

# THE 19TH HOLE

FOR THE MEMBERS OF STONO FERRY & THE PLANTATION COURSE



## FROM THE DESK OF THE GENERAL MANAGER GREG WOOD

It is that time of year where football, oyster roasts and gathering of friends coincide with great weather. It is also a time for beautiful sunsets while playing along the Intracoastal waterway. The beauty seen while playing golf in the fall in the low country is something I look forward to every year. Speaking of oyster roasts, Stono Ferry has one planned for the evening of October 15. Be on the lookout for the email invitation. Do not wait to sign up, because the sign up for the event fills up quickly.

It is also a time when we crown our club champions. This October 8 and 9 will be the dates for the event. Please be certain to sign up if there is interest in playing. The Championship is one of the premier events of the year, and it is very exciting to see who is the champion from each division.

The Plantation Course is hosting a College of Charleston Women's Golf Tournament October 9-11. There are thirteen other teams participating this year. If you have a chance to go and watch please do you will not be disappointed.

Last but not least is news involving personnel changes. Madison Foster, Food and Beverage Manager at Stono Ferry, is leaving us to take on a new position in her family's furniture business. Madison has been with Stono Ferry for two years. She has been a very important part of the success at the course, and she will be greatly missed. Her replacement is

Victoria Balyashnikova. Many of you already know Victoria, and I am very confident she will be excellent in her new position. Madison's last day of work will be Sunday October 2. If you have a chance please thank Madison for her efforts and congratulate Victoria on her new position.



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## GRASS CLIPPINGS STONO FERRY

During the months of September and October, the maintenance staff will be preparing the golf course for winter play. As September rolls along and fall approaches, you might notice the higher maintained turf in the rough. As a winter precaution, the grass is allowed some extra length to provide a heavier, denser mat over the soil. This situation serves several purposes: a dense turf stand reduces the invasion of winter weeds, Secondly, insulates the soil and moderate temperature extremes, and withstands golf cart traffic further into the winter. Also, to help with winter weeds and to establish all contours, a pre-emergent will be applied around tees, fairways, and greens. In October, the tees and fairways will be overseeded with rye grass. This is done to provide suggested landing ar-

## MICHAEL EARGLE – Course Superintendent


reas, desirable year-round color, and some protection to the permanent bermudagrass. Mowing of these areas will be delayed until well established, usually two weeks after planting, and to ensure a successful winter crop, you will be asked to keep carts (including pull carts) on the path.

Looking ahead, the maintenance staff will continue to concentrate on keeping the course ready for play. I hope you take advantage of the nice fall days and enjoy your course as often as possible.





Michael

**DATES TO REMEMBER:** October 11th thru 13th, overseed tees and fairways

### *The Proper Way to Repair a Ball Mark*



- 1** Use a prolonged ball mark repair tool (preferably), knife, key or tee.
- 2** Insert at the edges of the mark—not the middle of the depression.
- 3** Bring the edges together with a gentle twisting motion, but don't lift the center. Try not to tear the grass.
- 4** Smooth the surface with a club or foot. You're done when it's a surface that you would putt over.

Source: Golf Course Superintendents Association of America

## THE PLANTATION COURSE AT EDISTO UPDATE HEATHER HENDERSON

Despite school starting back, the vacation rentals are continuing to be remarkably busy. We are continuing to see busy days and are expecting a great fall season at Edisto.

The **End of Summer SALE** is happening in the Pro Shop beginning September 9<sup>th</sup>. You will find many great deals on apparel, hats and gift items! Many new items for fall will also be arriving including a great assortment of hats and apparel! Also, 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.

The Plantation Villas are filling up fast for the fall, but we still have some weekday stays available for a discounted rate to

members. The villas are 4 bedrooms with 2 beds per room, so it is the perfect set up for a golf group of 8 – 16 to enjoy a staycation at Edisto.

### **IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**Edisto Invitational** – Women's College Tournament hosted by College of Charleston: **October 8-11**

**Edisto Member/Guest Tournament** – 1 Day: **November 19**



## GRASS CLIPPINGS EDISTO ZACH RISH – Course Superintendent

As summer winds down, we are gearing up for shorter days and cooler weather. In preparation of the change in seasons, there are steps that we take to build the health of the turf. Proper fertilization is beneficial to the plant as it stores nutrients and directs them to the roots to aid in the stress of cold weather. We apply a potassium product which improves overall root health and winter hardiness. Along with proper fertilization, mower height adjustments and shallower vertical mowing are also implemented.

A final process we utilize to prepare for winter is applying a preemergent. We apply a preemergent to the greens, tees, fairways and roughs prior to the onset of Poa Annua. Annual bluegrass begins to germinate when the soil temperatures drop below 70 degrees, therefore the timing of a preemergent application is crucial. A preemergent is best described in its name. It is a product that blocks a weed prior to emerging. There are many reasons Poa Annua is an undesirable grass at our golf course. Poa Annua can affect ball roll on greens, create awkward lies in fairways and roughs, and looks unsightly in contrast to the dormant paspalum. Poa Annua over time has

become a difficult weed to control with its various bio types and developed resistance to preemergents and postemergents, and to combat resistance, alternating different products with various modes of action is a must.

Thanks!

**Zach Rish**



## REAL ESTATE CORNER DAN LORENTZ

Hello Stono Ferry members,

We hope you are doing well! The Real Estate market is continuing to shift, and Dan Lorentz and The Greater Charleston Properties Team want to keep you updated on changes in the Real Estate Market for the upcoming fall season. We also wanted to remind all of the members to take notice of the amazing capital improvements that have taken place over the last couple years at the course. It looks amazing! As a reminder our real estate office is in partnership with the golf course and a portion of our commissions go directly to capital improvements on the golf course! 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! If we miss you, be sure to register on our iPad outside of the office so we can reach out! Both interest rates and inventory have been increasing in the Charleston market. While home values are not likely to go down, they will level off as buyers have to deal with the increased borrowing costs. Adjustable Rate Mortgages and interest rate buy downs are becoming popular again to help reduce the payments. Buyers and sellers should contact a mortgage advisor to discuss these topics and how it fits their financial plan. Along with the increase in rates, there has been a substantial increase in inventory. You are still in a great position to sell your home with the price increases over the last two years. If you have a property you have been considering selling, now is the time before inventory continues to rise! If you are thinking of buying, you have a lot more options to choose from and definitely have a bit more leverage. 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](mailto:dan@danlorentz.com). 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!

### 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!

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

I am thrilled that we are coming into one of my favorite seasons in the Lowcountry: fall. Between the cooling temperatures, changing foliage, football, and oyster roasts, comes many exciting and busy times at our club.

One of the most exciting things about the change in seasons is the change in merchandise that comes into the Golf Shop. Hot, humid summer days and summer clothing are on their way out and fresh, crisp fall weather and gear is on its way in. As you have been able to tell, most of your traditional golf "styles" have been revamped over the past several years with the boom we've seen in the sport and that's a great thing! Standard colored solids have made way for fun and festive patterns, and familiar crewneck sweaters have been shown the door by versatile hoodies and quarter-zips. We are proud to carry some of the best brands and cutting-edge style in the game of golf in our Shop, and hope you are able to find exactly what you're looking for during your next visit. Our current vendors in the soft goods department are Antigua, Callaway, Criquet, Foot-Joy, Harlestones, Johnnie-O, Lucky in Love, and Straight Down.

We're excited to announce new brands and items in the Golf Shop this fall as well. Keep your eyes peeled for new and exciting gear!

We are eagerly looking forward to a wonderful fall season together. Please remember to register for the upcoming Club Championship, Oyster Roast, and Member-Member tournaments. As always, my staff and I thoroughly enjoy bringing you the best club membership experience in the Lowcountry. We hope you and yours are enjoying this great time in the lowcountry, and our beautiful golf course. Please do not hesitate to let us know how to serve you better. 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**

## GOLF INSTRUCTION BEN SLOAN

The turf conditions around the Charleston area, with it being primarily a bermuda grass climate, can provide some challenging lies should you miss the fairway off of the tee. More than half the battle when playing a shot out of bermuda rough is correctly identifying the lie. Below I'm going to show you how to correctly identify a flyer lie out of the rough.

The first thing to being able to identify a flyer lie is having an understanding of what conditions cause the ball to jump. A flyer lie is caused by a thin/moderate amount of grass being trapped between the clubface and ball at impact resulting in a reduced amount of friction between the club and the ball. This results in the ball coming off with less spin which causes an increase in carry distance and more roll out when the ball hits the ground.



If you notice in the image above, not all clubs produce the same shot even out of the exact same lie. The 2iron will not cause the ball to jump like a 5iron because there is less loft on the club resulting in the clubface being flatter and less grass getting trapped between the clubface and the ball.

The two situations in which a ball in the rough won't jump off the clubface. If the grass is into the grain (growing back towards you away from the target) and two if the ball is not sitting completely on the ground. When the ball is on a fluffy lie it typically will come out a bit shorter than normal due to the impact location being a groove or two higher on the face than normal.

I know that the above is a lot of information. The best way to get better at judging the lie you have is to start guessing how you think the ball will come out and then make a mental note for the next time. Over time you'll find that it gets easier and easier to read the lie.

## 2022 MAJOR TOURNAMENT & EVENT SCHEDULE

October 8-9..... 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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