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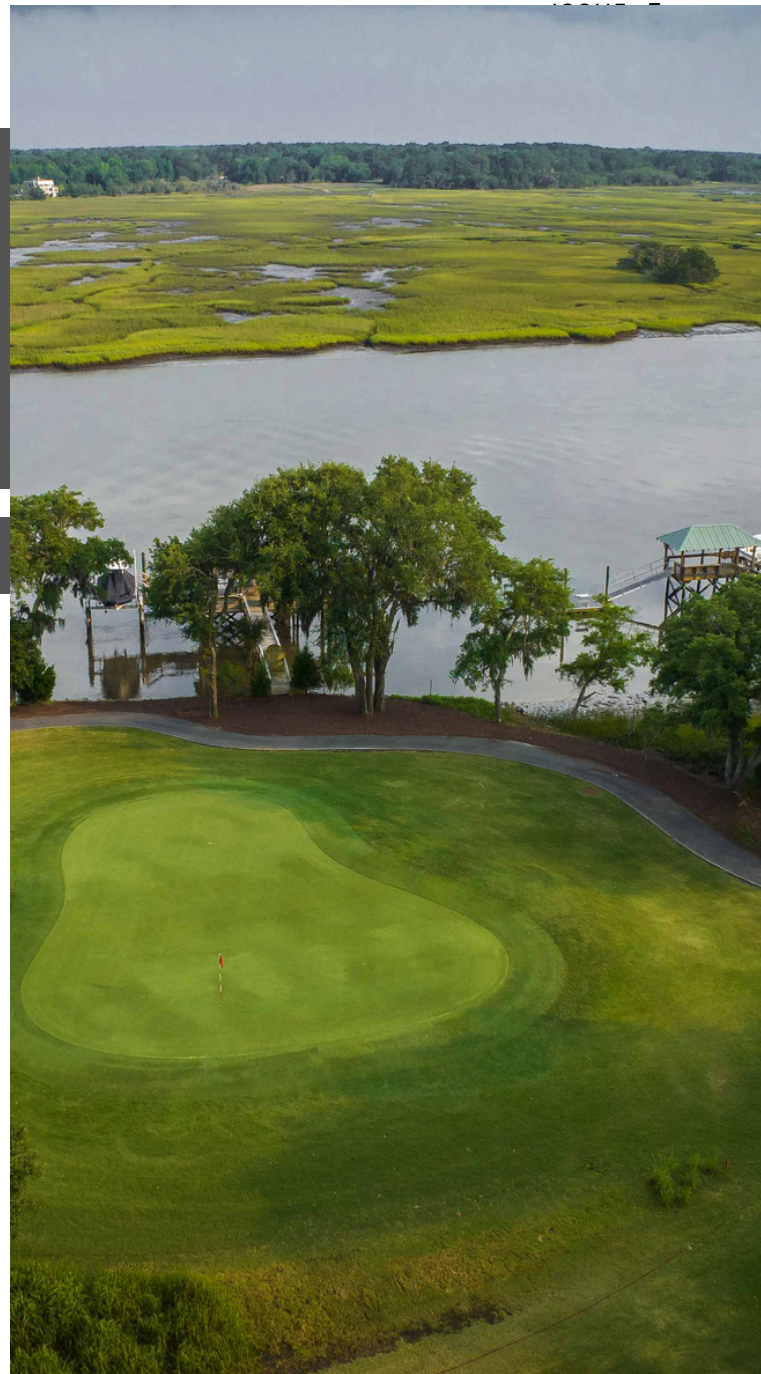
STONO FERRY • THE PLANTATION COURSE • TOT HILL FARM

GENERAL MANAGER **STONO FERRY**

## GREG WOOD

2025 was a terrific year for the membership! There was consistent growth in the number of new members, and there was a great increase in the amount of participation in member events. Many thanks to the hard work done by the boards of both the Women's and Men's Golf Associations. The club's course conditions continue to thrive as improvements are being made through repairs, capital improvements and improved agronomic practices by our golf course superintendents and their staffs. The growth and improvements to the club are only possible with the support and commitment of the membership.

The **Employee Holiday Fund** has been a tradition at The Links at Stono Ferry for many years. It provides an opportunity for the membership to express its appreciation to the pro shop, food and beverage, outside services, and the golf course maintenance staff. The employees greatly appreciate the Holiday Fund, and it is also a great vehicle for members who want to show their appreciation for a job well done. In an effort to streamline the Employee Holiday Fund, a \$60 charge will be added to each Stono Ferry member's account on November 30th. If you



decide to adjust the amount given or if you decide to not donate, please email [pskirpstas@stonoferrygolf.com](mailto:pskirpstas@stonoferrygolf.com) and let Peter know what to do. Please know the Employee Holiday Fund is a voluntary gesture.

Thank you very much for being a member of the Club, and I want to wish you and your family a joyful holiday season.

DIRECTOR OF INSTRUCTION **STONO FERRY****ANDREW EMERY****Golf Tip from Your Director of Instruction**

I've had the privilege of coaching players at world-class events like The Masters, The Players Championship, and The Solheim Cup. While we may not be playing on those stages, there's one powerful habit these top players share: they always keep the "main thing the main thing."

What does that mean? It's simple yet challenging. For every shot—whether it's a drive or a short putt—they focus on three essentials: **Intention, Commitment, Acceptance**. Set a clear intention for each shot, commit fully to that plan, and then accept the outcome, whatever it may be. This helps them stay focused on the process rather than being distracted by results.

Try this approach yourself. By focusing on what you can control, you'll find the game more enjoyable, less stressful, and maybe even see your performance improve. Trust the process, let go of what you can't control, and watch your game—and your enjoyment—grow.

Check out my YouTube channel, **@andrewemerygolf**, for more tips and insights, and if you're ready to take your game to the next level, I'm here for coaching at The Links at Stono Ferry. Let's keep building your best game - see you on the links!

Andrew

## GRASS CLIPPINGS STONO FERRY

### MICHAEL EARGLE

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 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. Managing 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!



## PRO SHOP UPDATE **STONO FERRY**

### **PETER SKIRPSTAS**

Hello Everyone!

As Christmas approaches, I hope you are all enjoying the beautiful fall weather!

Keep an eye out for our **Annual Christmas Sale** — it is just around the corner!

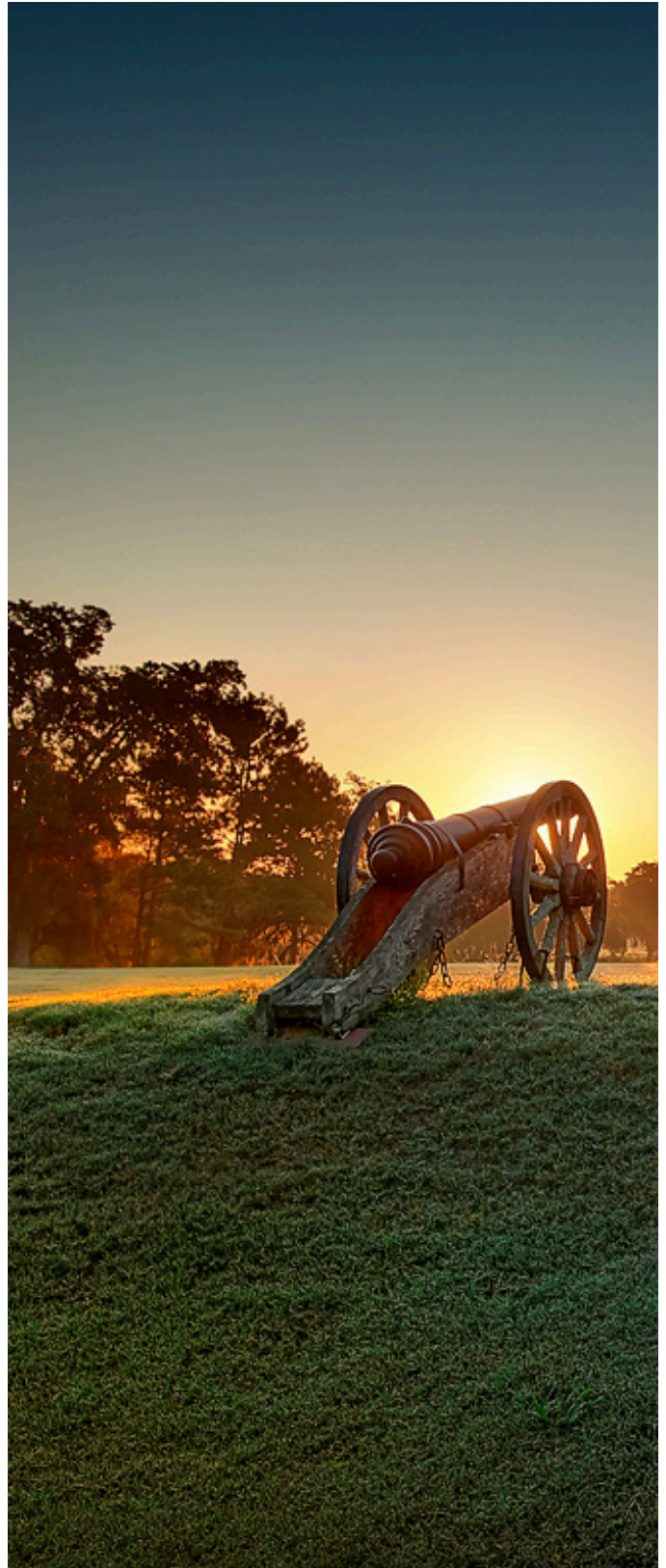
Looking back on this past year, we have had a fantastic series of tournaments, and we are excited to enhance the experience for our members in 2025. It is hard to believe we are already talking about next year!

Do not miss the **Gifts for Golfs Tournament** on **December 2nd**—we are aiming for record attendance this year! Sign-ups will open on **November 18th at 12 PM**. Please remember that you must have a team of 4 players and pay your entry fee at the time of registration to secure your spot.

In big news, we are transitioning to a new tournament software program called **Unknown Golfer**. This will streamline our blitz groups, tournaments, and social signups. If you have a blitz scheduled for 2024, please arrange a meeting with me before the end of November so we can onboard you and secure your blitz groups for 2025.

As we look ahead to 2025, I would love your feedback on how we can improve your experience at Stono Ferry. It is important to me that my team meets and exceeds your expectations, whether you are out on the course or enjoying time at the club.

Thank you, and I look forward to seeing you all soon!



## FOOD AND BEVERAGE STONO FERRY

### Upcoming Events: Mark Your Calendars!

We have some exciting events lined up this month and next, and we can't wait to share them with you. Be sure to join us for these special gatherings—whether you're a golf lover, foodie, or looking for some great deals, there's something for everyone!

### WGA Closing Day – November 16

The season may be winding down, but the Women's Golf Association (WGA) is finishing strong with their Closing Day event on November 16. It's been a fantastic year of golf for the ladies, and this event promises to be a wonderful conclusion to the season, with awards, recognition, and some lighthearted competition on the course. We celebrate the achievements of all our WGA members and look forward to a great day!

### Burgers & Brews – November 21

**5:00 PM – 8:00 PM**

Craving a delicious burger paired with a cold craft brew? Our Burgers & Brews night is back! Enjoy juicy, handcrafted burgers made fresh to order, accompanied by a selection of local brews. Whether you're relaxing after a round of golf or catching up with friends, this event is sure to hit the spot. Bring your appetite and your friends—this is a great way to unwind and enjoy the flavors of the season!

### Gifts for Golf – December 3

Looking for the perfect holiday gift for the golfer in your life? Or perhaps a little something special for yourself? Join us for our Annual Gifts for Golf event on December 3! Whether you're searching for new golf gear, accessories, or a unique stocking stuffer, our Pro Shop has something for everyone. Be sure to stop by and check out the latest items for the upcoming season.

### Annual Pro Shop Sale – December 12

**4:00 PM – 8:00 PM**

It's that time of year again! Our Annual Pro Shop Sale will take place on December 12 from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM, featuring great discounts on a wide range of golf equipment, apparel, and accessories. Whether you're stocking up for next season or getting a head start on holiday shopping, this is the perfect opportunity to grab those items you've been eyeing all year! ***Bonus: While you're shopping, don't miss our Burgers & Brews event happening at the same time, from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Grab a burger and brew before or after you shop—it's the ultimate combo!***

### Save the Dates and Join Us for the Fun!

We can't wait to see you at these fantastic events. Stay tuned for more details as we approach each one, and as always, feel free to reach out with any questions or reservations. Let's make the rest of the season one to remember!

### Wishing You a Safe and Happy Holiday Season!

As we approach the holiday season, we want to take a moment to thank each and every one of you for your continued support throughout the year. Whether you've joined us for an event, dined with us, or simply stopped by to say hello, we're grateful for the wonderful community we have here.

We hope you enjoy a joyful, restful holiday season with loved ones. May the new year bring you health, happiness, and many more great memories on the course and around the table.

Stay safe, and we look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events!

### Regina Forehand

Director of Food & Beverage  
Links at Stono Ferry

## REAL ESTATE STONO FERRY

### DAN LORENTZ

As we transition into the cooler days of winter, we're here to keep you informed about the latest updates in the Stono Ferry market! Remember, our on-site office is located within the Stono Ferry Clubhouse, first door on the right. Feel free to stop by and say hello! If you miss us, no worries—you can leave your details on the iPad outside our office, and we'll follow up with you promptly.

Although interest rates are holding somewhat steady for now, future rate cuts have been announced, which could encourage buyers who are waiting for the right moment to enter the market. This makes it a promising time for sellers, with a wider range of opportunities for buyers and the potential for stronger negotiations.

Our team is committed to delivering top-tier service, and we're on-site seven days a week, ready to assist you with all your real estate needs. We provide full-service marketing for your property, including custom marketing flyers, in-clubhouse promotions, and featured listings across all Stono Ferry golf carts. Our comprehensive efforts ensure your property reaches a wide, targeted audience, including a pool of vetted buyers eager to join the Stono community.

Our Team leader **Dan Lorentz** was once again recognized as a **Realtor of Distinction** in 2023, placing him among the **top 1% in Charleston** for sales and production. We're on track to be the top-producing office in all of Charleston for 2024! We couldn't achieve this without the incredible support and referrals from our clients, especially in the Stono Ferry community—thank you!

For immediate assistance or tailored advice, feel free to contact **Dan** directly at **843-532-4653** or [dan@danlorentz.com](mailto:dan@danlorentz.com). If you're thinking of selling, now could be the perfect time to take the next step!

#### Dan Lorentz

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#### QUICK STONO FERRY MARKET STATS:

There are currently **4** active homes for sale, and **2** homes that are active contingent.

There have been **6** homes to close in the last **6** months, the average sale price for non waterfront homes is **\$323.81** per sq ft (includes the Reserve at Stono Ferry), and the average time on market is **61** days.



## PRO SHOP UPDATE PLANTATION COURSE



### HEATHER HENDERSON

The weather has been beautiful and Edisto continues to be busy, especially on the weekends. The Plantation Course hosted our **5th Edisto Island Invitational Women's College Tournament** October 13-15, 2024. We had 16 teams compete this year with beautiful weather for the event. **College of Charleston** took **1st place** with **Northern Arizona** coming in **2nd place** on their first time participating in the tournament. In the individual competition, Georgia State's **Pariya Sanpanawat** was our **1st Place** winner and Jacksonville's **Susana Olivares** and College of Charleston's **Emma Schimpf** tied for **2nd Place**. The tournament is scheduled to return in October of 2025. With donations from our local businesses and members of the community, we were able to provide a catered dinner for all players and coaches on Monday night. They all were very appreciative of the community's excitement and generosity!

In the Pro Shop, you will find lots of great **Sale** items along with many new items for fall and winter! 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. You will also find a nice selection of Clemson and South Carolina items from shirts and belts to jewelry and stadium cups with more on the way. Get your holiday shopping started now and check out the new lines including Rigwa hot/cold bowls and snack containers and cute picnic bags that will both make great gifts.

## GRASS CLIPPINGS PLANTATION COURSE

### JOE HILL

I would like to introduce myself to anyone that I have not already met. My name is Joe Hill, and I am very excited to be on the staff of The Plantation Course at Edisto. I'm 36 years old and have a wife Jilliane and two boys that are ages 11 (Ryne) and 7 (Cooper). We reside in Round O, South Carolina. I have been on the golf maintenance side of the business for almost 16 years. It started in Grand Rapids, Michigan as a crew member trying to find a job in my degree for business. I instantly fell in love with golf course maintenance, so I decided to go back to college for a Turf degree. My wife and I decided to move to Walterboro 14 years ago and I began working at Cherokee Plantation and stayed there for almost 13 years. That's a little bit about me and feel free to stop me on the golf course and introduce yourself.

So far, we have had a very good fall except for how dry it is. There was no measurable rain amount on the golf course for the entire month of October. In September, there were only 3 days of rain equaling 1.9 inches, so it is very dry out there. Many of y'all have seen us out there watering or working on irrigation. Over the next few months, we will continue working on the irrigation system to get it working flawlessly by spring. Also, we will be concentrating on little details this winter such as trimming trees and landscaping around the course. We will also be transplanting some grasses around some bunkers under trees.

Again, I am excited to be here and to continue making the golf course a great place to play. Hope to see you around the course.

Thank you,  
Joe Hill

