am
19 9am MGA Member Member	20 Course & Clubhouse CLOSED	21 Bunco 1:00 pm	22 Chicago Cuts 5:30pm Pickleball 6 pm to 7:30 pm	23 Mah Jongg 10 AM	24 Open Pickleball 9 am	25 Pickleball 8:30 am to 10 am
26 Club & Course Open Normal Hours	27 Course & Clubhouse CLOSED	28 Your spouse called, they'd like to have dinner at the club!	29 Chicago Cuts 5:30pm	30 Mah Jongg 10 AM	31 Open Pickleball 9 am	August 1