



A Membership Newsletter from Golden Eagle Country Club

August 2026

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Head Tennis Professional - Allen Long

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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.

Member-Pal

Come enjoy your Club for a great day of Golf & Camaraderie!

August 22, 2026, 9 am Shotgun Start

What is a Member-Pal?

A Member-Pal allows any Member of Golden Eagle Country Club to participate in the tournament with either a Member **OR** a Guest of his or her choice.

2-Person Team Fourball & Scramble

Flights 1-3 will play Fourball; Flight 4 will play Scramble

All players must have an up-to-date Handicap

The Tournament will be flighted by the combined

Playing Handicaps of each team

Each Flight will have a Gross and Net Division

All rules will be governed by USGA

Cost

All applicable Cart Charges & Green Fees

Cash Pot of \$50 Per Team

Prizes

Each Flight will pay out 1st & 2nd Place Gross & Net

To sign up, please email ggilder@gecc-inc.com with your partner, handicap index, & which tees you and your partner will play by August 19, 2026.

Pro Shop News

Welcome to August, friends!

College football is finally here! If you ask me, the perfect Week 1 includes a round of golf at Golden Eagle Country Club shooting a Club Pro 79 followed by watching my LSU Tigers that evening. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone's team colors around the Club this Fall. Here's to a great football season and healthy seasons for all our favorite teams! Geaux Tigahs & Geaux Neauxls (by marriage)!

Congratulations to Silvia Ellis for hitting a hole in one on hole 12 with an 11 wood on July 1st! This great shot was witnessed by Carolyn McQuarry and Marie Howe!

July MGA Member-Member Results

Congratulations to **Jim Thompson and Dan Collins** on winning the July MGA Member-Member Championship after coming out on top in the Shootout! Jim has now won back-to-back MGA Tournaments—call him “Butter” because he is on a roll! Finishing as the Runner-Ups were **Douglas Koren and Jim Marshall**. Thank you to everyone who participated and made it another great event.

Instruction Programs

Private lessons are available for golfers of all skill levels and are a great way to sharpen your game. Whether you need a quick tune-up or a long-term improvement plan, I'm here to help. A 30-minute lesson to iron out some wrinkles will go a long way for your game.

Our **Junior Golf Academy** continues every **Tuesday and Thursday from 4:45–5:30 p.m.** Juniors ages **6–12** are welcome, regardless of experience. It's a fun way to introduce young golfers to the game while helping them build skills and confidence.

Member-Pal Tournament – August 22nd

Join us for our Inaugural **Member-Pal Tournament** on **Friday, August 22!**

- Open to all Members with an up-to-date Handicap Index.
- Partners may be another Member or a guest with an up-to-date Handicap Index.
- The Top Flights will play **4-Ball**, with the Final Flight playing a **Scramble**.
- Teams will be flighted by combined Handicap Index.

To register, email ggilder@gecc-inc.com with your names, Handicap Indexes, and preferred tees. I encourage everyone to sign up for a fun day of golf and friendly competition.

As always, thank you for allowing me to serve as your Head Golf Professional. If you have any questions or need anything, my door is always open.

Gregory Gilder

Head Golf Professional

Par -Tee Nine Hole Ladies Golf

The heat in July felt like something that had been unleashed. It was aggressively hot, unless it was raining. But Golden Eagle's Par-Tee golfers persevered.

We only play nine holes, but we are tough. We show up for golf, and to see our friends. On some days, our post-golf lunch is the day's highlight.

KC McWilliams is coordinating our weekly games this quarter. She is doing a masterful job of planning games that are fun to play and easy to score. On July 1st, we had a good showing for a "Red, White and Blue" round. For this game, we hit from the white tees on par 3s, from the reds on par 4s and from the blues on par 5s. KC and Helena Sims tied the game and launched our group into July 4th festivities!

On July 3rd, we had a fireworks-watching party at Helena's house in Golden Eagle. Celebrating our nation's 250th birthday together was so much fun! The fireworks are quite spectacular for a neighborhood event. Our families were invited to the party and it was good to see children running around the back yard before the fireworks began. It felt like Norman Rockwell had a hand in planning the event. We even had a special guest. Donna Biggins, who helps run Golden Eagle from the front office, joined us. Donna is one of the people who looks after our group, always making us feel that we are in good hands.

Ellen Eaton won our "Hate 'em" game. Prior to the game on July 15, we were able to throw out the scores on the two holes that we hate the most. Ellen's knowledge of her game paid off. She won almost \$10!

On July 22nd, we threw in the towel. It was hot and muddy, so we played a scramble. We didn't keep score. While it was unclear which team won the game, it really didn't matter. The laughter at lunch made up for the mud.

Peggy Derham, who has played with the Golden Eagle 18-hole women for years, joined our Par Tee group! Most of our members already knew Peggy and we are very happy that she has joined our group! Welcome, Peggy!

If you're interested in joining the Par Tee group, please reach out to Donna at the Club!

Helena Sims
Golden Eagle Ladies Par-Tee Golf



News and Updates from the 18-hole Lady Golfers

The LGA group continues its play on Wednesdays, Fridays, and some also play on Sunday mornings. A consistent winner of this 18-hole group is emerging as the summer gold medalist: Carolyn McQuary! Carolyn has taken first or second place in the weekday play nearly every week since the last edition of this newsletter. She has had occasional competition from Wendy Bostick, Marie Howe, and Sue Homant. On Wednesdays, the group plays different games, selected by Game Director Betty Edwards, which are often designed to improve golfing skills. Recently a putting game was played. Putts needed to be in the hole, even with the hole or past the hole. Players were penalized one point for every putt not meeting the criteria. Golfers who practice this concept rarely 3-putt!

Special recognition: On July 1, Sylvia Ellis made a hole-in-one on number 12! She used an 11-wood. Marci Beck, who returned to Tally after a long vacation, had a hole-in-one at Capital City Country Club #3 on July 16. Congratulations, ladies!

The rules of golf tutorial for this Talon is a reminder of the 3 choices a golfer has to handle an unplayable lie. The declaration of an unplayable lie is solely at the discretion of the golfer, who has the following three options. 1) Drop the ball within 2 club lengths (use any club) from the ball, no closer to the hole. 2) Keep the spot of the ball between the hole and where you drop. You can go back as far as you like on that line. 3) Or go back to the original spot and replay the shot with a one stroke penalty.

Save the date: The GE Ladies Club Championship is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, November 14 and 15, the same weekend as the men's Club Championship. ALL female members of GE with an established handicap are eligible to play in the tournament. Save the date, see our great Pro Greg Gilder in the Proshop for details, and plan to play!

All female members of GE are welcome to join 18-hole play on Wed and Fri - just sign up on the bulletin board in the Proshop at least 24 hours before play. If you are a new member and don't have an 18-hole handicap, come play with the LGA ladies anyway and let us help you get your handicap established.

Putting advice to Chi Chi Rodriguez from his caddy: "Just keep the ball low."

Fairways and Greens!

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 Fall Programs

Beginner (Ages 6-10) Aug 19

Coach Corbin Graves

Wednesday 4:30 - 5:30 pm

Intermediate (Ages 8-12) August 10

Coach Oliver Foreman

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

Stroke development and learning to compete

Advanced (Ages 10-16) August 10

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) August 11

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, August 5, 19, and 26 at
6 pm to 7:30 pm**

**Saturdays: August 1, 22 & 29
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
Food & Beverage Reminder: Last names: P thru Z Quarter Ends the 30th		Your spouse called, they'd like to have dinner at the club!		We look forward to seeing you at the club!		1 Club and Course Open Normal Hours Pickleball 8:30 am to 10 am
2 Club & Course Open Normal Hours	3 Course & Clubhouse CLOSED	4 Bunco 1:00 pm	5 Chicago Cuts 5:30pm Pickleball 6 pm to 7:30 pm	6 Mah Jongg 10 AM	7 Open Pickleball 9 am	8 Club and Course Open Normal Hours
9 Club & Course Open Normal Hours	10 Aerifying Greens	11 Aerifying Greens Back nine closed today	12 Chicago Cuts 5:30pm	13 Mah Jongg 10 AM	14 Open Pickleball 9 am	15 Club and Course Open Normal Hours
16 Your spouse called, they'd like to have dinner at the club!	17 Course & Clubhouse CLOSED	18 Bunco 1:00 pm	19 Chicago Cuts 5:30pm Pickleball 6 pm to 7:30 pm	20 Mah Jongg 10 AM	21 Open Pickleball 9 am	22 Member Pal Golf Tournament Pickleball 8:30 am to 10 am
23 30	24 Course & Clubhouse CLOSED 31 Course & Clubhouse CLOSED	25	26 Chicago Cuts 5:30pm Pickleball 6 pm to 7:30 pm	27 Mah Jongg 10 AM	28 Open Pickleball 9 am	29 Club and Course Open Normal Hours Pickleball 8:30 am to 10 am