

**AVILA GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB NEWSLETTER | January - February 2019**

# VENTANAS



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**Par-Tee Couples Golf | Jan. 13, 2019 | 3pm**

**Tapas and Wines of Spain | Jan. 24, 2019 | 5:30-9pm**

**Valentine's Dinner | Feb. 14, 2019 | 6-9pm**

**Gourmet Burger and Brunello | Feb. 21, 2019 | 5:30-9pm**

**Vista Brunch | Every Sunday | 11am-2pm**

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# GENERAL MANAGER'S CORNER

I would like to wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year! On behalf of the entire staff, we would like to thank each one of you for your generosity on contributing to the annual holiday fund. Your contributions were distributed amongst all staff members in a fair manner based on length of employment, regardless of his or her position. Thank you for making our holidays brighter from the bottom of our hearts.

We are very excited to be the host of the First Tee of Tampa Bay Charity Golf Classic taking place Monday, January 21st, 2019. This inaugural event is hosted by NBC Sports Broadcaster and Avila member, Gary Koch. All proceeds from the event will benefit the First Tee of Tampa Bay Youth Golf Program. The First Tee's goal is to impact the lives of young people in the greater Tampa area by providing educational programs that build character, instill life-enhancing values and promote healthy choices through the game of golf.

On a saddened note, our heartfelt condolences to the Wrage family. **Mike Wrage** will forever be a part of the Avila Family and will be deeply missed.

**Glenn Zito**, General Manager

## DRESS CODE REMINDER

Members realize that it is not possible to stipulate exactly the type of clothing which is appropriate, but it is felt that all will understand the intent of the Clubhouse Dress Code Rules and cooperate accordingly. Standard country club attire is allowed in the Clubhouse. No denim, jeans or jean-style pants, cutoffs, cargo shorts or tank tops are allowed in the Clubhouse. Collared shirts required for men; ladies may wear sleeveless shirts provided they have a collar. No hats shall be worn in the Clubhouse by gentlemen. Your cooperation is appreciated.



Invitational de Avila Derby field



Paul Royak & Brian Keenan,  
Derby Champions and Overall Gross Champions



Tom Hagan & Dan Beckman,  
IDA Overall Net Champions

## NOTARY PUBLIC BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Complimentary Notary service is available in the Membership Office.

Please call **Mary Beth** at 813-969-4127 to schedule an appointment Tuesday through Saturday.

In accordance with Florida Notaries Public, Statute 117.105, documents that are presented for notarization that have already been signed will not be notarized.

Your understanding is appreciated.



THE CLUB  
TREASURE ISLAND

## RECIPROCAL PRIVILEGES

Avila members may enjoy reciprocal privileges at THE UNIVERSITY CLUB (downtown Tampa) and THE CLUB at TREASURE ISLAND

*\*\* Reservations must be made through Mary Beth Singh or Glenn Zito. \*\**

Call Avila at 813-961-1770 and we will be happy to make arrangements for you. There is a limit of five (5) visits per year.

## MEMBER BIRTHDAY NIGHT CELEBRATION

**Wednesday,  
January 2nd & February 6th, 2019**

Members with a birthday in January and February, are cordially invited to join us for a complimentary dinner at the Club! Reservations are required by calling 813-961-1770 or register online at [www.avilagolf.com/calendar](http://www.avilagolf.com/calendar).

When making your reservation, be sure to mention, "We're celebrating a birthday."





# MEMBERSHIP MEMOS & WELCOME

I can't think of a better way to ring in the New Year than by welcoming these wonderful new members to Avila Golf & Country Club. We're so happy that you've chosen Avila as your "home away from home" and we look forward to serving you in the dining room, on the tennis courts, in the fitness center, and on our beautiful golf course. To the Sponsors of our new members, we are very grateful for your support of Avila by introducing friends, family and business associates to the club.

**Jonathan "JT" & Natalie Miller**

Intermediate Golf

Sponsored by

**Victor Hedman & Steve Stamkos**

**Doug & Amy Karpowicz**

Executive Golf

Sponsored by

**Bill Meurer & Wes Martin**

**Shawn & Julie Lucht**

Executive Golf

Sponsored by

**Al Kreischer & Scott Heberlein**

**Robert Larson**

Executive Golf

Sponsored by

**Ron Parks & Kevin Kever**

**James "Andy" Evans**

Tennis

Sponsored by

**Jeff Evans & Jim Stefan**

**Gerald & Willa Peterson**

Social

Sponsored by

**John Daniels & Roland Daniels**

**Kristen & Kevin McCall**

Social

Sponsored by

**Fred Meyer & Dan Austin**

Happy New Year!

**Mary Beth Singh**

Director of Member Relations

## BEST OF BROADWAY

Avila members have an opportunity to pre-reserve tickets to upcoming Broadway shows at the Straz Center for the Performing Arts. You will not be billed until a later date, but by pre-reserving, we are better able to accommodate ticket requests. Avila members are able to enjoy prime seating and discounted ticket prices. Please email your ticket request to [mbsingh@avilagolf.com](mailto:mbsingh@avilagolf.com).

**Les Miserables:**

Wednesday, January 16, 2019

**Dear Evan Hansen:**

Sunday, April 14, 2019

**Anastasia:**

Saturday, May 11, 2019

**Come From Away:**

Wednesday, June 5, 2019

## A WEE WELCOME

**Bailey Collins Wilson**

Daughter of Justin & Gail Wilson

December 5, 2018

**Congratulations!**



# SPECIAL EVENTS

Happy New Year! I hope you enjoyed the holiday season and were able to spend quality time with your loved ones. Did you or any of your family and/or friends find themselves with a diamond ring on their left hand? If so, contact me at 813-963-3537 or [specialevents@avilagolf.com](mailto:specialevents@avilagolf.com). I'd love to help you plan your special day! Book your 2019 wedding, or sponsor the booking of a 2019 wedding, for a family member or friend by February 28th, 2019 and receive a complimentary champagne toast.

Thank you for making 2018 such a wonderful year and here's to making 2019 an even better one!

**Isabel Lomba**

Director of Sales & Special Events



William & Susan Small at the Ferman Automotive Holiday Party



Abby & Dr. Robert Gatenby hosted the Moffitt holiday brunch



# VALENTINE'S DINNER

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2019 | 6:00-9:00pm

## Vista Grille Prix Fixe Dinner

Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres

Crab Bisque with Crème Fraîche and Chives

Sweethearts Salad with Strawberries, Mango, Avocado,

Honey-Poppyseed dressing Artisan Greens

Choice of

**Potato Crusted Scottish Salmon**

Horseradish Cream, Caviar, Julienne Vegetables, Chive Oil

or

**Filet Mignon Oscar**

Lump Crab Meat, Asparagus, Béarnaise, Yukon Gold Potato  
Duchess

or

**Slow Roasted 8-hour Prime Rib**

Twice Baked Potato, Chef's Vegetables, Au Jus, Horseradish

Red Velvet Cake or Vanilla Bean Crème Brûlée

**\$110 per couple**

Please call 813-961-1770 for reservations.

48-hr cancellation notice in effect



## WEDNESDAY FAMILY NIGHT BUFFET

5:30-9:00pm

### JANUARY

2 Birthday Night / Italian  
9 Greek!  
16 Tex Mex  
23 French  
30 Asian

### FEBRUARY

6 Birthday Night / Italian  
13 Mardi Gras  
20 Smörgåsbord  
27 Asian

**\$22.95 Adults**

**\$12.95 Children (Ages 4-11)**

Complimentary Children 3 & under

Kid's Club available. For reservations, please call  
813-961-1770 or visit [www.avilagolf.com/calendar](http://www.avilagolf.com/calendar).

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## TAPAS AND WINES OF SPAIN

THURSDAY, JAN. 24, 2019 | 5:30-9:00pm

Gambas Shrimp, Romesco Sauce

Fingerling Papas Bravas  
with Smoky Aioli

Lamb Sliders with Arugula

Hummus and Tzatziki

Paired with wines from Spain

**\$27 per person**

For reservations please call 813-961-1770

## GOURMET BURGER AND BRUNELLO

THURSDAY, FEB. 21, 2019 | 5:30-9:00pm

Three Burgers to choose from:

The Brunello Burger

Avila Au Poivre Burger

Avila Burger

with your choice of:



French Fries, Sweet Potato Fries

or Rosemary Fries

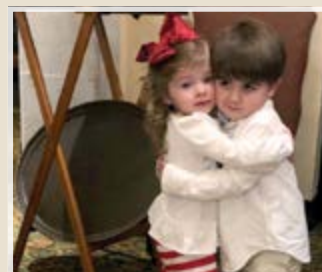
**\$25 p/p with 2 glasses of wine**

For reservations please call 813-961-1770



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
		Happy New Year's Day  Holiday Hours 7am-4pm	Family & Birthday Night Italian 5:30-9pm		Happy Hour Vista Grille 5-7pm  Date Night 5:30-9pm Ladies Card Room  Chef Kent's Specials Vista Grille 6-9pm	Superintendent's Revenge 9am
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Sunday Brunch 11am-2pm Vista Grille	Clubhouse Closed  UnWINEding 7pm Fitness Center		Family Night Opa Greek Buffet 5:30-9pm	Ron's Fried Chicken Night 5:30-9pm	Happy Hour Vista Grille 5-7pm  Chef Kent's Specials Vista Grille 6-9pm	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Par-Tee Couple's Golf 3pm shotgun  Sunday Brunch 11am-2pm Vista Grille	Clubhouse Closed		Family Night Tex-Mex Buffet 5:30-9pm  Theater Night: Les Miserables	Guys Night Out Par 3 Challenge 3pm shotgun	Two-Man Game 1pm  Happy Hour Vista Grille 5-7pm  Chef Kent's Specials Vista Grille 6-9pm  Kid's Club-Pirate Takeover 5:30-9pm	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Sunday Brunch 11am-2pm Vista Grille	Clubhouse Closed   Martin Luther King Day		Family Night French Bonne Soiree Dinner Buffet 5:30-9pm  Kid's Club Movie Night 5:30-9pm Ladies Card Room	Tapas and Wines of Spain 5:30-9pm	Super Bowl Tennis Social 6pm Tennis 7:45 Dinner (w/res) Happy Hour 5-7pm Glow Ball Putt Putt 5:30-9pm Ladies Card Room Chef Kent's Specials Vista Grille 6-9pm	
27	28	29	30	31		
Sunday Brunch 11am-2pm Vista Grille	Clubhouse Closed		Family Night Asian Fusion 5:30-9pm			

## KID'S CLUB HOLIDAY PARTY





# FEBRUARY 2019



Golf Event



Dining Event



Tennis Event



Pool & Fitness



Junior Event



Other Event

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
					Date Night 5:30-9pm Ladies Card Room	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Sunday Brunch 11am-2pm Vista Grille  Super Bowl/Super Reeves 9am shotgun	Clubhouse Closed		Family & Birthday Night Italian 5:30-9pm	Barrelates 7am Fitness Center  Ron's Fried Chicken Night 5:30-9pm	Happy Hour Vista Grille 5-7pm  Chef Kent's Specials Vista Grille 6-9pm  Cookie Decorating 5:30-9pm Ladies Card Room	All Vendor Demo Day 11am-3pm
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Sunday Brunch 11am-2pm Vista Grille  Par-Tee Couple's Golf 3pm shotgun	Clubhouse Closed		Family Night Mardi Gras Buffet 5:30-9pm	Valentine's Dinner 6-9pm  Valentine Kid's Club 5:30-9pm Ladies Card Room	One Day Member-Guest 12:30pm Shotgun  Happy Hour 5-7pm  Valentine's Tennis Social 6pm Tennis 7:45 Dinner (w/res)  Chef Kent's Specials Vista Grille 6-9pm	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Sunday Brunch 11am-2pm Vista Grille	Clubhouse Closed		Family Night Smorgasbord Buffet 5:30-9pm  Kid's Club Movie Night 5:30-9pm Ladies Card Room	Gourmet Burger and Brunello 5:30-9pm  Karaoke Night 5:30-9pm Ladies Card Room	Happy Hour Vista Grille 5-7pm  Chef Kent's Specials Vista Grille 6-9pm	27-hole Member/Member 8:30am shotgun
24	25	26	27	28		
Sunday Brunch 11am-2pm Vista Grille	Clubhouse Closed		Family Night Asian Fusion 5:30-9pm			



Thursday Bridge Group Holiday Party



Thompson East Holiday Party



## HANUKKAH DINNER



Klapman Family



Dr. Stuart & Jerilyn Goldsmith



Dave & Clare Weber



Marcia & Jack Cohen



Carol & Dr. Lawrence Muroff



Connor, Jeff and Sophia Linn

## VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS



Wes & Dianne Martin



The Bray Family



Michelle & Harold Koster



Johnny & Susan Adcock



The Taggart Family



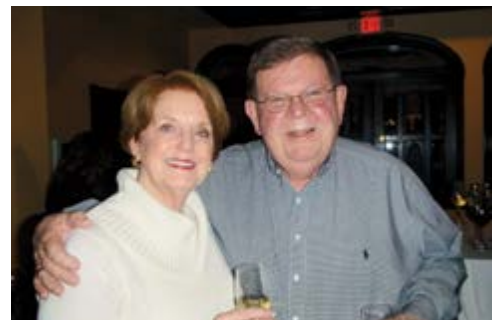
John & Rebecca Bast



Reagan, Nick & Skylar Peters



Mike Lia, granddaughter Ava & daughter Amanda



Kem & Greg Doby



## FITNESS CORNER

### SLEEP – YOUR SECRET WEAPON!

TIME OUT! This is the year for rest and recovery. Your health depends on recovery strategies to cope with daily stressors. Sleep is that secret weapon! Sleep experts agree on 7-9 hours of sleep per night for optimal recovery physically, mentally and emotionally. Less than 6 hours of sleep has detrimental health repercussions. Studies have shown that individuals who sleep 5-6 hours are 30% more likely to catch a cold when exposed to the virus, versus 17% when you sleep 7 hours or more. Creating a sleep ritual and sanctuary is key to catch up on your ZZZ's. Tucking in before midnight is equivalent to 2 hours sleep. So early to bed, early to rise! A good night's sleep plays a vital role in:

**Weight Management.** The better we sleep the better our hunger-related responses are. The satiety hormone that tells us we're full increases, so we eat less.

**Increased Energy Levels.** When you're well rested, you're more active and motivated to exercise.

**Immune Response.** Healthy sleep boosts immune function helping the body fight off infections and serious health conditions.

**Inflammation Control.** Sleep increases pain tolerance and reduces inflammation.

**Brain Function.** Adequate sleep improves cognitive function, decision making and reaction time.

**Emotional Well-Being.** A good night's sleep builds a positive attitude and decreases negativity.

To Your Health...

**Cathi Keefe**, Fitness Director



## JUNIOR NEWS

**Kid's Club** is offered every week in the Ladies Card Room during the **Wednesday Night Family Buffet** from 5:30–9 pm for ages 3 and older. Crafts, games and activities, movies and dinner is included for \$15 per child.

### JANUARY EVENTS

**Date Night** – Friday, January 4.

**Pirate Takeover** – Friday, January 18. Arrrrg! Calling all Pirates! Dress in your best pirate garb and get ready for a scavenger hunt at this special kid's club event, just in time to celebrate Gasparilla!

**Movie Night** – Wednesday, January 23.

**Glow Putt Putt** – Friday, January 25. Get ready to practice putting at night with glow-in-the-dark golf balls, glow sticks and more!

### FEBRUARY EVENTS

**Date Night** – Friday, February 1.

**Cookie Decorating** – Friday, February 8. Put your decorating skills to the test as we create and frost all kinds of cookie masterpieces!

**Valentine's Kid's Club** – Thursday, February 14. Parents can enjoy a Valentine's dinner at the club while the kids play and have their own Valentine's fun at kids club with goodies, games, activities and more!

**Movie Night** – Wednesday, February 20.

**Karaoke Night** – Thursday, February 21. Come and sing your favorite songs at this special karaoke themed kid's club!

**Torrey Taylor**, Junior Activities Director

## GOBBLER GALLOP CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to all!

### 5K Winners

#### 1st place:

Jose Cardenas with an impressive finish of 18:27!

#### 2nd place:

Sam Forman - 18:38

#### 3rd place

David Hennessee - 20:00

#### 1st place female:

Marguerita Sims - 22:05



Jose Cardenas



Sam Forman



David Hennessee



Marguerita Sims

### 1 MILE FUN RUN WINNERS

**1st place:** Dillon Kotak **2nd place:** Dr. Tanuja Kotak

## MEMBER OF THE MONTH CHALLENGE

**January:** Rest & Reset. Sleep for 7-9 hours. Get a massage. Stretch & Foam Roll. Yoga.

**February: Cardio Thirty:** 30 minutes of daily cardio activity.

Enroll on Clubster or at the fitness front desk and receive a raffle entry for every day you complete challenges, for a chance to win a \$40 Avila R&R Session!

## SWEETHEART MASSAGE SPECIAL

Treat your sweetheart to a monthly Avila Custom Massage in 2019. \$75 per month with 12 month advance annual purchase. Over \$150 savings. Includes 10% off all body care product purchases. Certificates can be shared within the immediate family.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### UnWINEding

When: Monday, January 7th

Time: 7pm

Fee: \$15 per attendee

### BARRELATES

When: Thursday, February 7th

Time: 7am

Fee: Complimentary





# FROM THE TENNIS COURTS

## NEW YEAR'S WELCOME

The Tennis Staff would like to wish all of you a fantastic new year full of love, health and prosperity! We all make many new years' resolutions and the Tennis Staff is ready to help you to get in great tennis shape during the upcoming months. See you on the courts.

**Roger Cypriano**

Head Tennis Professional

## TENNIS SOCIAL

The participants were thankful for the great weather during our Thanksgiving tennis social. The tennis played was fun and the participants had a great workout prior to indulging in their family Thanksgiving meal. As we have done for many years, at the end of the play, we bring all players to the same court and play a fun, group game. The winner takes home a turkey, and this year's recipient **Ken Burdick**.

## USTA

Barney Bailey has been the Captain of many USTA teams while playing different ages and different levels. This past fall, he was the Captain for the USTA Men's 8.5 Combo 50 & Over. His team won at the local level and successfully defended the USTA Sectionals title won last year and also in 2014. Captain Bailey refers to this team as a possible "dynasty". Members of Avila who were part of this team are: **Dushan Martinasek, Mike Kosloske, Jeff Evans, Mike Teixeira, Chris Morgan** and **Martin Revello**. Congratulations!

## SINGLES LADDER

After 10 weeks of regular season and 100 total singles matches played, the singles ladder ended with a play-off for the top players of the men's and women's divisions. The regular season champions with most points won were **David Abraham** and **Lisa Silva**. For the play-off, **Maxwell Azzarelli** beat **Jeff Evans** 6-2, 6-2 in the men's final while **Lisa Silva** beat **Gina Morgan** 6-4, 6-1 in the women's final. Maxwell and Lisa were undefeated for the whole season. **Greg Kiser** played the most matches and **Brad Mathews** was the only player to take a set off of champion Maxwell Azzarelli.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Super Bowl Tennis Social

Date: Friday, January 25, 2019

Times: 6:00pm Tennis

7:30pm Group Game

7:45pm Dinner

(Reservations Required)

Entry Fee: \$10.00/Player/Tennis

Deadline: Thursday, January 24, 2019

### Valentine's Tennis Social

Date: Friday, February 15, 2019

Times: 6:00pm Tennis

7:30pm Group Game

7:45pm Dinner

(Reservations Required)

Entry Fee: \$10.00/Player/Tennis

Deadline: Thursday, February 14, 2019



Gina Morgan & Lisa Silva



David Abraham & Roger Cypriano



Maxwell Azzarelli & Jeff Evans



Barney Bailey

## GIVE A GIFT TENNIS SOCIAL



## AFTER SCHOOL TENNIS PROGRAM

	1X WEEK	2X WEEK	CLINIC SCHEDULE
Future Stars (3-5 years)	\$40	\$65	3:30-4pm
Court Stars (6-9 years)	\$70	\$120	4-5pm
Super Stars (10-12 years)	\$100	\$175	5-6:30pm

Call the Tennis Pavilion to sign up at 813-968-6792.

## GOLF RESULTS

### SENIOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP | OCT. 20-21, 2018

#### Championship Flight (Blue Tee)

1st Gross	Kevin Keever	78-71	149*
2nd Gross	Tom Hagan	78-77	155
1st Net	Stuart Sierra	70-76	146
2nd Net	Damon Hyde	71-75	146
T-3rd Net	Chris Kent	76-74	150
T-3rd Net	Ryan Deneen	76-74	150
T-3rd Net	Mike Wagner	72-78	150

#### First Flight (White Tee)

1st Gross	Dick Moore	77-83	160
2nd Gross	Jim Themides	78-83	161
1st Net	Mike Hartman	72-68	140
2nd Net	Tony Ferguson	67-74	141
T-3rd Net	Chris Peifer	69-75	144

#### Super Senior Flight (Green Tee)

1st Gross	Sol Fleischman	77-81	158
2nd Gross	Mike Jones	83-77	160
1st Net	Jack Thompson	70-61	131
2nd Net	Gordon Tunstall	65-67	132

\*denotes won in 3 hole aggregate playoff vs. Stuart Sierra

## GOLF RESULTS

### INVITATIONAL DE AVILA | NOV. 8-11, 2018

**Overall Gross Champion:** Brian Keenan/Paul Royak 198

**Overall Net Champion:** Tom Hagan/Dan Beckman 191

#### Championship Flight (Blue Tee) 54-HOLE SCORE

1st Place Gross	Brian Keenan/Paul Royak	198
2nd Place Gross	Chris Black/Jeremy Sims	202
3rd Place Gross	Chris Kent/Simon Walsh	203
1st Place Net	Mickey Carney/Trent Silver	196

#### First Flight

1st Place Gross	Tom Hagan/Dan Beckman	206
2nd Place Gross	Ryan Borruso/Tony Borruso	209
T-3rd Place Gross	Jeff Strouse/Brian Code	217
	AJ Blackstone/Pat Donovan	217
1st Place Net	Jack Hannon/Marc Feocco	197

#### Second Flight

1st Place Gross	Kevin Keever/Bill Auriemma	217
1st Place Net	Gary Tillett/Jeff Baker	198
2nd Place Net	Mike Azzarelli/Maxwell Azzarelli	200
3rd Place Net	Andy Rosen/Bill Hartenbach	201

#### Third Flight

1st Place Gross	Dick Moore/Bob Orf	230
1st Place Net	JJ Zwirn/Brandon Jones	199*
2nd Place Net	Kevin Hickey/Darren Impson	199
3rd Place Net	Bob Joyce/Steve King	200

\*denotes won on match of scorecards

### TURKEY SHOOT | NOV. 17, 2018

#### Blue Tee Division

1st Gross	L. Burnette/C. Leibl	61
1st Net	M. Anderson/D. Hasselbach	61.4
T-2nd Net	N. Beard/C. Saba	62.2
T-2nd Net	B. Code/T. Umholtz	62.2
T-2nd Net	C. Kent/B. Kearney	62.2

#### White Tee Division

1st Gross	C. Black/M. Black	64
1st Net	J. McGee/J. Miller	62
2nd Net	F. Winkles/J. Teague	62.4

#### High Score:

Cornish Hens awarded to David Troyer/James Goodchild

#### Team Turkey Winners

Beat Pro's Scramble Score of 65

## AWGA



### HOLIDAY SCRAMBLE

#### Championship Flight (Blue Tee)

- 1st: Min Jodice, Suzanne Hurst, Patsy Taylor  
 2nd: Judith Heaton, Ann Rudolph, Roz Kulik, Georgia Behuniak  
 3rd: Mary Snow, Pam Wolf, Connie Linn

## UPCOMING EVENTS

#### JANUARY

5th	Superintendent's Revenge	9:00am Shotgun
13th	Par-Tee Couples Golf	3:00pm Shotgun
17th	Guys Night Out Par 3 Challenge	3:00pm Shotgun
18th	2-Man Game	1:00pm Shotgun

#### FEBRUARY

3rd	Super Bowl/Super Reeves	9:00am Shotgun
9th	All Vendor Demo Day!	11:00am - 3:00pm
10th	Par-Tee Couples Golf	3:00pm Shotgun
15th	One Day Member Guest	12:30pm Shotgun
23rd	27 Hole Member/Member	8:30am Shotgun





## FROM THE PRO

We wrapped up a couple of Majors since the last newsletter. Congratulations to Kevin Kever for claiming the 2018 Men's Senior Club Championship. A fabulous 71 the final day earned him a spot in a playoff, and he continued his fine play on the way to victory! Congratulations also to Brian Keenan and Paul Royak who captured their 5th Invitational de Avila in their last six tries. As a bonus this year, they also claimed victory in the Avila Derby on the Saturday of the Invitational.

With the arrival of 2019, we look forward to your participation in our special events. For the couples, if you haven't tried Par-Tee Couples Golf, it is really a hit. Please come out and join the fun! For the men, Guys Night Out is once a month. In addition to great golf, the feast prepared by Chef Kent is truly a treat. Please join the next Guys Night Out on January 17th, with golf set up as a par 3 course beginning at 3:00pm and dinner at 5:30pm.

Many of you have met **Rasmita Taylert**, our new Assistant Golf Professional. If not, please stop by the shop and say "hello" to her. We also have a young intern who will be working the cart barn and the golf shop, **Robbie Nieman**. If you haven't had the pleasure of meeting these individuals, please take the time to do so. I think you will find both of them to be great additions to the Avila family.

**Chris Slattery**, Head Golf Professional



## TURF TALK

Our winter cultural practices and the new techniques we use to improve our efficiency on the golf course during the cold months are the topics we'll review this issue.

Most of you are aware of our venting process, which is a simple process in which tiny holes are poked in the greens to allow for gas exchange, water movement in the soil profile, and compaction relief. In the past, we used a standard cross tine to poke a hole and allow for gas exchange. Even if done perfectly, there would still be bumps for a few days. While doing research, I came across the ninja tine that produces a smaller hole that can be rolled out allowing play to resume as normal while still achieving the same goal.

An important practice in the winter months is the flushing of the greens. As the winter tends to be on the drier side, we rely on irrigation water. Typical irrigation water in Florida has a high level of sodium and bicarbs. In trace amounts, this does very little to the grass, but over time, they build in the soil and they tie up good nutrients. Periodically, usually in conjunction with a venting, we try to flush out the sodium and bicarbs with a soil product that is designed for their removal. Once applied, we let it sit in the soil and then turn on the water for a couple of hours to flush them out, leaving a more functional soil profile that is better for play.

**Mike Slack**, Golf Course Superintendent



## COACH'S CORNER

During my first year at Avila, I had such a wonderful time getting to know many of you while helping to improve your golf game. I am amazed at how many members we have that want to train and practice at a high level. I truly believe that our members work ethic, attitude and thirst for learning is unmatched by any club. I look forward to a great 2019 and continuing to develop the Avila Coaching Programs.

Throughout the coming year, I will post some of my favorite drills on Clubster and in some of our Newsletters. The Putting Performance Drill that I assigned the most in 2018 was the 8 Foot Drill. Give this drill a try and put it into your practice routine.

**8 FOOT DRILL (50% of 8 footers are holed on the PGA Tour):**

Hit a total of 6 different putts in an 8 ft circle around a hole. If you make 3 out of 6 (50%), your score is Even. If you make 4 out of 6, your score is -1. If you make 2 out of 6, your score is +1, etc. *This is a great drill to do at anytime and it only takes a few minutes. I especially like to do this drill before I play a round of golf, as it puts me in a good routine and a good feel for the green speeds.*

**Scott Wickham**, Director of Instruction

TURKEY SHOOT  
2-MAN SCRAMBLE



Chris Leibl & Locke Burnette, Blue Tee gross winners



Joe McGee & Jim Miller, White Tee net winners



Kris Saba & Nate Beard

AVILA WOMEN'S  
GOLF ASSOCIATION



Putting Party



Donna Orf celebrating her hole-in-one with Judy Heaton



Halloween fun



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## Hours of Operations

### Golf Pro Shop

Closed on Mondays  
7:30am – 6:00pm Tues. – Fri.  
7:00am – 5:30pm Sat. – Sun.

### Tennis Pavilion

8:00am – 1:00pm Mon. – Fri.  
3:00pm – 8:00pm Tues. – Fri.  
8:00am – 5:00pm Sat. – Sun.

### Fitness Center

5:00am – 9:00pm Mon. – Thurs.  
5:00am – 8:00pm Fri.  
7:00am – 6:00pm Sat. – Sun.

### Vista Grille

Breakfast: 7:00am – 11:00am Sat. – Sun.  
Brunch: 11:00am – 2:00pm Sun.  
Lunch: 11:00am – 4:00pm Tues. – Sun.  
Dinner: 6:00pm – 9:00pm Thurs. – Sun.

### Main Dining Room

Family Night Buffet  
5:30pm – 9:00pm Wed.

### The Terrace

Lunch: 11:00am – 4:00pm Tues. – Sun.  
Dinner: 6:00pm – 9:00pm Wed. – Sun.

### Snackbar Turnstand

**& Takeout Service:** 813-265-0803  
Tuesday 11:00am – 4:00pm  
Wednesday-Friday 11:00am – 9:00pm  
Saturday-Sunday 8:00am – 9:00pm  
Closed on Mondays

### Pool Hours

Pool closed for winter season

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