

# THE 19TH HOLE

FOR THE MEMBERS OF STONO FERRY & THE PLANTATION COURSE



## FROM THE DESK OF THE GENERAL MANAGER GREG WOOD

We had a very exciting two days at the end of March at The Plantation Course. The women's golf teams from the College of Charleston and Charleston Southern University co-hosted a sixteen team golf tournament March 31 and April 1. Listed on page 3 are the team results and the top 9 individual scores. I think you will be impressed with many of the scores. A 64 was scored which is one shot off of the course record. The best news of all is that plans are already in place to host the event again next year.

Spring is the time when players really begin to work on their games. It is also the time when you should have really good turf on the range from which to practice. Plans are being

made to install artificial turf mat stations on the clubhouse end of the range. The purpose of the mats is for our members and guests to hit balls off of the mats during the winter months in an effort to conserve the practice range turf for the spring, summer, and fall months. The artificial turf will give the superintendent greater potential for superb turf for all of us to enjoy during the spring months. When you practice I hope you will also consider junior golf camps. Ben Sloan is offering week long camps during June 24-28 and also July 29-August 2. These camps are a great opportunity for you to introduce some one between the ages of 5-17 to the great game of golf.



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## FROM THE DESK OF THE GENERAL MANAGER (Continued)

The construction process continues on the front side of Stono Ferry. It is slow going as the developer continues with the installation of the sewer and water lines. If you have interest in purchasing one of these homes I encourage you to contact Bud Poston or Rob Sturm in the real estate office located at the front of the Stono Ferry clubhouse. They can guide you through the entire purchasing process as a buyer's agent, and they can also help you sell your existing property. Please contact Bud or Rob for more details.

Finally I would like to bring to your attention a scorecard initiative that is being done at The Links at Stono Ferry. Last month a set of combination tees were added to the Plantation Course scorecard. The concept of combination tees is to have more variety of yardages on a scorecard without adding extra tee markers. An example would be to have players play a number of holes from the black tees and a number of holes from the silver. The total yardage of the mixture of black tee holes and silver tee holes would be close to the silver black tees we currently have. On our upcoming cards the goal would be to have a black and silver tee combination, and also to have a silver and green tee combination. The

black and silver combination will allow us to remove the silver black tees and still have the yardage available that many of you are accustomed to. The green silver combination allows us to have a yardage half way between these tees. The combination tee concept allows us to have more yardage options for our player while reducing the number of actual tee markers on the course.

I am actively seeking input on the combo tees for Stono Ferry, and would welcome phone calls, emails, or visits to my office to discuss.



## GRASS CLIPPINGS STONO FERRY

The maintenance staff has been hard at work the past several weeks preparing the golf course for the upcoming season. Now it's time to focus on the transition from the overseeded winter grasses back to the summer bermudagrass. In order to have a smooth transition, close attention is paid to soil moisture, fertility levels and cultural practices. Depending upon Mother Nature, this transition usually ends mid to late June. We appreciate your understanding and patience as we work to ensure a successful transition.

During the months of May and June we accomplish cultural practices such as aerification and topdressing. In mid-June, we will be aerifying the greens a little differently. Instead of the conventional method of pulling cores out of the greens,

## MICHAEL EARGLE – Course Superintendent

we will be using a process called Dryject. Basically, the process injects sand into the green with little surface disruption, leaving the green smoother and firmer than the conventional method. This program not only alleviates compaction and improves water infiltration, but allows beneficial nutrients and oxygen to reach the root zone. It also allows the roots to obtain a massive structure, which will withstand the summer heat and numerous rounds of golf. May your drives be straight and putts short.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**June 18th: Dryject greens, course closed am**

## EDISTO ISLAND INVITATIONAL TEAM LEADERBOARD

POSITION	TEAM	TO PAR
1	North Florida	+15
2	Delaware	+18
3	Seton Hall	+22
4	College of Charleston	+25
5	Xavier	+26
6	College of Charleston (B)	+43
7	Bethune-Cookman	+51
8	Elon	+52
9	James Madison	+54
10	Presbyterian College	+64
11	USC Upstate	+67
12	Charleston Southern	+73
13	Morehead State	+92
14	William & Mary	+107
15	Western Carolina	+111
16	The Citadel	+180

## EDISTO ISLAND INVITATIONAL PLAYER LEADERBOARD

POSITION	PLAYER - TEAM	TO PAR
T1	Thitaree Sakulbunpanich - Delaware	-6
T1	Kate Owens - James Madison	-6
3	Lisette Davalos - North Florida	-2
4	Ariane Klotz - Delaware	-1
5	Mikayla Fitzpatrick - Xavier	E
6	Jodee Tindal - College of Charleston	+1
T7	Ellen Hume - Charleston Southern	+2
T7	Beem Pabsimma - USC Upstate	+2
T9	Mia Kness - Seton Hall	+3
T9	Mindy Herrick - North Florida	+3

## FROM THE DESK OF THE HEAD PROFESSIONAL SCOTT GLAZE

What a wonderful time to be at Stono Ferry! This is always my favorite time of the year as the weather warms, the grass greens, and afternoon daylight lingers. Not only is this the perfect time of the year to play this wonderful game, it's also one of the busiest times of the year amongst our golfing community.

First of all, Ben Sloan and I are excited to announce that we will be conducting various clinics at both Stono Ferry and The Plantation Course at Edisto over the months of May and June. These clinics will address short game and full swing areas, as well as on-course analysis. These sessions will be extremely fun and informative. Stay tuned for more information around the clubhouse and via email. We hope you plan to attend!

There are three major events for Stono Ferry happening in the months of May and June. First up is our Member-Guest Tournament, taking place May 3 – 5. Our premier membership event has gotten a facelift this year with a brand new round robin match play format, as well as revamped food, beverage, and social aspects. The Member-Guest promises to be the “talk of the town” in 2019.

Later in the month, Stono Ferry is extremely proud to host the South Carolina Golf Association's Super-Senior Four Ball May 21 – 23. For me personally, I relish any opportunity to showcase our club on a larger stage and I hope you are as proud to show off your club as well. This will be the first state-wide event that Stono Ferry has hosted since the 2016 SCGA Junior Championship and the first “major” since the 2017 Battle at Stono Ferry Intercollegiate.

Finally, as most of you know, the US Women's Open will be contested at the Country Club of Charleston May 30 – June 2. This will be a historic week for golf in the Charleston area. Many of our members and their guests will be in attendance to watch the game's best women compete for our nation's championship. I would also like to acknowledge the mem-

bers of Stono Ferry & The Plantation Course who will be volunteering for the USGA during the championship. Stono Ferry and The Plantation Course's designated “hole” will be #8. **THANK YOU** to all volunteers, and enjoy what is guaranteed to be a thrilling week.

Before I leave you for this month's column, I'd like to let everyone know about a fun new weekly venture for myself and Stono Ferry. I am pleased to announce that I am taking part in a weekly golf segment on Bobby Hartin's Fan Talk sports radio show every Thursday at 5:25 pm. This segment began in March and will continue every week through August. You can tune in on Charleston's ESPN radio outlets: 94.7 FM, 98.9 FM, and 910 AM.

As always, we thoroughly enjoy bringing you the best club membership experience in the Lowcountry, and look forward to seeing you around the club soon.

Keep it in the Short Grass,

**Scott**



## THE PLANTATION COURSE AT EDISTO UPDATE HEATHER HENDERSON

Beautiful weather is here and the course is in great shape! Villa packages and group play are in full swing at The Plantation Course and the summer vacation season will be here before we know it. Please remember to call for tee times and sign up in advance for any weekly activities.

The College Girls Tournament, The Edisto Island Invitational, was a great success. All of the teams really enjoyed the course. This year's winner was North Florida followed by Delaware. We will look forward to hosting them again in March of 2020.

New spring merchandise is in and we still have some great items on the sale racks! We have several new lines including Links Soul, Baldhead Blues and New Era hats. We also have some new and unique gift items and a selection of greeting cards. Come by and see what's new!

### 2 Members had Hole-in-Ones in March

#### Jack Greco on #12

Congratulations to Jack Greco for his hole-in-one on March 17, 2019. The shot was made on #12 with his 8 iron from about 140 yards and witnessed by Jeremiah Evers, Donald Rhea and Gary Dyer.

#### Denny Jerwers on # 3

Congratulations to Denny Jerwers for his hole-in-one on March 22, 2019 . The shot was made on #3 with his 8 iron from about 130 yards and witnessed by Johnny Herndon, Terry Dobson and Bill Harrell.



## GRASS CLIPPINGS EDISTO CURT SHEFFER – Course Superintendent

### Cart Traffic and Waste Areas

As the grass transitions from winter to spring, I would like to send out a friendly reminder about cart traffic on the golf course. The temperatures are slowly climbing and as always this time of year it is imperative to obey proper golf cart etiquette to maintain turf health. Hole 14 will temporarily remain cart path to aid in recovery from compaction and flooding.

Enter and exit points are referred to as where carts ENTER the grass from the cart path and EXIT the grass back on to the cart path. All too often, these areas are the same for every group of golfers. When carts continuously enter and exit the same spots the soil gets compacted making it hard for grass to root or recover from the stress. The 90 degree rule was created to solve this issue. If everyone entered and exited 90 degrees from the path to their ball, there would be a variety of enter/exit points, not just one area at the tees and one area at the green. Another similar trend to enter/exit points is pulling the cart off of the edge of the cart path when parking. You will notice that

the edges of the cart path get damaged from compaction near tees, greens and sharp turns. Please leave all four tires on the path when parking. Lastly, shaded areas are also similar to enter/exit areas in that they cannot recover as quickly this time of year due to lack of sunlight. These areas also stay wet longer and carts can leave tracks when driving through them.

Also, as a reminder, we have 3 areas that we consider as waste areas. Left of the fairway on 9, right of the fairway on 17 and the long area on the left side of 18 near the green. These areas do not need to be raked and the club can be grounded. These areas will also be marked with a blue stake to define them.

We ask that everyone do their part in keeping our golf course beautiful no matter what the season. Try to remember these two points; Obey ropes and signs and keep the cart on the path as often as possible using the 90 degree rule. Thank you for your effort to keep The Plantation Course looking great all year round!

## REAL ESTATE CORNER BUD POSTON

1,561 homes sold in March in the Charleston region at a median price of \$275,000 according to preliminary data released today by the Charleston Trident Association of Realtors® (CTAR). Last March, 1,717 homes sold at a median price of \$257,580.

Year-to-date, sales volume is about 5% behind where it was in 2018, while median price is up 4%. So far this year, 3,760 homes have sold at a median price of \$270,000. Last year, 3,971 homes had sold at a median price of \$259,050.

Inventory data shows 3.3% fewer homes for sale over the last 12-month period, with 5,654 homes listed as “active” for sale in the Charleston Trident Multiple Listing Service (CTMLS) at the end of March.

“Sales volume softened a bit in March, ahead of what is likely to be a busy spring season for the Charleston regional

real estate market” said 2019 CTAR President Edward Oswald. “Inventory is still historically low, and prices continue to climb, which deepens the affordability divide in our region”.

If you want to know how this data equates to sales in Stono Ferry or adjacent areas please contact Rob Sturm or Bud Poston.

The Pulte development is moving forward quickly, if you or anyone you know are thinking about buying a home there we will be glad to represent you as a Buyers Agent, the development will have model homes with agents on site, they work directly for the builder whereas we would represent you directly and get the best deal for you. We can also help you with any property you wish to sell.

***Bud***



## GOLF INSTRUCTION BEN SLOAN

First off, Congratulations to Tiger Woods on winning his 15th major championship and his 5th green jacket. In my opinion, Woods winning The Masters is one of the greatest comeback stories in sports history. He struck the ball beautifully, but the area of the game that helped secure his victory was his putting. In order to win at a place like Augusta, one must have excellent speed control and touch with the flat stick. And as we all know, Stono Ferry is home to some undulating and tricky greens as well. Below I am going to give you a good drill you can do to help develop better speed control.

### Brad Faxon's Three-Speed Drill:

Take three balls to the practice putting green and choose an eight to ten-foot putt with significant break. The goal is to make three putts from the same place using three different speeds and lines. Roll the first putt with enough speed to make the ball travel four feet past the hole (maximum speed, minimum break). Roll the second putt on a pace that allows it to just barely drip over the high side of the hole (minimum speed, maximum break). Roll the last putt at your normal "playing" speed, so that it breaks somewhere between the first two putting lines. To make it easier at first, place a tee

on the aim line that indicates your middle-line, normal-speed putt. Once you make all three putts, switch to the opposite side of the hole and repeat.

If you can master the drill above you will start see your speed control from all distances improve. You will also improve your ability to match up the speed and line. As always, if you are looking to knock a few strokes off your game and have more fun playing come see me for a private lesson!

### Rules

With a lot of Major Championship golf approaching we will start to see firmer, faster, and tougher putting surfaces. We also had some rule changes at the start of this year. With that being said, I think we should all understand how we should proceed if we accidentally cause our ball to move on the putting green. Under Rule 13.1d it is no longer a penalty if a player (or opponent) accidentally causes the ball to move on putting surface. Should this happen, you simply place the ball back on its original spot. This goes for accidentally moving your ball marker as well.

### **Ben**



## MEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION NEWS

The deadline for submitting this letter for publication is April 15. The timeframe covered by the newsletter is May and June. I am very busy over the next week and am writing this letter on April 9. Consequently, this letter will address things that have already happened, are about to happen and if all goes well, will happen over the next couple of months. If I sound a bit too philosophical, I apologize. Earlier my ten year old granddaughter called and asked me if I thought there would be time machines by the time she was my age. After much deep discussion regarding the disparity in our ages, high energy physics, alternative dimensions, relativity...we failed to reach a conclusion, but will continue to examine the question.

Now for the past. Another Stono Cup has passed. The Residents domination continued. Everyone had fun in spite of an outcome that appears to be a foregone conclusion. The disappointing news is that participation declined again this year. The Board is discussing several possible changes that could lead to greater participation next year. More to come.

Our 2019 Sponsor campaign has successfully concluded. Thanks to all of our new and continuing Sponsors. Each of

### BARRY COFFEY – President

you makes a difference. Our 2nd Annual Sponsor appreciation event is scheduled for May 15.

Continuing with what is about to happen. MGA President's Cup matches begin April 22. Be sure to sign up and get those matches played!

What will happen is our Member-Guest May 4-5. Many have already registered and if you haven't yet, please do so soon. We have an exciting new format. The food and entertainment will be wonderful. Gifts and prizes have also be enhanced. Let's make the best M-G ever.

June 8 is the MGA/WGA Yellow Ball tournament. This is always an enjoyable event. We hope all members participate.

Many of us are volunteers for the US Women's Open at the Country Club of Charleston. It is very exciting to have this event in our home town.

World enough and time for golf, it doesn't get better than that.

**Barry**

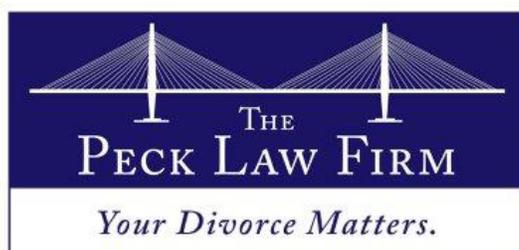


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## WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION NEWS

CHRIS MURPHY – President

The Stono Ferry WGA has had a very busy spring season. We started the season off with our Sponsorship Cocktail party and New Rules Clinic.

We have reached our sponsorship goals for the 2019 season, and we thank all our sponsors. I will send a complete list of our sponsors to our membership, please try to patronize our sponsors over other business in the area. When you do, please say "THANK YOU".

February 19th, Stono hosted CALGA at Stono. We had a full field of players, the weather was cold, but everyone enjoyed playing Stono Ferry. Our own Diane Taylor won low gross for her flight. Wynn Hardy our new CALGA representative did an amazing job organizing the day.

March 20th, we hosted Seabrook in our annual Home/Home event. The event was planned by Katherine LaDoyen, Dianne Taylor, and Chris Murphy. We had 30 players, 15 from Seabrook and 15 from Stono. Format was a 4-person team: 2 Seabrook, and 2 Stono, best 2 low net balls. We encouraged the ladies to dress as golfers from the 20-30's. Golf was followed with a delicious lunch. Everyone enjoyed the day. Seabrook will host Stono WGA on Sept 18th.

March 23-24th was our Stono Classic, well planned by Georgiann Kralik, Marilyn Schnitz, and Dianne Taylor. The Stono Classic is a crystal event, a low net format, and this year's winners were: 1st place: Nancy Zeigler and Valliere West, 2nd place: Karla Abbott and Nealoo McLain, 3rd place: Lynn Runbaken and Dianne Taylor. We coordinated the event with the MGA Stono Cup, which worked well.

March 25th was the last day to register for Match Play, President Cup. All matches are to be completed by May 20th. Good luck to all the members participating in this fun, challenging event.

April 5th-6th was our Member Guest, theme "MARY POPPINS RETURNS TO STONO FERRY". The 2-day event was

planned by Dianne Taylor, Katherine LaDoyan, Gloria Dolly, and Teresa Graff. Friday was the practice rounds followed by a cocktail party at the club house. Saturday was the day of golf, format was 1 best low gross score and 1st, 2nd, and 3rd best low net score of the 4-person team. Congratulations to the winners: Low Gross: Libby Summerford, Kristin Biety, Chris Murphy, and Terry Rickerson, 1st Low Net: Andi Savana, Martha Wright, Susan Shoemaker, and Cathy Martin, 2nd Low Net: Dianne Taylor, Sally Burke, Patti Bracken, and Angel Bryant, 3rd Low Net: Jan Murray, Lou Ann Gloss, Gloria Dally, and Gina Johnson. Thanks to Mike Eargle for the beautiful planters that were on the tee boxes and presented to the members and their guests.

On May 11th, we will have a new event: Spring Fling which will just be a fun day of golf with different challenges, prizes, and lunch. Please come and participate in the relaxed, fun filled day.

June 8th is the MGA/WGA Yellow Ball Event. It is a good opportunity for the WGA to socialize with the MGA. It is always a fun event and usually a good social hour after golf. Please plan to attend.

I would like to thank Scott Glaze for assisting with all our tournaments, Melissa for the great food she prepared.

### Chris



## 2019 MAJOR TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

- May 3 - 5..... 2019 Member - Guest
- May 15..... MGA Sponsor Appreciation
- June 8..... MGA/WGA Yellow Ball
- Sep. 14 - 15..... Stono Ferry Club Championship
- Oct. 12..... Superintendent's Revenge
- Nov. 1 - 3..... 2019 Member - Member
- Nov. 23..... Stag Team Event



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