

THE 19TH HOLE

FOR THE MEMBERS OF STONO FERRY & THE PLANTATION COURSE



FROM THE DESK OF THE GENERAL MANAGER GREG WOOD

Periodically the South Carolina Golf Association and the USGA inquire about hosting tournaments at Stono Ferry. It is always a thrill when the course is a host site for these events. The last event hosted was the South Carolina Junior Championship in 2016. Trent Phillips won the event, and is now on the golf team at The University of Georgia. His name comes up in conversation as a future PGA tour player. Stono Ferry hosted a US Junior Qualifier Monday June 27. The US Junior is one of the most prestigious events in junior golf. Past winners include Johnny Miller, David Duval, Jordan Spieth, Scottie Scheffler, Will Zalatoris, and Tiger Woods. Many of the players commented on the great playing conditions. They also mentioned how challenging and intimidating the course was. I hope everyone follows the progress of these juniors as they continue their competitive golf journey.

The qualifiers will advance to the 74th U.S. Junior Amateur at Bandon Dunes Golf Resort, in Bandon, Oregon from July 25-30, 2022.



Ryan Jahr of Ocean Isle Beach, N.C., **Sam McMillan** of Mount Pleasant, S.C., and **Jack Seward** of Florence, S.C. shared medalist honors with rounds of three-under-par 69. **Jay Wilkins** of Simpsonville, S.C. claimed the fourth qualifying spot with a round of two-under-par 70. Five golfers shot rounds of one-under-par 71 and headed to a playoff to determine the final qualifying position and the alternate positions. **Charles Cauthen** of Columbia, S.C. won the final qualifying position. **Teddy Dunn** of Blythewood, S.C. will be the first alternate and **Dallas Johnson** of Mount Pleasant, S.C. will be the second alternate.

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GOLF INSTRUCTION BEN SLOAN

4 KEYS TO BETTER FINESSE WEDGE SHOTS

The average PGA Tour Player hits 11.67 GIR's (Greens in Regulation) per round, with the leader in that statistical category hitting on average 13.02 GIR's per round. However, the scoring average on the PGA Tour is 71.12, which means Tour player's have to be able to scramble very successfully in order to shoot the scores they shoot.

This leads me into the 4 things Tour players do that you don't around the greens. Before we get into the tips, what you commonly refer to as chip and pitch, I prefer lump them into one term, Finesse Wedges. Apply these 4 things below and you should be hitting crisp finesse wedge shots that have a little more bite to them!

1. Narrow up your stance width. We only need our heels about 5-6 inches apart, with your lead foot flared slightly towards the target.
2. STOP Leaning the shaft so far forward at address. This just takes loft off of the wedge which reduces spin. It also makes the leading edge dig in and gives you even less room for error through the hitting zone. INSTEAD, set up with the shaft straight up and down.

3. Ball position should be in the center of your stance for a stock finesse wedge shot.

4. Lastly, is the motion of the swing. Most people with a poor short game fail to use their body to pivot through the shorter shots. Contrary to popular belief, every PGA Tour Player's head moves up and rotates towards the target on a finesse wedge shot. Keeping your head static and "down" is a death move. In order to get the feeling for how your body should pivot through a shot. I want you to grab a golf ball and hold it in your trail hand, then get into your golf posture using the set up keys mentioned above. Now, swing your trail arm back to waist high then pivot your body through tossing the ball to the target. Do this a few times and it should give you the feeling for how your body should pivot through the shot. Once you get the feeling down, put a club back in your hand and try to replicate the feel of the motion!



GRASS CLIPPINGS STONO FERRY

The maintenance staff has been hard of work the past several weeks preparing the golf course for the upcoming summer season. Over the last several weeks, our focus has been primarily on sodding and re-establishing the course's weak areas, and redoing and reshaping the tee boxes on 5,9,13 & 17. This process will continue through the middle of June. Also, a fertilizer application for the whole golf course will take place at the beginning of the month. Here comes the rough!!!

In June and July, we accomplish cultural practices such as aerification and topdressing. This program not only alleviates compaction and improves water infiltration, but allows benefi-

MICHAEL EARGLE – Course Superintendent

cial nutrients and oxygen to reach the root zone. It also allows the roots to attain a massive structure, which will withstand the summer heat and numerous rounds of golf.

Continuing forward, the maintenance staff will be working on getting the golf course detailed out. This includes freshening up the mulch beds, edging bunkers etc... We appreciate your understanding and patience as we work to improve course conditioning to create the optimal play for the summer months.

May your drives be straight and your putts shorts!

Michael

DATE TO REMEMBER: July 12-14 core aerification greens

THE PLANTATION COURSE AT EDISTO UPDATE HEATHER HENDERSON

The busy season at Edisto is here and among all the beach-goers are a lot more golfers, so you can expect much busier days and slightly slower rounds at The Plantation Course. The course is in great shape and we are receiving many compliments from members and visitors.

The Pro Shop has new items arriving daily. You can find golf shirts and accessories, several great new designs in hats along with beach bags and straw hats! We also have some great new gift items from Toadfish and several other companies!

A new shipment of JoFit shorts and skorts just arrived for ladies and a new Footjoy order should be here

any day. We also have a new shipment of Scales Performance Sun Protection long sleeve t-shirts.

The Pro Shop has recently added an assortment of craft beer choices including many local options. Stop by and grab a local beer before or after your round. We hope to see you all at Edisto this summer!



GRASS CLIPPINGS EDISTO ZACH RISH – Course Superintendent

One thing all golfers share in common is they all hate the same two words. “Aerified greens.” The month of June signifies the first go around of aerification to The Plantation Course. This years June aerification days could not have gone any better for the staff and I. From dry weather to rain when we needed it; everything seemed to fall right into place.

To start things off we removed a layer of thatch by verticutting the greens. Once that process was over, we went on to punching the greens with 5/8 th inch tines. Once we had holes in the greens it was time to start dumping sand and filling up these open holes. During the process of filling the holes the staff and

I used 20 tons of sand to complete this process.

It took a few weeks for the holes to fill in and the greens to get back to normal, but the staff and I are very proud of the outcome of this Junes aerification here at The Plantation Course at Edisto. Thanks for being patient and allowing us to get this key process done. Have a great rest of your summer and we will see you soon!

Thanks!

Zach Rish



REAL ESTATE CORNER DAN LORENTZ



Hello Stono Ferry members,

Summertime is here! As the weather warms up outside, so does the housing market! Dan Lorentz and The Greater Charleston Properties Team want to keep you updated on changes in the Real Estate Market for the upcoming summer season. Please stop by and visit us at any time at our office in the Stono Ferry Clubhouse. We have an agent on site daily to greet you and answer any real estate related questions you may have for us!

Inventory is still historically low, but it is beginning to climb. This is great news for both buyers and sellers. This means that buyers have more options to choose from and may not have to be in extremely competitive situations when putting in an offer. Since inventory is still very low, it is still a great time to sell your home as well! If you have been thinking about selling, the time is now! 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 in the Clubhouse anytime, so feel free to drop in and see us! You can contact me via cell phone **843-532-4653** or email **dan@danlorentz.com**.

ATTENTION STONO FERRY RESIDENTS:

If you live in Stono, we still have several buyers very interested in joining the Stono Ferry Community ASAP. If you have considered selling your home please contact me today!

QUICK STONO FERRY MARKET STATS:

- There are currently 3 active homes for sale, and 3 homes that are active contingent.

There have been 13 homes to close in the last 6 months, the average sale price per square foot is now up to 255\$SF on average (the range does vary based on older homes, newer homes and waterfront) the low is 180\$SF and the high is 435\$SF, and the average time on market is 11 days.

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

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FROM THE DESK OF THE HEAD PROFESSIONAL SCOTT GLAZE

What a start to 2022! The club has continued to thrive in the new year, with the addition of many wonderful new members, and the completion of many exciting annual events. I want to thank our fantastic membership for your support of the club and your participation in all club events. In 2022, Stono Ferry continued to experience record turnouts for the Men's and Women's President's Cups as well as the Men's and Women's Member-Guest Tournaments. Our entire staff is thrilled with the health and vibrance of our club, and none of it could be possible without you, our members. Thank you!

Due to the demand and popularity of our member events, I wanted to point out some important dates to keep in mind as we approach the continued summer and fall months. It's never too early to circle these dates on your calendar. Don't miss out on your opportunity to participate in some of the events that make the Stono Ferry membership experience the best in the lowcountry.

Amateur on June 27. This is the only qualifier for this prestigious national event held in the state of South Carolina in 2022. All qualifiers will proceed to the USGA Junior Amateur at the Bandon Dunes Resort, July 25-30. Past Champions include Tiger Woods, Jordan Spieth, Scottie Scheffler, and Will Zalatoris. Stono Ferry members Ryan Bozard and Simon DiMaggio will be competing amongst the best junior golfers in the Southeast, as they vie to earn a spot in the coveted field in late July. I strongly suggest that if you're able, to come out and welcome these young men to our club, and experience some of the game's next stars tackle Stono Ferry.

As always, my staff and I thoroughly enjoy bringing you the best club membership experience possible. We hope you and yours are staying safe and healthy, and enjoying our beautiful golf course during the summer months. Please do not hesitate to let us know how to serve you better.

Keep it in the short grass,

Scott

Member's BBQ Summer Social	June 17
Member Social featuring the Harbour Club Culinary Team.....	July 23
Member Social featuring the Harbour Club Culinary Team.....	August 20
Club Championship	September 10-11
Member Fall Social.....	September 17
MGA One-Day Member-Member	October Date TBD
Oyster Roast on the Stono River	October 15
MGA Member-Member.....	November 5-7
Burgers & Brews.....	November 10
WGA Member-Member	November 11-13
Gifts for Golf	November 29
Member Holiday Party at the Harbour Club.....	December 3

2022 MAJOR TOURNAMENT & EVENT SCHEDULE

July 12-14	Core Aerification
September 10-11	The Links at Stono Ferry Club Championship
November 4-6	MGA/WGA Member-Member
November 18-19	MGA One-Day Member-Guest @ Edisto
November 29	Gifts for Golf Tournament
December 3	WGA Closing Day
TBD.....	MGA Year End Meeting



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