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

October 2026

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MIXED GRILLE HOURS

Tuesday: Mixed Grille 10 AM to 8:30 PM
Kitchen 10 AM to 7:30 PM

Wednesday -Friday: 10 AM to 8:30 PM

Saturday & Sunday: 7:30 AM to 8:30 PM

Tuesday Lunch Menu; Wednesday Lunch & Chicago Cuts Menus; Thursday thru Saturday Lunch & Dinner Menus; Sunday Lunch Menu.
Breakfast Menu daily until 2 pm

Thanksgiving Buffet ***Thursday, November 26, 2026*** ***11 am or 1:30 pm seatings***

We're working on a spectacular menu!
Please watch your email for more
Information

Please call the club to make your
necessary reservations! 850-893-7700



Pro Shop News

Geaux Tigahs & Geaux Neauxls, anyway my friends!

Not the start we wanted, but our boys fought hard. Keep wearing your colors proudly! However, I will say that it is great to be a Florida Gator! One of our resident Gators, **Wendy Bostick, fired a 74 on September 6th!** Wendy continues to find ways to add her name to the highlight reel! Great round, Mrs. Bostick! Keep showing us all how to Geaux Leaux!

Now that we tearfully wave goodbye to Summer, we welcome Fall with open arms! Fall brings four things to mind for me: **Golf, Football, Great BBQ on Game Day, and more Golf!**

There's just something special about this time of year. The temperatures are starting to cool, the course is in great shape, football is back, and there's no better place to spend a fall day than at Golden Eagle Country Club. Whether you're out chasing birdies or settling in with family and friends to watch the game, I hope you'll take full advantage of everything the Club has to offer this season.

Instruction

Instruction is still going strong at Golden Eagle! A lot of you have been booking appointments with me and working on your games, and I love hearing all the feedback about how much you are improving. Let's keep putting in the work, improving our games, and making more birdies!

Don't forget about your **Junior Golfers** either! Junior Academy is still going strong every **Tuesday and Thursday from 4:45–5:30 PM**. If you have a junior golfer between the ages of **6–12**, feel free to take advantage of this great opportunity. It is a great class to introduce your juniors to the game of golf, no matter what their skill level may be. Most importantly, we want them to have fun, learn the game, and build a love for golf!

The Club Championship

The **Golden Eagle Club Championship** will be held **November 14th & 15th!** I have some big plans for this event as we are looking to revamp the Club Championship and make it a truly special event that celebrates the Members at Golden Eagle Country Club.

There will be **multiple divisions for both men and women**, giving members of all ages and skill levels an opportunity to compete for a Club Championship Title. I want this to be an event that our members look forward to every year and one that truly represents the tradition and competitive spirit of Golden Eagle.

An official flyer with all the details and a sign-up link will be sent out soon. **I encourage every member, regardless of skill level, to sign up and compete in the Club Championship!** Whether you're playing for the championship or simply looking to test your game, this is your opportunity to be part of one of the most exciting events on our golf calendar.

I hope to see you all out here! Let's make more birdies this fall!

Geaux Leaux
Gregory Gilder
Head Golf Professional



Men's Golf Association News

The Summer has flown by and we are coming up on some beautiful Fall weather. I wanted to share a couple of updates and reminders for these last few months of 2026. Our 2-Man Alternate Shot Tournament was played on Sept. 12th and was a big success. I want to congratulate our two first place finishers in each flight:

Flight 1 Winners: Chris Edwards and Justin Bates:



Flight 2 Winners: John McConnell and Lou Andris:



Our next big event will be the inaugural Golden Eagle Cup which will be a 2-day event with a 'Ryder Cup' style format. This will be played on Oct. 24-25. If you only play in one event this year, this is the one to play in. You can register using the link on the email I sent out on Sept. 14th. Registration ends on October 14th. Two additional dates to make sure you have on your calendar are as follows:

Saturday, Dec. 12th: 3-Man Shamble Tournament

Thursday, Dec. 17th: MGA Holiday Party

Look forward to seeing you on the course!

Best,

Doug Jennings

President, Men's Golf Association

Par -Tee Nine Hole Ladies Golf

Par-Tee Ladies Golf

September was slow and satisfying. The heat remained intense for most of the month, but small groups of women came out for our 9-hole golf group on Wednesdays. Starting at 8:30 a.m. gave us a bit of a break from the heat. There wasn't much excitement, but we got to enjoy each other and the game we love. Judie Frank finally won our chip in contest and won the closest the pin competition on Sept 9. Every week, we each add a quarter to the pot to reward a member who chips in. We can go months without a winner, as we did this fall. But Judie finally won the whole large pot this month. On September 16, Helena Sims won lowest net. Ellen Eaton and Joann Rivas tied for a low net (minus their two least favorite holes) on September 23rd.

On September 29, we are having a joint Taco and DJ party with Golden Eagle's ladies tennis players. We are sponsoring the event to thank them for inviting us to their fabulous Spring socials two years in a row. I'll report on that event next month.

With the weather getting cooler, we will be moving to a later tee time in October. Starting on October 7, we will move to a standard 9:30 tee time.

Helena Sims

President, Golden Eagle Par-Tee Ladies Golf Association

News and Updates from the 18-hole Lady Golfers

Golden Eagle's 18-hole lady golfers played every Wednesday and Friday since the end of August, with two exceptions due to weather. Each Wednesday there are different competitive games designed by Director of Games Betty Edwards, and on Fridays, players compete on points based on their handicap.

Congratulations to the winners of either first or second place for this reporting period.

Wendy Bostick:	3 places
Betty Edwards:	3 places
Terry Newman:	2 places
Sue Homant:	1 place
Gayle Lee:	1 place
Carolyn McQuary	1 place
Jeannie Poag	1 place

Special recognition to Gayle Lee, who scored an Eagle on #11, on September 18. A tough hole for all of us, a nice 2 on her scorecard!

Tutorial on Sand Play from Golf Digest; the steep grassy lips are not part of the bunker. If you hit a shot from the tee or fairway that plugs into the steep lip of a bunker and your ball does not touch any sand, you are entitled to embedded ball relief with no penalty. The relief is one club length, no closer to the hole. Thanks to Lisa Spooner for passing this along.

A reminder to all that we now have four designated waste areas that were previously defined as sand traps. The long meandering traps on numbers 10 and 11, the side trap on #12, and the trap near the tee on #13. You can take practice swings in those areas, and ground your club on your shot. For any other clarification, see Golf Pro Gregg Gilder.

All female members of Golden Eagle are welcome to join the 18-hole group on Wednesdays and Fridays (and casual Sundays)! Play starts around 9 AM.

Just sign up in the Pro Shop the day before if possible. If you don't have an 18-hole handicap, come and play and we will help you establish one.

"The game was easier for me as a kid. I had to play a while to find out how hard it is."

Raymond Floyd

Fairways and Greens! Sue Homant

PS: Plan to play in the Ladies Club Championship, November 16-17. Watch for news from the Pro Shop, and save the dates.

GOLDEN EAGLE WOMEN'S TENNIS (GEWTA)

GEWTA HAPPENINGS

IT'S FALL Y'ALL 🍁

And that means League season is already in full swing! Once again, Golden Eagle is fielding 2 "A League" teams and 1 "B League" team in the GA/FL Tennis League (a morning league for doubles play). As of this writing, we currently have 2 teams sitting in first place!

Prior to the start of the new season, in mid-August, team members participated in our 2nd annual preseason, two-day "bootcamp" organized and run by our veteran tennis pros. Then in early-September the GEWTA Board Members hosted our Kick Off social for all GEWTA members. Team members were asked to wear this year's uniform for group photos.



And, we LOVE a good fit check! A huge Thank You to Greg and Shelby in the pro shop for outfitting our teams in style—we are officially looking as sharp as our game!

REPPING GOLDEN EAGLE OUTSIDE TALLY

In mid-September GEWTA sent a contingent of members to the Panhandle for the annual Ladies' Team Challenge hosted by the Rosemary Beach Racquet Club. Our two teams held their own during two days of highly competitive matches against teams from cities and states across the South.

However, GEWTA's impact in the region goes beyond competition on the court. Our philanthropic reach was on full display August 15th as GE's long-standing tennis pro, Allen Long, was on hand to celebrate the historic ribbon-cutting ceremony for Vernon High School's brand-new tennis courts.



As the story goes, it all started with a fateful tennis match in 2019 between Maclay and Vernon High School. Upon learning that the Vernon team had no uniforms, and later, no facilities, Allen committed to helping in any way he could. For seven years, Allen worked tirelessly to procure funding for the new courts, while simultaneously enlisting financial and community fundraising support from GEWTA membership for short-term needs like coaching, camp fees and

whatever Coach Laurie Simmons needed. GEWTA members Jane Snyder and Annie Kelley were instrumental in leading these efforts.

WHAT'S COMING UP

Up next: tacos! By the time this is published, we will have Par-Teed with some of our favorite GE Lady Golfers as their guests in appreciation for our luncheon invites. Stay tuned!

Reminder: If you're a GE member interested in tennis, there's always a spot for you! No league experience required—just love for the game (or the social hour!). To join us, text or call our GE tennis pro, **Allen Long**, at **850-508-7487**.

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)

Coach Corbin Graves
Wednesday 4:30 - 5:30 pm

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 October 7, 14, 21, & 28 at
6 pm to 7:30 pm
Saturdays: October 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31
at 8:30 am 10 am**

**\$20 per person
To reserve your spot text 859-619-0015**

**Kara Reister
Instructor & Certified Professional through**

Ladies Club

With the November election right around the corner, there's no better time to get informed about what you'll see on your ballot.

Please join us **Friday, October 16** for our next Golden Eagle Ladies Club luncheon, featuring **Trish Neely with the League of Women Voters**. Trish will walk us through the November ballot and help break down what voters can expect when they head to the polls.

We'll enjoy Chicken Parmesan with red sauce over pasta, green beans almondine, tossed salad, rolls and butter, followed by tiramisu for dessert.

To reserve your spot, please call the club at 850-893-7700 by noon on Monday, October 12.

Whether you've lived in Golden Eagle for years or are new to the neighborhood, we'd love to have you join us. Our monthly luncheons are a great chance to meet neighbors, catch up with friends and hear from interesting speakers on topics that matter to our community. And, of course, guests and new faces are always welcome!

Membership is just \$25 a year, with dues supporting local nonprofits as well as our programs and door prizes. Beyond that, you simply pay for lunch at the meetings you attend. There is no obligation to come every month. Membership is open to Golden Eagle residents and Golden Eagle Country Club members, and we'd love to welcome some new faces this year!

We look forward to seeing you on October 16! **Again, please call the club at 850-893-7700 by noon on Monday, October 12 to RSVP and receive the \$25 price for lunch.**





October 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>Last Names H thru O Your F & B Quarter ends Saturday , 10/31</i>			1 Mah Jongg 10 AM <i>Women's Tennis A League 9:15 am</i>	2 9 am Open Play Pickleball	3 Pickleball 8:30 am to 10 am
4 Club & Course Open Normal Hours	5 Twelve Churches Golf Tournament	6 Bunco 1 pm <i>Women's Tennis B League 9:15</i>	7 Chicago Cuts 5:30 pm to 8:30pm Pickleball 6 pm– 7:30 pm	8 Mah Jongg 10 AM <i>Women's Tennis A League 9:15 am</i>	9 9 am Open Play Pickleball	10 Pickleball 8:30 am to 10 am MGA G/T 9 am
11 Club & Course Open Normal Hours	12 FCA Golf Tournament	13 <i>Women's Tennis B League 9:15</i>	14 Chicago Cuts 5:30 pm to 8:30pm Pickleball 6 pm– 7:30 pm	15 Big Bend Seniors Golf Tournament Mah Jongg 10 AM <i>Women's Tennis</i>	16 9 am Open Play Pickleball Ladies Club 11 am	17 Pickleball 8:30 am to 10 am
18 Club & Course Open Normal Hours	19 Goodwill Golf Tournament	20 Bunco 1 pm <i>Women's Tennis B League 9:15</i>	21 Chicago Cuts 5:30 pm to 8:30pm Pickleball 6 pm– 7:30 pm	22 Mah Jongg 10 AM <i>Women's Tennis A League 9:15 am</i>	23 9 am Open Play Pickleball	24 Golden Eagle Cup Golf Tournament Pickleball 8:30 am to 10 am
25 Golden Eagle Cup Golf Tournament	26 TMH Golf Tournament	27 9 am High School District Golf Tournament <i>Women's Tennis B League 9:15 am</i>	28 Chicago Cuts 5:30 pm to 8:30pm Pickleball 6 pm– 7:30 pm	29 TMH Golf Tournament Rain Date Mah Jongg 10 AM	30 Club & Course Open Normal Hours	31 Pickleball 8:30 am to 10 am