



# THE 19TH HOLE

STONO FERRY • THE PLANTATION COURSE • TOT HILL FARM

GENERAL MANAGER **STONO FERRY**

## GREG WOOD

As we embrace the spring season across our three beautiful properties, I'm excited to share the numerous activities and improvements taking place at Stono Ferry, The Plantation Course at Edisto, and Tot Hill Farm.

### **COURSE PREPARATIONS UNDERWAY**

Our maintenance teams at both Stono Ferry and The Plantation Course are hard at work preparing for the peak golf season. Michael Eargle and his team are focusing on cart path repairs, applying spring fertilizers and pre-emergents, and adjusting grass heights to encourage bermudagrass growth as it breaks dormancy. At Edisto, Joe Hill's crew is performing similar preparations, including verticutting and topdressing greens and tees. These efforts will ensure optimal playing conditions as temperatures rise.

### **GOLF INSTRUCTION AND EVENTS**

Andrew Emery, our Director of Instruction, reminds us that now is the perfect time to shake off winter rust and elevate your game. Individual and group lessons are available, and don't forget to check out Andrew's YouTube channel with over 200 instructional videos and 40,000 subscribers. You can also find upcoming golf tournaments in our calendar, including the WGA Stono Classic on March 8-9 and the MGA Presidents Cup Qualifier on April 12.



### **FOOD & BEVERAGE EXCITEMENT**

Regina Forehand has planned a fantastic lineup of events this spring. Mark your calendars for Burgers and Brews on March 13 and April 10, Masters Week celebration with pimento cheese and egg salad sandwiches from April 6-13, and a special Easter Egg Social on April 18. These events provide perfect opportunities to socialize with fellow members.

### **PRO SHOP UPDATES**

At Stono Ferry, Peter Skirpstas reminds members to check in 15 minutes before tee times and to subscribe to the Stono Ferry Golf Calendar for upcoming events. The Unknown Golf app is now being used for all tournament sign-ups. Meanwhile at Edisto, Heather Henderson shares that the Pro Shop has received upgrades with new floors, cabinets, and coolers, plus new spring merchandise is arriving daily.

### **REAL ESTATE TRENDS**

Dan Lorentz reports increasing real estate activity as the weather warms, with current inventory at Stono Ferry standing at 8 active homes for sale and 3 homes under contingent contracts. Interest rates remain steady with potential cuts expected later this year, making this spring an ideal time for both buyers and sellers.

See you on the links!

Greg Wood General Manager, Stono Ferry

## DIRECTOR OF INSTRUCTION STONO FERRY

### ANDREW EMERY

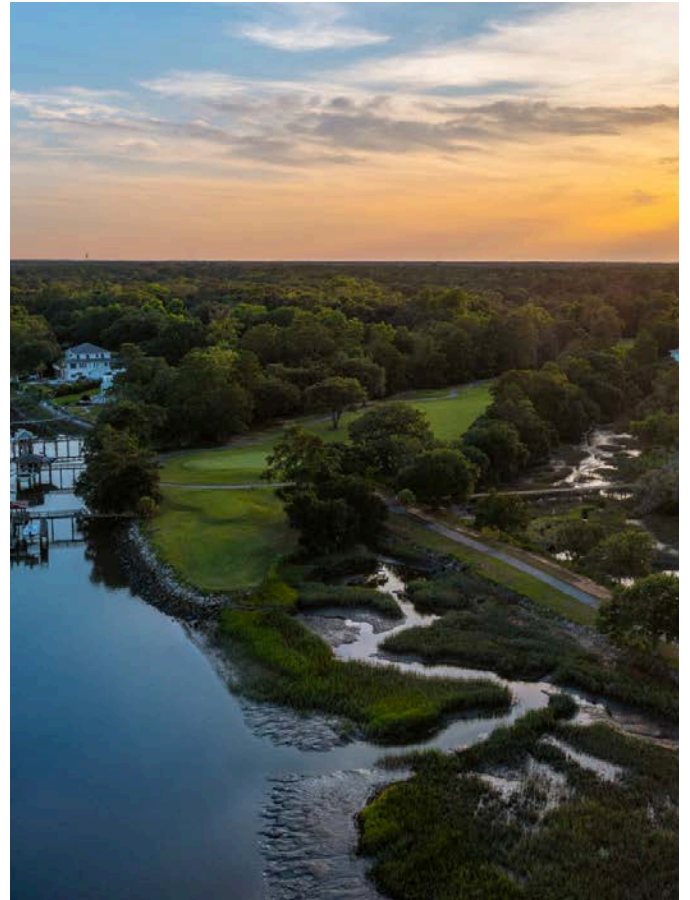
#### KICK OFF THE GOLF SEASON AT STONO FERRY!

The sun is shining, the fairways are calling, and it's time to shake off the winter rust - golf season is officially here at The Links at Stono Ferry! Whether you're aiming to hit more fairways, sharpen your short game, or finally eliminate that pesky slice, there's no better time to elevate your game.

Many of you find time to practice and hit balls, but what are you truly working on? Is it helping, or are you just reinforcing a poor swing pattern? Your golf game won't fix itself - but with the right guidance, real improvement happens. If you're ready to play better golf, we're here to help..

I also encourage you to check out my golf instruction YouTube channel!

<https://www.youtube.com/@andrewemerygolf>



I started it two years ago, I have 200 videos on my channel which has grown to over 40,000 subscribers with 4.5 million views! My goal is to help golfers increase their enjoyment of the game, no matter their level or age.

So as we kick off a new season, take a moment to think - what are you going to do to improve this year? Are you ready to break old habits, build a more reliable swing, and finally play the golf you know you're capable of? If so, let's get to work!

See you on the Links!  
Andrew


# GRASS CLIPPINGS STONO FERRY

## MICHAEL EARGLE

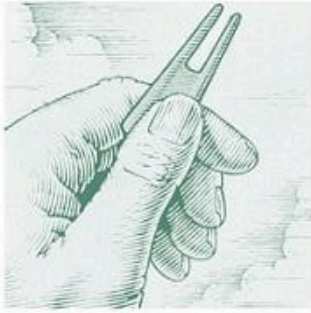
The holiday season has officially passed, so I hope everyone is staying with their resolutions! During the months of March and April we will continue to work on preparing the golf course for the upcoming golf season. This includes, repairing areas along the cart path, fertilizing with Spring pre-emergent, replenishing mulch beds, and focusing in on day-to-day golf course maintenance. Also, it is the time when heights of short grass areas start going down. On the overseeded areas (tees and fairways) this is done to allow more sunlight to get into the canopy which allows the bermudagrass to get going. On the non-overseeded areas (greens, collars, and approaches), we do this to start training the growth as it comes out of dormancy to allow for tighter lies.

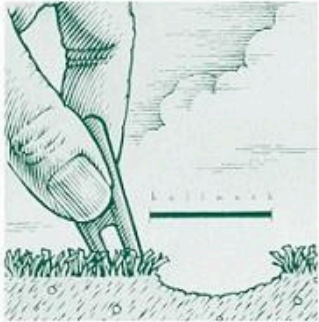
Spring also brings new flowers throughout. Trees begin to bud and the bermuda grass finally breaks dormancy. So, let us take advantage of the nice days ahead to enjoy a wonderful round of golf or to practice your swing at the driving range. Do not forget to repair those ball marks!!!

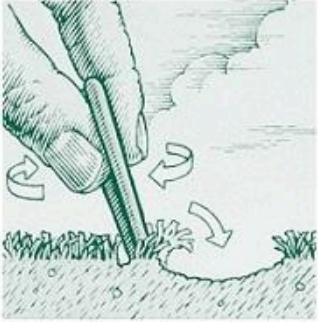
### *The Proper Way to Repair a Ball Mark*

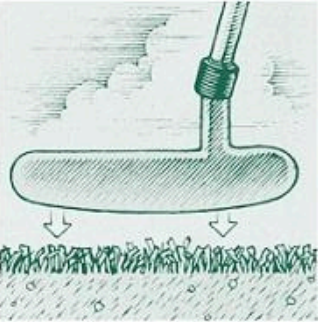


- 1** Use a prolonged ball mark repair tool (preferably), knife, key or tee.


- 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



## PRO SHOP UPDATE STONO FERRY

### PETER SKIRPSTAS

Despite the weather, we are off and running toward another fantastic year of golf! The tournament season is upon us, and we are excited to kick things off with the Women's Golf Association (WGA) having a very successful opening day, which leads us right into their first event of the year – the Stono Classic on March 8th and 9th. WGA President Kris Williams and the entire WGA Board are thrilled to share and grow the wonderful changes for this year's events. It is going to be a great season ahead!

The Men's Golf Association (MGA) is also gearing up for their first tournament of the year, which took place February 22-23 at Edisto. This year, we have combined the two individual events into one exciting 2-day Major event! With 80 players entered, it turned out to be a fantastic competition, despite some chilly weather. A big thank you to Harleston's Apparel Company for coming out and outfitting the gentlemen with some fantastic gear!



Be sure to stay tuned and subscribe to the Stono Ferry Golf Calendar for all the upcoming events, socials, and course closures. All the important dates have been added, and at the bottom of the calendar, there is a "subscribe" button that allows you to add these events directly to your digital calendar.

Make sure you also have access to the Unknown Golf app, as all our sign-ups for tournaments, socials, fitting days, and other events will now be handled through the app. We are excited to use this tool to improve our events and overall experience this year.

As we head into our busy season, we want to ensure you receive a consistent, top-notch experience every time you visit Stono. To help us do this, we kindly ask that you follow a few important protocols:

- Check in at the pro shop at least 15 minutes prior to your tee time.
- Putting a face to the name will help our staff better tailor your experience.
- Please double up on carts regardless of the day or time.
- If you're running late for a tee time, please call the shop. While we will always do our best to accommodate, as our tee sheet fills, it becomes more challenging to fit you in.
- When booking your tee time, please reserve for the number of players who will be playing. For example, if you consistently book a foursome but only two players show up, it can create challenges for others.

The Golf Staff is looking forward to a great spring season, and we cannot wait to spend time with you all out on the course!

## FOOD AND BEVERAGE STONO FERRY

### SPRING INTO FUN WITH FOOD AND BEVERAGE!

Happy Spring, everyone! We're kicking off this exciting season with a jam-packed lineup of events and activities you won't want to miss.

#### A Recap of a Great Time

First and foremost, our **Bourbon, Bubbles, and Bingo** night was a huge success! Everyone had a blast enjoying delicious food, fantastic cocktails, and a fun game of bingo. Stay tuned for more Bingo nights—details will be coming soon!

#### WGA Brunch and the Stono Classic

The Women's Golf Association (WGA) kicked off the golf season in style with a lovely brunch, and now we're gearing up for the **WGA Stono Classic** on **March 8th and 9th**. We have a special menu planned for this tournament. Mark your calendars ladies and get ready for a fantastic weekend.

#### Burgers and Brews

Our Burgers and Brews event is back! Join us on **March 13th from 5 to 8 pm** for an evening of great burgers, cold brews, and even better company. It's always a great time, and we can't wait to see you there!

#### Masters' Week Celebration

April means one thing – Masters' Week! From **April 6th to 13th**, we'll be celebrating one of the greatest weeks in golf with the iconic pimento cheese and egg salad sandwiches available all week long. Don't miss out on this tasty tribute to Augusta!

#### More Fun in April

We'll also be hosting another **Burgers and Brews** on **April 10th from 5 to 8 pm**, so plan on joining us for this monthly favorite. For the whole family, we're excited to announce our **Easter Egg Social on Friday, April 18th, from 5 to 8 pm**. It's going to be a fun-filled afternoon with activities and surprises for all ages. Details will be coming soon, so stay tuned!

With all these great events coming up, we're looking forward to a fantastic spring season and an even better golf season ahead. We can't wait to see you at these events and share all the fun!

Stay tuned for more updates and details on upcoming events.

Cheers to a great season of golf!

#### Regina Forehand

Director of Food & Beverage  
Links at Stono Ferry



## REAL ESTATE STONO FERRY

### DAN LORENTZ

News on Real Estate with Dan Lorentz. With warmer weather on the horizon, activity is picking up on the golf course and throughout the Stono Ferry neighborhood. Longer days and more comfortable temperatures are bringing more golfers through the clubhouse daily, making this a great time for prospective buyers to experience the community firsthand. If you're considering selling, the increased foot traffic and heightened buyer interest in the spring market create an ideal opportunity to start preparing your home.

Our on-site office, located inside the Stono Ferry Clubhouse (first door on the right), is open seven days a week. Whether you have questions about the market or just want to stop by and say hello, we're always happy to chat. If we're not available, you can leave your details on the iPad outside our office, and we'll reach out.

Interest rates remain steady, with potential cuts expected later this year. Buyers who have been on the fence may soon take action. Inventory in Stono Ferry is still relatively low, and demand is strong as we enter the busier spring season.

As a reminder, our team also specializes in the Edisto market and the surrounding areas. With Stono Ferry and Edisto being sister courses, we're proud to be your go-to experts for both communities. If you know anybody searching for a primary residence, vacation home, or investment property, we have the local expertise to help you navigate the unique opportunities Edisto has to offer, just as we do for Stono Ferry!

For immediate assistance or personalized advice, don't hesitate to contact Dan directly at **843-532-4653** or [dan@danlorentz.com](mailto:dan@danlorentz.com). If selling your property is part of your New Year's goals, we're here to help make it happen!

#### Dan Lorentz

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#### QUICK STONO FERRY MARKET STATS:

There are currently **8** active homes for sale, and **3** homes that are active contingent.

There have been **4** homes to close in the last **6** months, the average sale price for non waterfront homes is **\$272.58** per sq ft (includes the Reserve at Stono Ferry), and the average time on market is **82** days.

#### QUICK EDISTO ISLAND/BEACH MARKET STATS:

There have been **55** homes to close in the last **6** months, the average sale price is **\$511.49** per sq ft, and the average time on market is **59** days.

## PRO SHOP UPDATE PLANTATION COURSE

### HEATHER HENDERSON

We know everyone is looking forward to a great spring season and beautiful weather. Please remember Edisto is very busy beginning in March with Villa Packages and a lot of large golf groups. Please be sure to call for tee times and know the pace of play will not be like it has been in the off season.

The Pro Shop received some upgrades during the off season with new floors throughout and new cabinets and coolers in the snack bar area. Come out and see our new look and shop some great spring merchandise that is arriving daily!

In the Pro Shop, we have lots of great items on sale as well as new spring attire, hats and gift items. With beach days just around the corner, check out our BeachGOFF games as well as beach pillows and hats. We have also added some baby gifts and a small selection of children's shirts to our inventory for 2025.



### Please Remember:

- If you receive a new credit card, you must update the # with us at Edisto as well as Stono Ferry. Charges at each course are processed separately.
- No shows will be charged a cart fee, so be sure to cancel tee times if you cannot make it.
- Please double up in carts.
- If you bring a group of members, please give each player's name before arriving to help with check.

**We look forward to seeing everyone at Edisto this spring!**

### **Congratulations to the winners of the 2025 Edisto Member / Member - Guest**

**1st Place: Chris Dejoy and Jordan Fuller**

**2nd Place: Jeff Price and Robert McCully**

Thank you to all the participants of this 2 Day Event at Edisto and congratulations to all of the flight winners!

We look forward to the next event.



## GRASS CLIPPINGS PLANTATION COURSE



### JOE HILL

Spring is just around the corner!!! After a long and chilly winter, our maintenance staff is looking forward to warmer days ahead—and we hope you are too.

This spring, several key maintenance practices will be taking place to ensure the course is in top shape for the growing season. Over the next couple of months, you can expect some Cart Path Only days as we apply fertilizer and pre-emergent. March and April are crucial months for preparing the turf, so we'll also be lightly verticutting and topdressing greens, as well as topdressing tees to help them recover from winter play. As temperatures rise and conditions dry out, we will begin removing rope stakes around the course. Please continue using the black markers in the fairways for driving on and off.

With the return of warmer weather, the grass will start growing at a faster rate, requiring more frequent mowing. If you see a staff member mowing on a path, please allow them to finish the path and they will move out of your way. Safety is a top priority, and we want to ensure no one is put at risk of being hit by a golf ball.

We're also excited to share that you'll soon notice expansions in short grass and landing areas—stay tuned for these enhancements!

Finally, a big thank you to everyone who helped with sanding divots throughout the winter. Your efforts make a big difference in keeping the course in great shape! As always, we appreciate your continued support in repairing divots and ball marks.

Don't hesitate to stop by and say hello if you see us out on the course—we're looking forward to a fantastic spring season.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**JANUARY**

**16th** BURGERS AND BREWS  
**22nd** BOURBON BINGO AND BUBBLES

**FEBRUARY**

**8th** WGA OPENING DAY  
**9th** SUPER BOWL BLITZ  
**13th** VALENTINES DINNER  
**20th** BURGERS AND BREWS

**MARCH**

**8th - 9th** WGA STONO CLASSIC  
**13th** BURGERS AND BREWS

**APRIL**

**1st** WGA PRESIDENTS CUP MATCH PLAY  
**10th** BURGERS AND BREWS  
**12th** MGA PRESIDENTS CUP QUALIFIER  
**18th** EASTER EGG HUNT SOCIAL

**MAY**

**2nd - 3rd** WGA MEMBER GUEST  
**8TH** BURGERS AND BREWS  
**16TH - 18TH** MGA MEMBER GUEST

**JUNE**

**12th** BURGERS AND BREWS  
**20 - 21st** STAMPEDE @ TOT HILL FARM  
**17th** CAROLINAS OPEN QUALIFIER  
**29th - 30th** CANNON PRO-AM @ STONO FERRY

**JULY**

**10TH** BURGERS AND BREWS  
**18TH** SUMMER SANDY SOCIAL SUMMER BBQ

**AUGUST**

**10th** BURGERS AND BREWS

**SEPTEMBER**

**11th** BURGERS AND BREWS  
**13th - 14th** CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

**OCTOBER**

**3rd** ANNUAL OYSTER ROAST  
**10th - 12th** WGA MEMBER MEMBER  
**14 - 16TH** OVERSEED  
**16th** BURGERS AND BREWS  
**24th - 26th** MGA MEMBER MEMBER

**NOVEMBER**

**8th** WGA CLOSING DAY  
**13th** BURGERS AND BREWS

**DECEMBER**

**2nd** GIFTS FOR GOLF  
**9th** STONO FERRY CHRISTMAS PARTY  
**11th** BURGERS AND BREWS  
**11th** HOLIDAY SALE