

THE 19TH HOLE

FOR THE MEMBERS OF STONO FERRY & THE PLANTATION COURSE



FROM THE DESK OF THE GENERAL MANAGER GREG WOOD

Recently many have asked about the whereabouts of the cannon. The faux piece of artillery has called Stono Ferry home since 2003. It was originally purchased to highlight the rich history of the property that includes a Revolutionary War battle, a railroad line, a ferry landing, and least but not last a piece of property originally deeded in 1685 to a ship's carpenter from Barbados named James Beamer. Time spent outdoors on a riverbank can be harsh on all things especially when it is a faux cannon. The need for repair was great, and Stono Ferry resident Steve Vadakin stepped forward and volunteered to bring the cannon back to life. Steve is a third generation woodworking craftsman who is determined to give back to the community. He contacted me and offered to put in the time and effort necessary to revitalize the cannon free of charge. He poured over 200 hours into the dismantling and reassembly of a cannon in desperate need of major repair. Quite a bit of painstaking detailed work went into the recreation and revitalization of a symbol that helps all of us remember The Battle of Stono Ferry. I want to personally thank Steve for his craftsmanship and hard work. The cannon has never looked better!

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Due to COVID-19 please understand use of the gym is at your own risk.

The following rules are now in place for use of the gym:

- Masks are required at all times.
- If you have had fever in the past 48 hours, cough, shortness of breath or sore throat please refrain from using the gym.
- Use of hand sanitizer or washing of hands is required upon entry and prior to leaving the gym.

- Cleaning of gym equipment prior to use and after use is mandatory. Spray sanitizer and towels are available at the entrance of the gym.
- Social distance is required to use the gym. Individuals must keep a piece of equipment between them and another person. 6 to 8 feet of separation is the standard.
- Please only use one piece of equipment at a time. Circuit or super sets using multiple machines at one time is not allowed.
- Only 10 individuals will be allowed in the gym at a time. Please be considerate with your workout times to allow others to have the opportunity to work out.
- Group classes will not be allowed due to the inability to maintain the social distance standards.
- One-on-one training is allowed as long as social distancing standards are maintained.
- Showers in the gym restrooms will be closed and not available for use.
- Gym cleaning times will vary, and during cleaning it will be closed. Please call the pro shop prior to coming to workout if there is concern over whether or not the gym is open.
- It is recommended that persons who are more vulnerable or are at risk for COVID-19 as identified by the CDC take extra precaution or refrain from use of the gym.

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GRASS CLIPPINGS STONO FERRY

The golf course is just about prepared for the winter season. The overseeding of the tees, fairways, and driving range tees are complete. I want to thank you for staying on the path while we were trying to get it germinating and growing. We will continue to get it well established by cultural practices i.e., reseeding thin areas, height of cut, fertility levels, etc. Keep in mind that you will be playing on this grass through the month of May and into June of next year, so it is very important to follow the ruling of the day. This leads me into frost delays and frozen greens.

When frost occurs, the moisture inside the plant freezes, and if weight is applied to the plant while frozen it is damaged or killed with little or no chance for recovery. Frost usually forms when night temperatures are below 38 degrees Fahrenheit. If night time temperatures fall below freezing, the top one to

GOLF INSTRUCTION BEN SLOAN

One of the most common, if not the most common, swing flaw in golf is the dreaded over the top move. I see it multiple times a day on the lesson tee. It is a move that costs you distance, but more importantly you have very little control over the direction of the golf ball. There are usually a couple of reasons people make that out to in swing and if you can get those things straightened it you'll be well on your way to fixing what you thought was impossible. Below are the two main reasons and some fixes for them!

1.) Clubface open at top of backswing/downswing.

If you have the clubface open at the top of the backswing and into the early part of the downswing you will swing the club more over the top in order to try and get the clubface square at impact. The fix is to change your lead wrist at the top of the backswing and maintain/increase that lead wrist position on the downswing. If your lead wrist is cupped at the top of your backswing, chances are your clubface is open. You want your lead wrist to be at the very minimum flat, but preferably slightly bowed at the top. You then want to feel like

MICHAEL EARGLE – Course Superintendent

two inches of any green are very susceptible to freezing. If play is allowed while the green is frozen, permanent damage can, and will occur. Frost delays and frozen greens tend to encourage tense moments around the pro shop. I assure you; your golf course will be opened at the earliest possible moment the greens and overseeded areas are safe from potential harm.

During the months of November and December the maintenance staff concentrates on keeping the course ready for play. Picking up falling leaves, and care of the winter grass are top priorities. The maintenance crew and I hope your holiday season allows for some memorable family times and a chance to play the course often.

Sincerely,
Michael

that bowing wrist position increases slightly has you bring the club down into impact. If you do this correctly you will start hitting pulls, then from there you will be in position to swing the club more in to out and start hitting beautiful little draws.

2.)Not rotating properly on backswing. If you do not get enough rotation with your body on the backswing you will not be able to swing the club from the inside or on plane. Both your hips and chest should turn on the backswing. Again, this is a rotation, not a big lateral movement. The thing I would focus on is the seam line of your shirt on your lead side. This seam line runs down the side of most shirts and your goal is to feel like you are turning that line back to the ball. Focusing on that line will get both the chest and hips rotating fully.

If you can get your clubface in position and a full turn you should see that over the top move dwindle away! Some exciting news, I will have a new website launching November 1st, www.bensloangolf.com. Please check out the new site and schedule a lesson! Look forward to seeing you on the range.

THE PLANTATION COURSE AT EDISTO UPDATE HEATHER HENDERSON

Vacation rentals on Edisto are continuing to be remarkably busy due to so many families working remotely along with virtual school options. With more vacationers come more golfers. We are continuing to see summertime numbers of players at the course.

September 26, 2020 we hosted a US Kids event with age groups from 7 – 18 years old. This was their 1st visit to Edisto and they had 39 players. We received many compliments



from the kids and parents and they plan to come back next year for another event.

In the Pro Shop, you will find lots of great End of Summer Sale items along with many new items for fall! Remember it is not just golf gear! We have lots of gift items and accessories along with a selection of jewelry, purses, greeting cards, baby gifts, cocktail napkins and much more. We are now carrying the amazing art inspired Slowtide beach towels and BruMate koozies, tumblers and flasks. Both new additions make great gifts and are must haves for your beach bag!! We have also added 2 new lines of baby gifts and the Vinrella bottle umbrellas.

Congratulations to Gail Chapman on her hole in one on #3. The shot was made with her 4 hybrid from 112 yards and witnessed by her husband Chris Chapman and Charles and Blake Lucas.

GRASS CLIPPINGS EDISTO CURT SHEFFER – Course Superintendent

Reverse osmosis (RO) is a water purification process that uses a partially permeable membrane to remove ions, unwanted molecules and larger particles from drinking water. As some of us know, the Town of Edisto Beach recently completed the RO plant. Just like the residents of Edisto, the golf course now has irrigation water and a water supply to our facilities with reduced levels of salt. So how does that help or hurt us?

First how it helps. Irrigation water with high Total Dissolved Salts (TDS) can affect soil permeability and the plants ability to uptake water. Salt affects soil structure causing soil to become tight and compact. Thus, not allowing water or oxygen available to plants. Continuously adding irrigation water high in salts exacerbates the issue. Now that we have a cleaner irrigation water, we expect to see a change in the soil. Along with improved soils, we will also be able to use the cleaner water to wash our equipment without the worry of rust or corrosion. Finally, the cleaner water will cause less corrosion on our pipes

and pumps that make up our irrigation system.

One drawback of water with less salt leading to an improved soil structure, is the encroachment of weeds. The two most notorious weeds on golf courses are goosegrass and crabgrass. The high salts in the soils would prevent most of these weeds from germinating and spreading, but with cleaner water, the weeds are able to thrive and spread. Therefore, more diligent preemergent applications will be a new addition to our fight against crab and goose. Thanks for reading!



FROM THE DESK OF THE HEAD PROFESSIONAL SCOTT GLAZE

As this crazy year of 2020 winds to a close, we approach one of my favorite seasons at Stono Ferry: fall. This season is the perfect time for family, fellowship, and most importantly, golf! Now at a safe social distance, of course. As always, the fall season leads into the holiday season which is always an incredible joy to spend time with family and friends.

One event that brings me joy during this time of year is our annual Gifts for Golf Tournament. **This year's event will be conducted on December 1st.** If you are not familiar with Gifts for Golf, this is our annual event where Stono Ferry, our members, and the community give back to those less fortunate than ourselves during the holiday season. Each participant is asked to bring at least one unwrapped toy and at least two canned goods (2 cans = 1 mulligan). All toys are donated to the Ronald McDonald House of Charleston and all canned goods are donated to the Lowcountry Food Bank. A fun day of fellowship, camaraderie, and golf ensues with unlimited beverages and a BBQ cookout. **Last year, Stono Ferry donated over 400 toys and 1,000 canned goods due to your generosity.** Let's beat those numbers this year! Currently, there are modifications to this tournament due to COVID-19, but we still plan on a great event. Please stay tuned to your email for more notifications, and to sign up when registration opens. Spots will fill up quickly!

Another event that brings me great joy to provide to our membership is our annual Golf Shop Holiday Sale Extravaganza. This event is tentatively planned for December 3rd. However, due to COVID-19 we are still in the planning stages of this event. Our staff is dedicated to providing an extremely safe and sanitary shopping experience so that you won't miss out on the Wheel-of-Deals and some great new product in the Golf Shop. Please stay tuned for announcements on the modifications of our yearly holiday sale.

Before I say goodbye until the new year, I'd like for us all to say a goodbye to one of our long tenured Assistant Professionals, Chris Soffera. Chris and his girlfriend Dawn have moved to Landrum, SC to pursue new endeavors and enjoy life on Lake Lanier. Chris is the most "die-hard" golfer that I've ever met, and I know lots of us will miss playing rounds of golf with him. He wanted me to express his gratitude to the membership for the great time spent at Stono Ferry and the wonderful memories made with all of you. Thank you for your time with us, Chris, and we'll tee it up with you again soon!

Until I see you again in the New Year, keep it in the short grass.

Scott



REAL ESTATE CORNER DAN LORENTZ

Hello Stono Ferry members!! As we head into the election and winter months we are still seeing the “sellers market” trend remaining strong. Inventory and interest rates remain historically low across the board. To combat the limitations that COVID-19 has put on Real Estate we have further invested in new technology to better virtually assist our clients. We are now able to do virtual 3-D showings with high definition clarity. We have brought this tech-forward approach into the office located just inside the clubhouse as well! You will soon find interactive touch-screen displays outside the office entrance. We will continue to be on the front edge of new technology dedicated to making the virtual housing market more accessible and user-friendly!

Through our preferred contractors and vendors we can help fully prepare a home for listing! Our listing preparation includes paint touch-ups, trash removal, landscaping details, flooring/handyman quotes and much more. Please contact us today if you are in the beginning stage of considering selling your home!

If you have any real estate related questions please feel free to reach out to us anytime. Look forward to seeing everybody around the clubhouse soon!

ATTENTION STONO FERRY RESIDENTS

Stop by our office in the clubhouse and register for your chance to win a new YETI cooler for FREE!! Drawing will be held on Valentines Day so make sure to stop by before then!

We still have several buyers very interested in joining the Stono Ferry Community ASAP. If you have considered selling your home please contact us today at 843-532-4653 and we can determine if it would be a good fit.

QUICK STONO FERRY MARKET STATS

4 active homes for sale, there are 3 homes active contingent.

There have been 20 homes to close in the last 6 months, the average price per square foot is \$172.76, the average time on market is 22 days, there are 2 months of inventory currently.

If you have any questions about the current market or need to speak with a lender please contact us today!

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MEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION NEWS

JIM GARRETT – President

Greetings from the Stono Ferry Men's Golf Association! I hope this newsletter finds you and your family healthy and safe. The cooler temps and shorter days remind us that winter will soon be here. We continue to work through our condensed tournament schedule having recently completed our Club Championship and soon to host our Member-Member and Stag tournaments. Congratulations to our Club Champion Jacob Morris, Senior Champion Steve Kardish, our Super Senior Champion Benny Tumbleston and our Overall Net Champion Fred Taylor. We had a great field of players and all of the flights were very competitive.

We have our board elections scheduled for the month of December. I want to thank all of our board members for their work this year. I appreciate their ability to work through all of the changes that were necessary with the unknowns and

restrictions due to Covid. We have had one of our most successful years both from a participation and competition standpoint. We have 3 board positions that will be open this year. If you have interest in getting involved at this level, please reach out to one of our current board members for information.

It's been a challenging 2020 for everyone. We are all thankful to the staff for creating a safe environment and the terrific conditions that we have been able to enjoy this year. I hope to see you out on the course. Continue to Stay Safe, PLAY FAST and HAVE FUN!

Jim Garrett

WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION NEWS MARILYN SCHNITZ – President

2020 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

A highlight of the long Columbus Day weekend was the 2020 Stono Ferry Women's Golf Association's annual Club Championship, a two-day event chaired by WGA member **Donna Hill**. A small field of six competitors played two 18-hole rounds on Saturday and Sunday, October 10 and 11th, and gathered for an informal and relaxing box luncheon on the clubhouse screened porch following play.

Linh Tang shot an 84 from the silver tees on Saturday and 88 from silver tees Sunday for a two-day low gross score of 172, capturing the Championship title. Runner-up was long-time Club Champion Donna Hill with a two day low gross of 178. **Gail Arendsen** and **Angie Kirby** joined Donna and Linh in the championship flight. **Alex Tumbleston**, who shot 98 both days from the silver-green combo tees, for a net score of 74 on Saturday and Sunday, bested **Ande Savana** for the Low Net title. Although rain threatened play on both days, the weather was in our favor during the important 9 am to 1 pm period for play. **Diane Taylor**, who functioned as our unofficial photographer, captured some images, shared here. On Sunday, Diane and I applauded players as they came off the green on # 18. Awards were presented by Club Manager Greg Wood and your WGA president. Each participant also received a bouquet of flowers from the WGA.



NEXT UP: MEMBER-MEMBER

Our annual Member-Member tournament is scheduled for Saturday, November 7, with golf and luncheon. ALL members are invited to the Friday evening cocktail buffet and informal gathering at the Learning Center. Former members have also been invited to this autumn "homecoming" event. The fun starts at 6 pm. If you are not playing but would like to come Friday, please email or call Ande Savana who, with Nancy Meyer and Nancy Legasey, is coordinating the activities.



CLOSING DAY EVENT AND LUNCHEON

Saturday, December 5 is the date for our annual Closing Day 9-hole round and luncheon. At that meeting we will review the year and present a slate of officers for 2021. While plans are for a traditional event, we will closely monitor virus precautions and make adjustments if we feel that we cannot host the event safely.

LEAGUE PLAY

NEW MEMBER

New member **Debbie Rice** joined us at the end of October and is becoming a regular player on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Other members continue to support this enjoyable aspect of WGA activities and our numbers are excellent. Because we have heard, informally, from women who express interest in 9-hole league play, October's newsletter invited members who would be interested in a weekly 9-hole WGA group to contact me about this. Since only one member replied, we will not proceed with developing a 9-hole league at this time.

WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION NEWS CONTINUED...

SCORE REPORTING

Thank you to our WGA members who have adapted readily to the suggestion of the WGA Handicap Committee that, as we leave the green, we report our scores to a player who has been designated the scorekeeper for the group. It is working well.

ARRIVING EARLY FOR LEAGUE PLAY

As you know, an October email reminded us to arrive 15 minutes before the first (and only) announced tee time on Wednesdays and Saturdays. A Local Rule which the WGA adopted at our annual opening day meeting in February, 2020 explains the rule and penalties associated with failing to observe it.

Members have been very helpful in observing this courtesy since the reminder. However, some are still unclear as to the reason behind it. If you are in the "fourth group," for example, why do you have to arrive 15 minutes before the announced tee time for the first group out on the course? This is because the clubhouse sometimes moves us up to an earlier start and because the League Chair may have to reassign or collapse groups as members who find that they can't make it to the event call the clubhouse or League Chair to cancel. As you know, all of this happens in a compressed time frame and it is hard to do this thoughtfully if members are still arriving as the first group is due to start. Your cooperation with the Rule and support for the League Play Chairs has been appreciated very much.

IN MEMORIAM

Longtime member **Kathy Lawrence** passed in October and we extend our sympathy to her family. Kathy had been an educator and was an excellent and enthusiastic golfer. Kathy was also a volunteer Course Marshal at the LPGA championship held at the Country Club of Charleston last year and as Co-Captain of our Stono Ferry volunteer team, I appreciated her cheerful attitude toward helping out there.

RULES CORNER

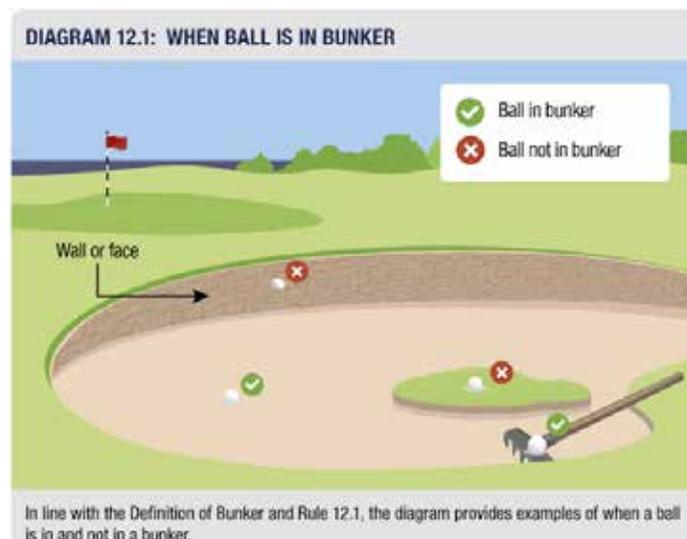
Rules Corner is prepared by SFWGA member Georgiann Kralik. It is included here to help our members grow in their enjoyment of the game and knowledge of the Rules of Golf.

Rule 12 Bunkers Part 1

Definition: A bunker is a specially prepared area of sand, which is often hollow from which turf or soil has been removed.

These are not part of a bunker:

- A lip, wall or face at the edge of a prepared area and consisting of soil, grass, stacked turf or artificial materials
- Soil or any growing or attached natural object inside the edge of a prepared area (such as grass, bushes or trees)
- Sand that has spilled over or is outside the edge of a prepared area
- All other areas of sand on the course that are not inside the edge of a prepared area (ex. deserts and other natural sand areas or areas sometimes referred to as waste areas)



WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION NEWS CONTINUED...

12.2 Playing Ball in Bunker

a. Removing Loose Impediments and Movable Obstructions

Before playing a ball in a bunker, a player may remove loose impediments and movable obstructions under Rule 15.1 and under Rule 15.2.

This includes any reasonable touching or movement of the sand that happens while doing so.

b. Restrictions on Touching Sand in Bunker When Touching Sand Results in Penalty. Before making a stroke at a ball in a bunker a player must not:

- Deliberately touch sand in the bunker with a hand, club, rake or other object to test the condition of the sand to learn more information for the next stroke
- Touch sand in the bunker with a club
- In the area right in front of or right behind the ball in fairly searching for a ball or in removing loose impediment or movable obstruction
- In making a practice swing
- In making a back swing for a stroke

More information about specific situations in bunkers in the next newsletter



2020 MAJOR TOURNAMENT & EVENT SCHEDULE

- November 6-8Member-Member
- November 20-21MGA Stag Team Tournament
- December 1Gifts for Golf Tournament
- December 3Golf Shop Holiday Sale
- December 4 Member Holiday Party
- December 5WGA Closing Day



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