



THE TALON

A Membership Newsletter from Golden Eagle Country Club
Clubhouse 850-893-7700

January 2025

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MIXED GRILLE HOURS

Tuesday: Kitchen 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Mixed Grille 10:00 AM to 7:00 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.

Events at the club....

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Tuesday thru Sunday! See hours above.

Bridge Every Tuesday at 10 am in the Atrium

Bunco First and Third Tuesday of every month at 1 pm in the Magnolia Room

18 Hole Lady Golfers, Wednesday Morning sign up in the Ladies Locker Room

Golf Lessons adults and children by appointment contact Joe Watford 850-668-1071

Mah Jongg Every Thursday in the Atrium

MGA, Men's Golf Association, contact Donna 850-893-7700 to sign up.

Par Tee, Nine Hole Lady Golfers, Wednesday & Friday Mornings sign up in the Ladies Locker Room. Email KC McWilliams at kcmcwilliams@comcast.net for more info!

Pickleball Lessons by appointment contact Kara Reister 859-619-0015

Tennis Lessons, by appointment contact Allen Long 850-508-7487

Tennis clinics for adults and children, contact Allen Long 850-508-7487

Numerous men's golf groups, contact Joe to find a group for you!

Want an activity or event at your club? Contact Donna with your ideas!

To Our Valued Members:

Happy New Year 2025! As we step into this exciting new year, we hope you all had a wonderful holiday season filled with joy and relaxation. On behalf of the entire grounds crew and management team, I would like to extend our sincerest wishes for a prosperous and fulfilling year ahead.

We have a lot of exciting developments planned for 2025 that I am thrilled to share with you. Our commitment to maintaining the highest standards of quality for your golfing experience remains our top priority. Here are some of the initiatives and enhancements you can look forward to this year:

This year, we're excited to share several significant projects that are underway this winter/springtime to enhance the quality and playability of our course:

1. Extensive Tree Work from Tee to Green Over this winter, we will conduct a comprehensive tree management project throughout the course. This effort includes the removal of certain trees and pruning overhanging limbs that obstruct all golf shots. These changes are designed to improve the playability of each hole while fostering better turf health. By increasing sunlight penetration and airflow, we're ensuring a more robust and consistent playing surface.
2. Rejuvenating Turf Areas with New Sod Following the removal of some trees, we will be re-establishing sod in key areas to take advantage of improved sunlight exposure. This will result in lush, vibrant turf that enhances both the aesthetic appeal and overall playability of the course.
3. Drainage Installation Around Greens To address waterlogged areas around our newer greens, we are implementing improved drainage systems. These greens require more water to thrive, and the increased moisture has caused the surrounding perimeters to become overly saturated. The new drainage solutions will help maintain drier, firmer playing conditions around the greens, ensuring a better experience for all players.
4. Irrigation System Upgrades

In February, we will begin a major project to replace irrigation valves and pipes at the #1 tee box. This will include work to install or replace piping under the cart path at the #1 tees. Due to the scale of this project, it is expected to take a couple of weeks to complete. Please note that during this time, there may be a detour near the #1 tee box and along the cart path. We ask for your patience and understanding as we navigate this necessary upgrade, which will improve water distribution and system reliability.

These are just a few of the improvements we are excited to share with you. Rest assured, we will continue to identify and implement additional projects throughout the year to enhance your overall experience at the course

2025 Project Timeline & Events

- January-February: Completion of tree management and sod installation projects.
- March: Installation of drainage systems around greens. Preparation for the start of the season.
- April: (details forthcoming).

Please mark your calendars for these key dates. Additional updates and events will be communicated as the year progresses. We appreciate your patience and support as these projects are completed and look forward to the benefits they will bring to your playing experience. Thank you for choosing to spend your time here. We're excited for another year of great golf and unforgettable memories at Golden Eagle Golf & CC

Warm regards,

Ramsey W Prescott
Golf Course Superintendent

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Pro Shop News

Happy New Year, everyone! As we swing into 2025, we're excited to share some fantastic updates and announcements for our club members.

Retail Announcements

New Arrivals: Check out the latest collection of men's golf apparel from Travis Mathew as well as our new Swannie Golf collection tailored for the women golfers here at Golden Eagle. In addition to the new apparel in the shop, we have also revamped our cigar selection. Our new cigars are provided by Fresh Smoke cigars and each come in their own personal humidor to guarantee a fresh cigar for up to one year. The cigars provided by Fresh Smoke are top brands such as Perdomo, Oliva, Romeo y Julieta and many more.

General announcements

As we continue to enjoy the sport we love in the beautiful atmosphere of our club, we would like to gently remind everyone of a few key rules and policies to ensure that our environment remains enjoyable, safe, and respectful for all:

Driving Range Balls on the Course:

Reminder: It is strictly prohibited to use driving range balls on the golf course. These balls are designed for practice and are often marked or colored differently for easy identification.

Proper Golf Attire:

While on the Course and Practice Facilities:

- o **Men:** Collared shirts, tailored shorts or trousers, and golf shoes with soft spikes are required. Denim, cargo shorts, and athletic wear like gym shorts are not permitted.
- o **Women:** Collared or mock-neck golf shirts, skirts, skorts, or shorts of appropriate length, and golf shoes with soft spikes. Tank tops, halter tops, and leggings without a skirt or shorts over them are not allowed.
- o **General:** Hats must be worn with the bill forward. No tee shirts, tank tops, or overly casual attire.
- o **Why?** Proper golf attire not only respects the traditions of the game but also ensures comfort and safety. It also maintains the aesthetic quality of our club, which is appreciated by everyone.

Action: If you arrive at the club without the appropriate attire, our pro shop is fully stocked with a range of golf outfits for both men and women. Our staff will be happy to assist in finding the right gear for your round.

More Pro Shop News

Member Spotlight:

We are thrilled to announce an extraordinary feat by one of our most esteemed members, Mr. Bill Lawson, who at the incredible age of 90, recorded a score of 73 over 18 holes while playing with his group on December 17th! This milestone is not just a testament to Bill's enduring skill and passion for golf but also an inspiration to us all. Please join us in celebrating this remarkable accomplishment. Here's to many more rounds and many more years of golfing excellence from Bill!

MGA Announcements:

The MGA has continued to grow in membership and event participation during 2024 and we are all excited for another great year of events in 2025. The MGA event that was scheduled for January 2025 has unfortunately been cancelled, but we will be kicking things off with the first event February 8, 2025.

If you are a member of the Men's Golf Association but do not receive our emails regarding upcoming events, please contact Joe Watford in the Pro Shop so he can update your contact information.

Thank you for being part of our club family. We look forward to seeing you on the green and at our upcoming events. Wishing you all a joyous holiday season and a prosperous new year!

Warm regards,

The Golden Eagle Golf and Country Club Team

We are thrilled to announce the results of our recent Junior and Ladies Club Championships. Congratulations to all participants for their outstanding performance and sportsmanship!

Junior Club Championship:

9 to 12 Year Old Boys Division

Champion: Joshua Tomkiewicz
Runner-Up: Charleston Fuqua

13 to 15 Year Old Boys Division:

Champion: Austin Freeman

16 to 18 Year Old Boys Division:

Champion: Matt Peltier
Runner-Up: Tyler Larson

Junior Girls Division:

Champion: Addy Sprague
Runner-Up: Elizabeth Wright

Ladies Club Championship:

- **Low Gross Winner:** Gayle Lee
- **Low Gross Runner-Up:** Wendy Bostick
- **Low Net Winner:** Wendy Bostick

Low Net Runner-Up: Carolyn McQuary

Once again, congratulations to all, and thank you for making these events memorable. We look forward to seeing even more exciting golf in the coming seasons!

Golden Eagle Par -Tee Nine Hole Ladies Golf

Happy New Year!

So much fun and golf! The Par-Tee group took road trips to other courses. Thanks to Helena Simms for organizing those adventures. We enjoyed our annual 3 day trip to Sandestin. Shout out to Tamara Aitken for making it so special!

As we say goodbye to 2024, we announce the past year's achievements.

Most Improved: Jane Springer

Jane moved her handicap down significantly! (She's available for tips on how to do that!)

Birdies: Tamara Aitken and KC McWilliams

Some nice tweet tweets

Most Chip-Ins: Tamara Aitken

Most Pars: KC McWilliams

Lowest Average Putts: Susan York

Ringer Board:

Flight 1: 1st Place KC McWilliams

2nd Place Susan York

Flight 2: 1st Place Andrea Lewis

2nd Place Judy Sheridan

Flight 3: 1st Place Esther Cummings

2nd Place Carol Brady

Super efforts ladies!

The ladies of the Par-Tee finished the year with the Candy Cane Flag Game. A game that will surely become a Holiday tradition.

The winners are:

1st Place Gerry Soule

2nd Place Esther Cummings

3rd Place Joann Rivas

Also placing Jeanne Alexander

We wish our Par-Tee Pals that are recovering from health issues our support and good wishes. We hope to see you on the beautiful links of Golden Eagle in the new year!

Welcome 2025!

KC McWilliams and Susan York Co-Presidents



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 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

**Members please do not hang
on tennis or pickleball nets.**

Tennis Pro Shop Christmas:

We have a New line of Babolat Pickleball Racquets in stock!

We are now carrying Tecnifibre Tennis Racquets!

Please text our Director of Tennis, Allen Long at 850-508-7487 for more information.

ELITE JUNIOR TENNIS Winter Programs

Beginner (Ages 7-11) Starting January 8, 2025

Coach Corbin Graves

Wednesday 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm (Hard Courts)

Introduction to the game in a fun, energetic, positive environment with an opportunity to learn the basics of tennis

Intermediate (Ages 8-12) Starting January 6, 2025

Coach Oliver Foreman

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

Stroke development and learning to compete

Advanced (Ages 10-16) Starting January 8, 2025

Coach Oliver Foreman

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

Live Ball drilling/competitive play/tactical and strategic development

ELITE (Ages 12-18) Starting January 7, 2025

Coaches Allen Long and Oliver Foreman

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

Pickleball Clinics

For Beginner & Intermediate Players! On the Hard Courts

Wednesdays: January 8, 15, 22 and 29 at 6 pm to 7:30 pm

Saturdays: January 11, 18 and 25 at 8 am to 9:30 am

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

Kara Reister

Instructor & Certified Professional through Professional Pickleball Registry

Ladies Club

Thank you to Bruce Sellers and Golden Eagle Country Club for hosting our annual Christmas coffee/tea on December 4th. A time of fellowship was enjoyed by those in attendance and your generous toy donations were delivered to the Children's Home Society.

Golden Eagle Ladies Club consists of women of all ages, either members of GECC or residents in the Golden Eagle neighborhood. The monthly meetings are held at the club house on the third Friday of every month August through April. We have 38 current members. New members are welcome at any point in the year. Annual dues are \$25.00. Please join us at our next meeting!


Our January meeting will be held on Friday, January 17th at 11 am. Physical Therapist Dr. Alissa Rudloe will be our featured speaker. Her topic will be the brain and how it is related to balance. Did you know that falls are the main reason why older people lose their independence? Learn skills and strategies that you can practice at home that improve your balance. The goal is to be fit, strong and steady!

Chef Steven Graves will prepare a chicken parmesan dish along with mixed vegetables and a salad. Dessert will be apple pie a la mode. The cost of the luncheon is \$25.00. Call the club at **850-893-7700** to make your necessary reservation before January 13. We look forward to seeing you then!

Happy New Year!

The Golden Eagle Ladies Club

January 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 CLUB OPEN New Years Day Kitchen Open 7:30 AM to 4 PM Grille Open 7:30 AM to 6 PM	2 Mah Jongg	3 Club & Course Open	4 Club & Course Open
			5 Club & Course Open	6 CLUB CLOSED	7 <i>Bridge 10 AM</i> <i>Bunco 1 pm</i>	8 Pickleball Clinic 6 pm—7:30 pm Chicago Cuts Night
12 Club & Course Open	13 CLUB CLOSED	14 <i>Bridge 10 AM</i>	15 Pickleball Clinic 6 pm—7:30 pm Chicago Cuts Night	16 Mah Jongg Big Bend Seniors Golf Tournament	17 Ladies Club 11 AM	18 Pickleball Clinic 8 am to 9:30 am
19 Club & Course Open	20 Martin Luther King, Jr Day Kitchen Open 7:30 AM to 4 PM Mixed Grille Open 7:30 AM to 6 PM	21 <i>Bridge 10 AM</i> <i>Bunco 1 pm</i>	22 Pickleball Clinic 6 pm—7:30 pm Chicago Cuts Night	23 Mah Jongg	24 Club & Course Open	25 Pickleball Clinic 8 am to 9:30 am
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