

THE 19TH HOLE

FOR THE MEMBERS OF STONO FERRY & THE PLANTATION COURSE



FROM THE DESK OF THE GENERAL MANAGER GREG WOOD

The holiday season has arrived and it is time for family and friends to come together to give thanks for their many blessings and adventures that took place in 2021. When spending time with family and friends I hope you consider choosing Stono Ferry and Edisto as the places to be. The months of November and December are a little colder and the days are shorter, but it is still a great time of the year to get out and play. Not enough day light to play, please consider using the gym and exercise your way into the new year. The gym is a great place to work on your game when you cannot actually make it to the course! I hope all of you take advantage of the holiday offers that will be coming from the Stono Ferry pro shop. Discounts on pro shop merchandise, discounted 9 and 18 hole cart fees, and also discounted pre paid guest fees will be offered during the month of December leading up to Christmas.

I also want to thank the membership for a great 2021. The support of the membership is greatly appreciated. The staff and I look forward to serving the membership and its needs in the upcoming year.

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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

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. As always may your drives be straight and your putts short!

GOLF INSTRUCTION BEN SLOAN

2021 WRAP UP

First off, I want to thank everyone that has taken time to read my articles and booked a time with me on the lesson tee this year! I appreciate the support and look forward to a fun and exciting 2022. This article is going to be a little different because I'm going to touch on one thing to help you improve your game and then talk about two exciting gadgets coming to Ben Sloan Golf!

On to the piece that's going to help you improve your game and lower scores. The more I teach and coach people I find that most golfers don't really know how far they hit their clubs. In their defense they don't really have the same advantages that a tour player has. At a tour event the players in the tournament are using whatever ball they play with on the course as range balls which makes calculating distance on the driving range possible. Unfortunately, most golf courses use range balls and that makes a big difference in distance believe it or not. If you've taken a lesson with me, you've probably heard me mention this at one point or another. Range balls go anywhere between 10-15% less than a premium golf ball. So, if you are trying to calculate distances on the driving range be sure to add at least 10% to the distance to account for the range ball. The best place for an amateur golfer to figure out how far they hit a certain club is on the golf course. So, make a late afternoon tee time, if no one is behind you, hit a couple extra balls and figure out exactly how far your clubs go. I promise if you learn your distances better, you'll be more confident with club selection on the golf course. More confidence is going to lead to better shots and better shots lead to lower scores! Please keep in mind that we are going into the winter and cold weather makes the golf ball fly shorter.

Now on to the two new gadgets coming to Ben Sloan Golf. In my opinion one of the most under taught parts of the game is putting. It's the club you use most in a round of golf, but the putter always seems to get neglected. Whether on the

lesson tee or just from a club fitting standpoint. Very soon I'll have Capto Golf Putting system which will give us the ability to measure different parameters such as path of stroke, acceleration patterns, face loft and lie rotation of the clubface. All of this data is real time and can be used to help you make more putts or get a putter that better fits you!

The second piece of technology on the way is the Hackmotion Wrist Sensor. If you read my article in the last newsletter about bowing and cupping of the lead wrist, then you understand the importance of a good lead wrist position. Well, the Hackmotion sensor will help us measure, train, and improve your lead wrist position in all parts of your game with real time audio feedback!

Again thank you for your support and I look forward to seeing you on the lesson tee soon!



THE PLANTATION COURSE AT EDISTO UPDATE HEATHER HENDERSON

Another great but challenging year has come to an end. I think we can all agree it has been a very strange year for everyone especially in dealing with the shipping industry. In 2022, our reps are expecting to see the same issues continue so we are continuing to place orders well in advance to do our best to have your favorite items in stock! Thank you all for understanding!

The Pro Shop has some great Sale items as well as new merchandise. We have added a couple of new lines of affordable sunglasses, sterling silver jewelry pieces, Toadfish can

coolers and tumblers, Charleston Shucker oyster knives and many more gift items.

The Plantation Course will host a 1 Day member/member and member/guest this year so be on the lookout for more information on these events.

Happy New Year to all members and we hope to see you all on the course real soon

GRASS CLIPPINGS EDISTO CURT SHEFFER – Course Superintendent

As we transition into winter from fall, I would like to send out a friendly reminder cart traffic. As days get shorter, and the temperatures continue to drop it becomes more important to control cart traffic and to fix ball marks. The growth of grass slows down or stops then so does its recovery. Our new GPS system in the golf carts is going to be able to help us out a ton with controlling cart traffic. At the same time, it is still important to keep tires on the cart path around greens and tees as much

as possible. Also, the black posts will be moved around more and more as we transition into winter. Please help us control traffic by following the entrance and exits posts.

We ask everyone to do their part in keeping our golf course beautiful no matter what the season. Following signs and posts for keeping the golf course looking great year around. Thanks for reading and I hope everyone has a nice holiday!



REAL ESTATE CORNER DAN LORENTZ

As the holiday season draws near, the Greater Charleston Properties Team wishes you a happy and healthy season with friends and family!

It is still a great time to sell your home and the market is still very hot as we reach the end of 2021! Inventory rates are still low and seem to be hovering consistently around the same numbers. This means you can sell your home quickly and at a record price! Interest rates are still very low, and it is a great time to get an unbeatable rate if you are thinking about buying your next home. If you have any questions about the current market, or are interested in taking the next steps in buying or selling your home, please do not hesitate to reach out to us with any questions! We would love to meet with you in our on-site office anytime.

ATTENTION STONO FERRY RESIDENTS:

- Stop by our office in the clubhouse and meet the Greater Charleston Properties Team! We have a team member on site every Tuesday-Sunday from 10 am-4pm who are ready to assist you in any way you need. Be sure to register on our iPad with your information when you come to visit us so we can keep in touch!
- 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:

- There are currently 2 active homes for sale, and 4 homes that are active contingent.
- There have been 31 homes to close in the last 6 months, the average sale price is \$573,133, and the average time on market is 19 days.

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



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FROM THE DESK OF THE HEAD PROFESSIONAL SCOTT GLAZE

As 2021 winds to a close, we approach one of my favorite seasons at Stono Ferry: fall. This season is the perfect time for family, fellowship, football, and most importantly, golf! 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 November 30th, 2021. 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! 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 scheduled to coincide with our Member Holiday Social on December 4th, 2021. Attendees for the Social will have first, exclusive access to our sale! Non-attendees will have access to the Holiday Sale on December 5th. Our staff is dedicated to providing a second-to-none shopping experience. Don't miss out on the Wheel-of-Deals and some great new products in the Golf Shop. Please stay tuned for announcements.

As always, it is our pleasure to serve you here at Stono Ferry. Please let me or my staff know of any way in which we can enhance your membership experience.

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

Scott





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