



THE 19TH HOLE

THE PLANTATION COURSE • STONO FERRY • TOT HILL FARM



Greg Wood

Director of Operations

Dear Members,

May and June are simply two of the best months of the year to play golf in the Lowcountry. The weather is warm, the days are long, and the courses are coming alive in the way only this region can produce. For those of us who love this game and these properties, it is hard not to feel good about where we are right now.

To our membership — thank you. Your loyalty and your enthusiasm for these clubs fuel everything we do. The engagement we see in our tournaments, on the course, and around the clubhouse is what makes these properties special, and we do not take that for granted.

A SEASON BUILT FOR MEMBER TOURNAMENTS

This stretch of the calendar is when our tournament schedule really comes to life. The WGA Member-Guest and the MGA Member-Guest are two of the premier events on our annual calendar, and our entire team is looking forward to delivering experiences worthy of both. These events belong to the membership, and we approach them that way.

STONO FERRY — THE COURSE AND WHAT WE ARE DOING

Michael Eargle and his staff have been working exceptionally hard to prepare Stono Ferry for the summer season, and it shows. The completion of our major irrigation project means the team now has the precision tools needed to manage water throughout the heat of summer — a significant upgrade that will benefit playing conditions for years to come.

The warmer temperatures arriving in May and June are also very good news for our Bermuda grass. Bermuda thrives in the heat, and as soil temperatures rise you will notice the turf responding with improved density, color, and playability. That is the natural rhythm of a Bermuda course in the Lowcountry, and this time of year it is working in our favor.

I also want to be candid with you about something the membership has noticed — poa annua grass on the greens and surrounds. It has been a persistent challenge, and I want you to know that we are fully aware of it and are actively addressing it. The poa annua population increased significantly following the January 2025 snowstorm and has been more prevalent than we would like ever since. We have applied both preemergent and post-emergent treatment programs to reduce the population, and we are being deliberate about using products that protect the overall health of the turf while targeting the poa. The good news is that the heat of summer naturally suppresses poa annua, and we expect the warmer months ahead to work in our favor. We will continue to use every responsible tool available to us.

In addition to the agronomic work, we are also moving forward with leveling additional tee boxes that need attention and sodding other areas around the course where improvements are needed. These are the kinds of investments that may not be immediately obvious but reflect our commitment to long-term quality across every part of the playing experience.

THE PLANTATION COURSE AT EDISTO — A JOB WELL DONE

Joe Hill and his team at Edisto have done a wonderful job preparing the course for summertime play. The Paspalum turf is in excellent condition heading into its peak season, and the daily effort Joe and his crew bring to the property is reflected in what members and their guests experience every time they play.

The two new bridges installed on holes 6 and 10 look great and represent another meaningful step forward for the property. These bridges are part of a longer term plan to replace all of the bridges at Edisto, and with each phase completed the course becomes safer, more polished, and more reflective of the standard we hold for it. We are proud of how the course looks right now and grateful for the team that makes it possible.

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Director of Operations

TOT HILL FARM — GROWING, IMPROVING, AND A SPECIAL EVENT AHEAD

Tot Hill Farm continues to grow in popularity with the golfing public, and the national attention the Mike Strantz design has earned continues to bring golfers from across the region and beyond. We were very fortunate to avoid significant damage from what was a very cold winter, and the team is looking forward to a warm summer that will continue to improve turf conditions across the course. The outlook ahead is a strong one.

Later this month, we will begin an important capital project at the Farmhouse — one of the most historically significant structures on the property. The Farmhouse dates to the 1840s, a period when insulation simply did not exist. As part of this project, the existing siding will be removed, plywood and insulation will be added, and the Farmhouse will receive new siding throughout. It is the kind of investment that honors the history of the property while ensuring its integrity for decades to come.

And then there is The Stampede.

We are very excited to announce that The Stampede will be contested August 28 and 29 at Tot Hill Farm, and it is going to be something special. Here is how it works:

The format is a 36-hole two-man net better ball event. On Friday, August 28, teams will begin with tee times starting at 8:00 am for the first 18 holes. That evening, beginning at 5:30 pm, teams will take on nine holes of the Reverse Routing — a reimagined way to experience Tot Hill that plays the course from a completely different perspective. It is genuinely a lot of fun, and an evening round at Tot Hill in late August is an experience you will not forget. The teams that win the Friday evening Reverse Routing round will earn automatic entry into the Saturday afternoon shootout.

On Saturday, August 29, players will tee off at 9:00 am in a shotgun start for the final 18 holes. Once the round is complete, lunch will be served, followed by the shootout to determine the 2026 Stampede champions.

The field is limited to 48 players. The entry fee is \$300 per player and includes a tee gift, two meals, and all golf. Members will be notified by email when registration opens.

This is going to be a memorable event. I hope you will be a part of it.

LOOKING FORWARD

We are in a genuinely good place heading into the heart of the season. The infrastructure investments are made, the teams are prepared, the tournaments are ahead of us, and the weather is cooperating. We are excited about the months ahead and grateful for the membership that makes all of it worthwhile.

Enjoy the season. We will see you on the course.

Sincerely,

Greg Wood, PGA

Director of Operations

Tot Hill Farm Golf Club

The Links at Stono Ferry

The Plantation Course at Edisto



Peter Skirpstas

Golf Operations Manager



Happy spring, everyone! We hope you've been enjoying the beautiful stretch of dry weather. While April showers traditionally bring May flowers, our Bermuda grass is already waking up—soon to be healthy, lush, and ready for the season. We're excited to see the strengths of our new irrigation system as temperatures rise in May, and we expect the course to green up and play beautifully. Kudos to Head of Agronomy Michael Eargle and his team for managing the temperamental conditions we've been facing.

WGA Season Updates

The WGA season is officially underway, kicking off with the always fun Alright, I Don't Know Classic. Congratulations to Georgiann Kralik and Victoria Callison, whose two-day score of 57 edged out the teams of Gay Glaze, Marion Currow, and Nancy Matz, Louisa Gooding by two shots.

The WGA Presidents Cup is in full swing with 21 players signed up. This year features a new double elimination format. Several great matches have already taken place. We're excited to see how this fresh approach plays out.

The Spring Fling wrapped up recently as the ladies traveled to Edisto for a Pinehurst format event. Huge congratulations to Nancy Matz and Trina Tuberville, who scorched the field with a 12 under performance, topping Casey Baker and Kristen Williams who played a great round finishing at 7 under par. Well played, ladies! And thank you to the Edisto staff and Assistant Professional Cameron Headden for hosting a fantastic event.

Peter Skirpstas (Cont.)

Golf Operations Manager

MGA Season Updates

The MGA season is also underway with the Presidents Cup Qualifier, where players battled some tough scoring conditions. The top 32 players will advance to match play.

In the qualifier, Chris DeJoy and Connor Burnham tied at net 1 under. Players will now be reranked by handicap and split into four pods, with the winners advancing to the Presidents Cup Final Four the day before the Club Championship in September.

InStudio Events

The annual Masters Blitz was held on Masters Sunday—a perfect way to end one of the best weeks in golf. We had 96 players team up in pairs, playing a front nine Pinehurst format and a back nine best ball. Both teams tied for first at an impressive net 8 under. Thank you to everyone who came out and supported such a fun event.

Congratulations to:

- Kip Parks & Matt Bell
- David Hendrickson & John Cosentini

Pace of Play Initiative

As we enter peak season, the course is consistently busy. To ensure a great experience for all players, our staff is placing a renewed emphasis on pace of play.

The USGA recommended pace is 4 hours and 15 minutes, and we've added reminders on holes 5 and 12. Your GPS will show your group's time; if you're outside the target, you'll have until hole 8 on the front or hole 15 on the back to get back in position.

If needed, our staff will ask groups to move into position. We respect every golfer who plays at Stono Ferry, and we want each round—whether with members or guests—to be enjoyable. Slow play remains one of the biggest concerns and we're committed to improving consistency and experience for everyone.

Looking Ahead

We have a fantastic stretch of events coming up over the next two months, and I hope to see everyone out on the course. As always, please reach out with any questions or recommendations—our staff's ears are always open.



Andrew Emery

Director of Instruction



The fix is simpler than most think. A more neutral trail hand grip (to the side) is often the answer, helping stabilize the face so the swing doesn't have to compensate. From there, let the club exit a little more left and allow the motion to organize naturally.

Remember, your golf ball is the best instructor in the world - listen to it. Fix the face, and let the body respond.

For more tips, visit my YouTube channel:
<https://www.youtube.com/@AndrewEmeryGolf>

Or, reach me directly at (773) 875-1922 to book a lesson.

FIX THE HOOK

If you struggle with a hook, the instinct is to fix your swing path - swing more to the right, slide your body, or try to hold the face off. It might work for a swing or two, but it never sticks. That's because the hook isn't really the problem - it's the reaction. When the club face gets too closed, your brain knows the ball is going left, so the swing starts adjusting to avoid it. You drop the club too far inside, get overly shallow, and often make the hook even worse.

Face controls direction, and the path reacts to the face. If the face is off, the swing will keep compensating. That's why slicers and hookers are just opposites - both reacting to a club face issue. In many cases, especially with stronger players and aging athletes, the trail hand gets too strong (underneath) and shuts the face down too quickly.



Michael Eargle

Golf Course Superintendent

Finally!! As I am sitting here writing this newsletter, I am listening to the sound of rain on the maintenance shed roof. Thank you for the much-needed relief. It has been almost two months since the course has received any measurable precipitation, and this amount of rain will at least put my mind at ease for the next 3-4 days. We are hopeful that there will not be another extended period of no rain as our irrigation water supply is very dependent upon Mother Nature.

During this time of year is when the perennial ryegrass overseed starts to die off and the bermudagrass comes out of dormancy. Under normal conditions, this process usually takes a couple of months once the soil reaches optimal growth temperatures. However, due to the lack of precipitation, the ryegrass checked out a bit earlier than the normal mid to late June window. As for the bermudagrass, a recent springtime fertilizer was applied to the entire golf course to assist in its awakening from dormancy.

In the months of May and June we accomplish cultural practices such as dryjecting and topdressing. This program not only alleviates compaction and improves water infiltration but allows beneficial 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. We appreciate your understanding and patience as we work to ensure a smooth transition.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

June 4: Dryjection



Regina Forehand

Director of Food and Beverage



Greetings from Food & Beverage! We have a lot happening over the next few months, and we're excited to share what's coming up at the clubhouse.

Burgers & Brews | May 14 & June 11 | 5:00–8:00 PM

Join us for one of our favorite traditions—Burgers & Brews! Stop by to enjoy a delicious burger and a cold beer—it's the perfect weather for grilling and relaxing with friends.

WGA Member-Guest Tournament | May 29–30

We have many special touches planned for the ladies, and our team is looking forward to keeping everyone fueled with great food and refreshing beverages throughout the event.

MGA Member-Guest Tournament | June 26–28

The men always have a blast, and we can't wait to serve up superb food and drinks throughout the event—it's always a great time!

Important Update

As many of you may have noticed in the news and at the grocery store, prices are rising and certain food items are becoming harder to source. Our suppliers have alerted us to potential shortages, particularly with some produce items.

Please know that we are working diligently to ensure we have everything you need. If certain items become unavailable, we appreciate your patience and understanding. Our team will always do our best to provide suitable alternatives and maintain the quality you expect.

We hope everyone is having a wonderful spring! Be sure to stop by the clubhouse to enjoy a great meal, grab a drink, or simply relax, we're here and ready to serve you.



Dan Lorentz

Realtor - Stono Ferry



As we move into the spring season with summer just around the corner, Stono Ferry is heating up—both on the course and across the community. With longer days, warmer weather, and peak golfing season approaching, we're already seeing buyer and seller activity picking up as we head into one of the busiest times of the year.

REMINDER: Our on-site office, located just inside the clubhouse (first door on the right), is open seven days a week. Whether you're curious about the market, considering selling, or simply stopping in while you're out enjoying the neighborhood, we're always here. If we happen to be out on a showing, feel free to leave your information on the iPad outside the door and we'll follow up as soon as we return.

Interest rates and inventory have remained relatively steady, creating a stable and balanced environment for both buyers and sellers. As activity ramps up, this is often when the best opportunities start to surface. Whether you're personally considering a move or know someone who may be interested in Stono Ferry, we're here to help. With a daily on-site presence and deep neighborhood expertise, we're a trusted local resource for understanding the market, the lifestyle, and what truly sets this community apart.

We also proudly serve Edisto, Stono Ferry's sister course community. Whether it's a primary residence, seasonal getaway, or investment opportunity, we offer the same trusted guidance and golf community expertise in both markets.

If you—or anyone you know—are considering a move this spring or planning ahead for summer or later in 2026, let's connect. Our experience and deep local knowledge of Stono Ferry & Edisto are here to work for you!

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

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QUICK STONO FERRY MARKET STATS:

There are currently **12** active homes for sale, and **0** homes that are active contingent. There have been **9** homes to close in the last 6 months, the average sale price for non waterfront homes is **\$329.95** per sq ft (includes the Reserve at Stono Ferry), and the average time on market is **108** days.

QUICK EDISTO ISLAND/BEACH MARKET STATS:

There are currently **48** active homes for sale, and **12** homes that are active contingent. There have been **41** homes to close in the last 6 months, the average sale price is **\$559.14** per sq ft, and the average time on market is **106** days.

Joe Hill

Golf Course Superintendent

We've officially made the turn into late spring and early summer, and the course here at The Plantation Course at Edisto is really starting to hit its stride. Warmer temperatures and longer days have the turf actively growing, and we're focused on maintaining consistent, high-quality playing conditions as we head into the busy season.

With the Paspalum fully active, you notice improved density, color, and recovery across the course. This is the time of year when the turf is at its healthiest, allowing us to fine-tune playing conditions and continue building toward peak summer.



Our team is in full routine mode, including: regular mowing to maintain smooth, consistent surfaces, light topdressing to keep greens true, fertility and plant health applications to support growth, and ongoing moisture management as temperatures rise. These efforts help us balance playability with long-term turf health.

As we get into June, we'll begin to see more heat and humidity, along with the chance for afternoon storms. We'll continue to manage irrigation carefully to avoid overly wet conditions while keeping the turf healthy through stress periods.

Early June, we will be performing our greens aerification. This is one of the most important cultural practices we do each year. Aerification

helps relieve soil compaction, improve air and water movement in the root zone, and promote stronger, healthier turf. We understand this process can be temporarily disruptive to putting surfaces, but recovery is typically quick this time of the year. Our goal is to have the greens back to smooth and consistent conditions as soon as possible.

Heading into summer, our focus will remain on plant health and consistency, especially as temperatures increase. With your continued support, we'll keep the course in great shape throughout the season.

Thank you for being part of our golf community, and we look forward to seeing you out on the course.

Heather Henderson

Pro Shop Manager

On April 18, 2026, we hosted the 8th Annual Chickenman Memorial Invitational Tournament in honor of Leland P. Vaughan, who passed away in 2016. Leland had a deep love for Edisto and the Plantation Course, where he spent many years helping restore both its reputation and quality. During his time here, he built countless friendships—something that is clearly reflected in the continued support this tournament receives each year.

It was a privilege to work alongside Leland, and it remains a privilege to honor his legacy through this event. The tournament was established to raise funds for a scholarship in Leland's name at Presbyterian College, where he played baseball. A portion of the proceeds supports this scholarship, while the remainder is donated to local Edisto charities, with recipients rotating each year. For the 2026 tournament, we are proud to support the Edisto Mission Team. Leland always believed strongly in the good work they do for the community, and several of our members are actively involved in volunteering with the organization.

The 2026 Tournament Winners were as follows:

1st Place: Rion Groomes, George Perkins, Leonard Fletcher and Wayne Racz (pictured below)



2nd Place: Jeff Price, Jeff Rockwell, JD Griffith and Jerrel Jernigan

3rd Place: Chris Shepherd, Matt Howe, Jody Kleckley and Chucky Bell





Golf Events

MARCH

14TH - 15TH WGA Stono Classic
15TH Stono Players Blitz
28TH MGA Presidents Cup Qualifier

APRIL

1ST WGA President's Cup
12TH Stono Master's Blitz
25TH WGA Spring Fling

MAY

17TH Stono PGA Championship Blitz
30TH WGA Member Guest

JUNE

1ST WGA President's Cup
12TH Stono Master's Blitz
25TH WGA Spring Fling

JULY

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12TH Stono Master's Blitz
25TH WGA Spring Fling

AUGUST

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28TH MGA Presidents Cup Qualifier

SEPTEMBER

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12TH Stono Master's Blitz
25TH WGA Spring Fling

OCTOBER

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30TH WGA Member Guest

NOVEMBER

1ST WGA President's Cup
12TH Stono Master's Blitz
25TH WGA Spring Fling

DECEMBER

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25TH WGA Spring Fling