



Walton County Snowbirds, Inc.

Walton County Snowbirds Love Their Sports

One of the most popular things to do for the Walton County Snowbirds is to play golf at the many courses in the area. Members of the Walton County Snowbirds can join the Tuesday or Thursday 9-hole golf leagues. In past years, the golf leagues were at the Golf Garden on Route 98. Unfortunately, the Golf Garden closed earlier this year, so the leagues have moved to Seascape resort. Although Seascape is an 18-hole regulation course, the leagues are for 9-holes and the activity leaders have shortened up the tees so the teams play a par 3 and par 4 course. The leagues are played in a team format with prize money awarded each week based on the team scores utilizing the members' handicaps to make it fair to all levels of golfers. Team activity leaders Bob Breetz and Tom Nickelson also coordinates a season end banquet for all the Tuesday golfers at The Crab Trap. Activity leaders Norm Kohns and Madonna Wempe are also coordinating a season ending banquet for Thursday golfers with the location to be determined



Snowbirds Mike Short and Gary Boyd are organizing an 18-hole golf scramble at Seascape on Wednesday, January 18. The format is a regular four person scramble open to men and women. The cost is only \$55 per person and prizes will be awarded. For more information, go to the Snowbirds website at www.waltoncountysnowbirds.com.

If you are looking for an afternoon on the links outside of organized play, go to the Walton County Snowbird website under "Golf" and see the listing of the area courses where you can get discounted snowbird rates!



Many of the snowbirds are also into racquet sports. The club offers tennis on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9 to 11 a.m. at Silver Dunes Resort, 1030 Route 98, Destin. Activity leader Joe Wolschlag emphasizes that this is "social tennis," so come out and have some fun!

Of course, some of us cannot seem to keep up on the tennis court any longer, so pickleball has become very popular for both young and old across the country.



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Pickleball is played on a smaller court and is a cross between tennis, badminton, and ping-pong. If you want to play pickleball but have not tried it yet, it can look somewhat intimidating. The Snowbirds are offering basic pickleball instruction to its members in two different sessions, Jan 11, 18 and 25 or Feb 1, 8 and 15 from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. at the Destin Community Center, 101 Stahlman Ave. These sessions are meant to teach the basics to newcomers to the sport. Equipment will be provided and the cost is only \$9 for a 3 play session, payable at the Community Center at the first class of the session you attend.

Besides these sporting events, there are over 30 other activities including basketball, bowling, aerobics, line dancing, water aerobics, and more. We have very active card groups including bridge, hand and foot and euchre.

Additional opportunities to register for this season of the Walton County Snowbirds activities are on Monday, January 16, and Monday, February 6 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at Faith Assembly Hall at 306 S. Geronimo in Miramar Beach. Dues are \$20 per person for the season.

You can also register one hour before any of our General Meetings, which are on January 12 and 26 and February 9 at 10:00 a.m. at Destin United Methodist Church, 200 Beach Dr, Destin. The final General Meeting is on Feb 23 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, 207 Harbor Blvd, Destin.

For more information on registration and all the activities the club has to offer, go to the website at www.waltoncountysnowbirds.com or join the group Facebook page "Walton County Snowbirds."

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