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Greg Wood

Director of Operations

SKIRPSTAS CLUTCHES 75TH SOUTH CAROLINA OPEN TITLE

75th South Carolina Open | Grande Dunes Members Club | Myrtle Beach, SC | June 4, 2026

Myrtle Beach, SC - Sunny skies and ideal weather welcomed the 63 players who advanced through the second-round cut for Thursday's final round at Grande Dunes Member Club. With the championship on the line, the competition intensified, making round three an exciting spectacle for players and spectators alike.

Peter Skirpstas, PGA, of The Links at Stono Ferry, finished at 6-under par for the tournament to secure the 75th South Carolina Open. After building a comfortable early lead with opening rounds of 65 (-6) and 64 (-7), Skirpstas faced a challenging final-round 78 (+7), leaving him tied atop the leaderboard with Phillip Yribarren after 54 holes. The tie forced a sudden-death playoff, where Skirpstas carded a par on the first hole to claim the title by one stroke.

The recap of the tournament is courtesy of the Carolinas PGA. I want to congratulate Peter for a great win! **Stono Ferry is hosting a drop-in at the clubhouse on July 23rd from 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm** to celebrate with Peter. More information to come concerning sign up for the drop in. Burgers-n-Brews will follow from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on July 23!

Sincerely,

Greg Wood, PGA

Director of Operations

Tot Hill Farm Golf Club

The Links at Stono Ferry

The Plantation Course at Edisto



Peter Skirpstas

General Manager

The heat is officially upon us, though we've been fortunate this spring with clear skies and cool breezes. As temperatures rise, please remember to stay hydrated with plenty of water and electrolytes.

We have a full slate of events across all three properties, and we're excited to keep the momentum going through the heart of summer.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MGA Member-Guest — June 27-29

Best of luck to the 120 players competing, including defending champions **Larry Mitchell** and **Jeff Traylor**.

Stampede at Tot Hill Farm — Registration Opens June 29 at 10:00 AM

Limited to **32 teams**.

- First **19 entries**: first come, first served
- Final **5 entries**: awarded via lottery

Summer Sandy Social — July 17 at 4:00 PM

A fun, mid-summer break from the heat and competition.

- Unique hole locations
- Modified par-3 contest throughout the back nine
- Two-person teams
- Beach attire encouraged
- See Unknown Golf for details

MGA Edisto Member-Member / Member-Guest — August 8-9

Registration opens soon.

- Limited to the **first 50 teams**
- Tee gifts provided by **Johnnie-O**



Peter Skirpstas (Cont.)

General Manager

WGA MEMBER-GUEST RECAP

Submitted by Kris Williams, SFWGA President

The **2026 SFWGA Member-Guest** is officially in the books, and what an event it was. With a record 48 participants, the weekend delivered great golf, great camaraderie, and—thankfully—cooperative weather. Festivities kicked off Friday evening with a fantastic Cocktail Party featuring vendors offering pampering services and several raffle prizes, including rounds at Stono Ferry and Edisto. A special thank-you goes to our Platinum Sponsor, **Jennifer O'Brien**, and to our Food & Beverage team for exceptional service.

Saturday's golf began under cloudy but dry skies with a 9:00 AM shotgun start, followed by a delicious lunch in the Stono Grill. Congratulations to all our winners:

- **1st Place Low Gross:** Georgiann Kralik / Jennifer O'Brien
- **Flight 1**
 - 1st: Marion Currow / Laura Rawl
 - 2nd: Christine Murphy / Amanda Heyboer
- **Flight 2**
 - 1st: Pam Gillikin / Sharon Cooper
 - 2nd: Denise Duggan / Debbie Romano

Contest Winners

- Closest to the Pin #14 (Member): Nancy Dean
- Closest to the Pin #14 (Guest): Ginny Ravenel
- Closest to the Line #8 (Member): Gay Glaze
- Closest to the Line #8 (Guest): Debbie Romano

A Note on Pace of Play

Thank you to everyone for adapting so well to the new pace-of-play installations on Holes 5 and 12. The improvement has been tremendous, and guests consistently comment on how much more enjoyable their rounds have become.

Play well, stay cool, and enjoy the next two months.



Andrew Emery

Director of Instruction



SUMMER PRACTICE: LESS IS MORE!

With the longer days of summer, many golfers find themselves spending more time at the practice facility. While enthusiasm is a wonderful thing, more practice doesn't always lead to better golf - Especially with temperatures rising!

In fact, I'd argue that most golfers would improve faster by hitting fewer golf balls - with greater purpose.

If you have just 45 minutes to practice, here's how I'd spend it:

- **15 minutes putting** – Focus on distance control. Great putting isn't about making every putt; it's about eliminating three-putts.
- **15 minutes wedges** – Dial in your carry distances from 50 to 100 yards. These are the shots that can save multiple strokes every round.
- **15 minutes full swing** – Resist the temptation to rake ball after ball. Step back after each shot, pick a target, and go through your full routine as if you were on the course.

Finally, finish your session by playing the course on the range. Pick the first hole at Stono Ferry and imagine every shot - from the tee to the green. Then move on to the second hole, changing clubs and targets just as you would during an actual round. This simple exercise bridges the gap between practice and performance.

Remember, the goal isn't to become a better range golfer. It's to become a better golfer on the course. Practice with intention, not just repetition, and you'll be amazed how much more productive your time becomes.

Have a wonderful summer, and I look forward to seeing you around the club.

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

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



Michael Eargle

Golf Course Superintendent

I would like to start off by saying, happy summer everyone! Throughout the spring months, maintenance has received a lot of positive feedback regarding how the greens are currently playing, and for that we say thank you. Your feedback is, and will always be, very important to us. With that being said, I feel like it is the perfect time to aerify them!

Jokes aside, aerification is a very important step in maintaining and improving the overall health of the turf. 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 obtain a massive structure, which will withstand the summer heat and numerous rounds of golf.

AERIFICATION WILL BE TAKING PLACE FROM JULY 14 – JULY 16 AND THE COURSE WILL BE CLOSED.

As far as the normal day-to-day tasks are concerned, our focus will shift toward course detailing. Mainly those finishing touches that elevate playing conditions from good to great. This includes fine-tuning mowing heights, edging bunkers, trimming around irrigation heads and trees, and addressing any remaining areas of turf that need special attention. We're also keeping a close eye on water management, disease prevention, and daily mowing practices to maintain consistent playing conditions throughout the summer.

Thank you all again for your continued support as we know that maintenance may sometimes disrupt rounds. However, every step we take has a purpose and is done with long term enjoyability in mind.

May your drives be straight your putts short, and your rounds enjoyable all summer long!



Regina Forehand

Director of Food and Beverage



It's been a busy and exciting couple of months here at The Links at Stono Ferry! We recently wrapped up both the WGA and MGA Member-Guest events, and as always, these member tournaments brought great competition, camaraderie, and plenty of activity around the club. Member events are some of our favorite times of the year, and we appreciate everyone who participated and helped make them such a success.

Looking ahead, we have several exciting events planned over the next two months, highlighted by our annual **Summer Sandy Social Golf Tournament**.

Following the tournament, we will finish the event with a fantastic low-country feast. Brian from Dixieland Delights will be grilling a whole hog on-site, complete with all the traditional trimmings. We'll also be joined by a representative from Cannon Distillery, who will be serving samples of refreshing summer cocktails and sharing some creative seasonal drink ideas.

Last year's event was a tremendous success with a great turnout, and we're looking forward to another memorable evening filled with great food, drinks, and fellowship. We encourage everyone to sign up early and join us for one of the most anticipated events of the summer.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for our upcoming **Burgers N Brews** nights on **July 23rd** and **August 13th**, from **5:00 PM to 8:00 PM**. These evenings have become a favorite and are a great opportunity to enjoy delicious burgers, cold beverages, and good company at the clubhouse.

We are also introducing some new cocktails and expanding our beer selections throughout the summer. Be sure to ask your bartender about any specialty cocktails they may be mixing up or the latest beers we have on hand. There's always something new to try behind the bar.

All of us in the Food & Beverage Department wish you a happy, safe, and enjoyable summer. Whether you're stopping by for a quick snack after your round, an outstanding meal with family and friends, or simply a cocktail while catching up with fellow members, we look forward to welcoming you to the clubhouse.

Dan Lorentz

Realtor - Stono Ferry



As we move through the heart of summer, Stono Ferry is in full swing. From busy days on the golf course to neighbors enjoying everything our community has to offer, it's one of the best times of year to experience the Stono Ferry lifestyle. Summer has also brought continued activity to the real estate market, with buyers actively searching for homes in golf course communities like ours.

REMINDER: Our on-site Real Estate office, located just inside the clubhouse (first door on the right), is open seven days a week. Whether you're curious about the current market, considering buying or selling, or simply want to stop in and say hello, we're always happy to help. If we're out showing property, feel free to leave your information on the iPad outside our office and we'll get back to you as soon as we return.

The Charleston market has remained steady this summer, creating opportunities for both buyers and sellers. We continue to see strong interest in Stono Ferry thanks to its championship golf course, beautiful homes, convenient location, and welcoming community. Whether you're thinking about making a move yourself or know someone looking to call Stono Ferry home, our daily on-site presence and neighborhood expertise make us a trusted local resource.

We also proudly serve Edisto, Stono Ferry's sister golf community. Whether you're searching for a primary residence, vacation home, or investment property, we're here to provide knowledgeable guidance in both markets.

If you're considering a move later this year—or simply have questions about today's market—we'd love the opportunity to help. Our experience and local knowledge of both Stono Ferry and 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 **14** active homes for sale, and **3** 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 **\$333.36** per sq ft (includes the Reserve at Stono Ferry), and the average time on market is **98** days.

QUICK EDISTO ISLAND/BEACH MARKET STATS:

There are currently **42** active homes for sale, and **10** homes that are active contingent. There have been **42** homes to close in the last 6 months, the average sale price is **\$555.20** per sq ft, and the average time on market is **77** days.

Joe Hill

Golf Course Superintendent

Summer has arrived full force here at Edisto Beach, and we are in the heart of our busiest growing season. The combination of warm temperatures, humidity, and afternoon storms creates both opportunities and challenges as we work to provide the best playing conditions possible throughout the summer months.

During July and August, our turf is growing aggressively, which allows us to recover quickly from traffic and daily play. Our focus during this time is maintaining healthy turf while balancing firmness, playability, and overall course conditions.



Our team will continue with regular maintenance practices including consistent mowing programs, fertility and plant health applications, irrigation adjustments based on weather conditions, routine pest and disease monitoring, and detail work throughout the course.

Summer weather on Edisto can change quickly, with periods of heavy rain followed by hot, humid conditions. (We have not seen the rainfall this spring/summer yet). Managing moisture is one of our biggest priorities during this time of the year.

With increased summer play and warmer temperatures, protecting the turf from unnecessary stress is important. After significant rain events, we may have cart restrictions to help prevent damage and allow the turf to recover.

We appreciate everyone's cooperation and understanding as these decisions are made with the long-term health of the course in mind.

As we move toward late summer, our goal is to maintain consistent playing conditions while preparing the course for the transition into fall. The work done during these warmer months plays a major role in the overall health and quality of the course throughout the year.

Thank you for your continued support and for helping us take care of the golf course. We appreciate everyone who enjoys and respects the course, and we look forward to seeing you!

Heather Henderson

Pro Shop Manager

Summer is in full swing on Edisto, and that means plenty of sunshine, beachgoers, and golfers! With increased play and high temperatures, you may notice slightly longer rounds, so we appreciate your patience during this busy season. The course is in great shape, so when you see our maintenance staff out on the course, be sure to thank them for all their hard work.

The Pro Shop is fully stocked with great summer finds, and we're receiving new merchandise daily. Be sure to stop by and browse our latest collection of golf shirts, stylish accessories, and a variety of new hat designs featuring fresh brands and colors.

We also have a wonderful selection of gift items and greeting cards, along with a new shipment of straw beach hats and bags—perfect for summer days on Edisto.

Ladies, be sure to check out our newest addition: beautiful jewelry from local Edisto artisan Creek Tide Designs. These unique pieces make wonderful gifts or a special treat for yourself.

Save the Date

The Edisto Island Invitational Women's College Tournament is scheduled for October 18 – 20, 2026. It's a great opportunity to see top collegiate talent in action, and we'll share more details as the event approaches.

We look forward to seeing you out on the course soon!





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

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