THE 19TH HOLE

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Greg Wood

Director of Operations

Dear Members,

August finished with a bang at Tot Hill Farm, and I want to thank so many of you who came out to be part of it. We hosted **Barstool Sports** for a two-day qualifying tournament on August 20 and 21. Barstool Sports is a digital media and pop culture company focused on sports, comedy, and personality-driven content, and its golf division is very popular online. Two-man teams paid $2,000 per team for a chance to play 18 holes in hopes of qualifying for the national two-man event later this year, and I am pleased to report that ten teams from our event qualified..

The tournament came right on the heels of **Golfweek Magazine's 2026 Courses to Play** rankings, and this one is worth celebrating together: **Tot Hill Farm** is now ranked **7th in the state of North Carolina** and **69th nationally**. **GOLF Magazine** also recognized the course in 2024, ranking it **48th** on its list of courses to play. Every time I hear from a member or a guest discovering the beauty and design that Mike Strantz created here in Asheboro, I am reminded how fortunate we are to call this course home.

We also held the **Stampede** at Tot Hill during the last week of August, and it was wonderful to see 64 of you compete for the prestigious rodeo belt buckles. Congratulations to this year's champions, **Jack Ferguson** and his partner, **Evan Black**, who beat the other flight winners in a sudden-death playoff. Congratulations as well to our flight winners: **Justin Herrington** and **Justin Smoak** (First), **Jack Ferguson** and **Evan Black** (Second), **Ryan Thomas** and **Mike Kerrigan** (Third), and **Kevin Westervelt** and **Andy Brewer** (Fourth). Thank you all for the energy you brought to the event.

Looking ahead, I hope you will join us for a full slate of events this fall. Our **Club Championship** takes place at The Links at Stono Ferry on **September 19-20**. It is a great tournament, and it is also our most challenging one, offering a true test of individual excellence on a demanding course. The field is deep, and whether you are competing or coming out to watch, it promises to be an exciting weekend.

The **Edisto Invitational** follows at **The Plantation Course** at Edisto on **October 19-20**, hosted in partnership with the College of Charleston Women's Golf team. This event grows in stature every year, and I encourage you to come out and watch some outstanding golf on a beautiful course.

Finally, one of my favorite events of the year, the **Oyster Roast**, returns on **October 23** at the far end of the driving range. We will have live music and oysters, and I hope to see as many of you there as possible. This event fills up fast, so please reserve your spot early. Thank you for being part of what makes this club special. I look forward to seeing you on the course this fall.

Peter Skirpstas

General Manager

With summer heat desperately clinging to its last reach, we are nearly into the cooler fall weather. With the golf course rounding into form—thick rough, firm and fast fairways—we are excited to head into our fall competitions here at Stono.

Congratulations to Jakes Kruger and Ken “Rob” James for winning the MGA Edisto Invitational with a net birdie on the first playoff hole.

FLIGHT WINNERS

Flight 1 — Chris Dejoy & Jordan Fuller: -13
Flight 2 — Bubba Hill & Dave Dripps: -15
Flight 3 — Chuck Bradshaw & Joseph Martinez: -17

STATUS ON THE WGA PRESIDENT’S CUP

Cam Peake remains undefeated and sits in the Championship Match awaiting the winner among Georgiann Kralik, Susan Shoemaker, and Louisa Gooding, who are battling it out in the 2nd Chance Bracket. The change to double-elimination brackets this year allows for more matches to be played, and the winner of the 2nd Chance Bracket will have to beat Cam twice to be crowned the 2026 WGA President’s Cup Champion.

MGA PRESIDENT’S CUP

In the MGA President’s Cup Bracket, it is down to the Elite 8 matches.

Elite 8 Matches

Match 1: Justin Harrington will look to continue his dominance over the high handicaps, where he is averaging giving 17 shots per match. He will face a tough test against Ed Tamsberg, who handily eliminated Aengus Adams.

Match 2: 2025 Final Four participant Jon Evans will take on the streaky Tim Clutters, who handled himself well in eliminating defending champion Dave Schofield in a match that took all 18 holes.

Match 3: Larry Mitchell ended “Buzzsaw” Bill Zakrewski’s run and will now take on the hot hand of Rodney Arendsen, who has cruised through his first two matches against General Tom Sharpy and Chris “Sergio” Dejoy.

Match 4: Earnie Cohran will take on Ken “Rob the Tile Guy” James. Both players have shown steady play through the first two matches.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP- SEPTEMBER 19TH & 20TH

The MGA and WGA Club Championship signups are now open, with the 36-hole event taking place Saturday and Sunday, September 19 and 20. This is a perfect event for those looking to test their games or simply compete in a fun weekend. Be sure to stick around to watch the last few holes, as it is sure to be a wild fight to the finish.

COUGARS ARE BACK

Both the College of Charleston Men and Women’s teams are back in action both looking to continue their excellent 2025-2026 campaigns. Please make sure you welcome them back as it’s a pleasure to have them joining us on a daily basis. Reminder that the Member’s Range is closed from 1-5pm Monday through Friday and if you do use the short game area please leave it like you found it so that all who use it after you can enjoy it.

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Andrew Emery

Director of Instruction

MAKE FALL YOUR BEST GOLF SEASON!

It won't be long before cooler mornings, crisp fairways and golden light make fall one of the most rewarding times to play golf at Stono Ferry. Thanks to Michael Eargle and his team, the course is in outstanding condition and ready for a memorable season.

I'd also like to give a shout-out to our GM and resident "baller," South Carolina Open champion **Pete Skirpstas**. Pete fired a **final-round 63** to nearly complete the Carolina double at the North Carolina Open and has a great chance to earn South Carolina Player of the Year honors. We couldn't be prouder of him!

With fall approaching, it's the perfect time to take an honest look at your game. Where are you really losing shots? Are penalty strokes off the tee holding you back, inconsistent iron contact costing you opportunities or missed shots around the greens adding up?

Choose one or two priorities and give them your full attention. A focused lesson series can help you build a clear improvement plan, strengthen your fundamentals and carry more confidence into every round.

Ready to make this fall your best golf season?
To discuss a focused lesson series, email:
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For more tips, visit my YouTube channel:
https://www.youtube.com/@AndrewEmeryGolf

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

YouTube

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Michael Eargle

Golf Course Superintendent

Apart from feeling like a sauna every day, this summer has been an overall success within the maintenance department! Aerification and Dry-Ject went well, and so far, our greens topdressing schedule has been right on time. However, as we transition into the fall, we begin to shift our focus onto cool season preparation.

Winter prep begins in September when you will start noticing the rough being maintained at a higher cut. The grass is allowed some extra length to provide a heavier, denser mat over the soil. This gives turf density, which is the best prevention against the invasion of winter weeds. Additionally, this mat effect regulates soil temperature via insulation and additionally helps withstand cart traffic in the dormant months. Also, to help with winter weeds and to establish all contours, a pre-emergent will be applied around tees, fairways, and greens before overseeding.

In October, our main focus will be on overseeding. From October 13th to the 15th , we will be overseeding the tee boxes and the fairways with perennial ryegrass. Overseeding is done to provide suggested landing areas, protect the dormant bermuda grass, and give the course a little bit of green coloration within the colder months. To ensure the rye's growth is successful, the course will be following cart path only guidelines until after the maiden mowing. Thank you for understanding and cooperating with us.

Other than that, we will continue with our regular day-to-day operations to provide you and guests with the best playing conditions possible. So, I trust you to take full advantage of the cooler weather that is on the (hopefully close) horizon!

May your drives be straight and your putts short!

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Regina Forehand

Director of Food and Beverage

Greetings from Food & Beverage at The Links at Stono Ferry!

Summer has certainly brought the heat, and we're doing our best to keep everyone cool with refreshing drinks, delicious food, and plenty of good times at the clubhouse.

NEW DRINKS TO COOL YOU DOWN

We've added **Surfside Lemonade & Tea** drinks to our selection of alcoholic beverages, perfect for a hot day on the course or relaxing at the clubhouse. We're also mixing up some fantastic **island and golf course-inspired cocktails** that are sure to become new favorites.

And for our beer lovers, we're excited to announce that **Miller Lite will soon be available on draft!**

UPCOMING EVENTS

MGA & WGA Club Championship | September 19–20

September brings our **MGA and WGA Club Championship**! It promises to be a fantastic weekend filled with great golf, delicious food, refreshing libations, and plenty of camaraderie. We look forward to celebrating with everyone!

Burgers & Brews | September 10 & October 8

Join us for **Burgers & Brews** and enjoy a delicious burger paired with your favorite beer. It's the perfect opportunity to relax, catch up with friends, and enjoy some time with your Stono Ferry family. Not a beer fan? No problem! We have plenty of other refreshing drinks for you to enjoy.

WGA Member-Member | October 10–11

October brings the **WGA Member-Member**! The ladies always have such a wonderful time getting together, enjoying some friendly competition, and making great memories. It's always a pleasure to be part of these events, and we look forward to another fantastic weekend with the WGA!

Annual Oyster Roast | October 23

One of our favorite events of the year is back! Our **Annual Oyster Roast** will be held at the **Learning Center** again this year. Come enjoy lots of wonderful food, great drinks, and an even better group of people. This is always a special evening, and we're looking forward to seeing everyone there!

STOP BY THE CLUBHOUSE!

Whether you're finishing a round of golf, meeting up with friends, or simply looking for a place to relax, be sure to stop by the clubhouse. **Cool off with a refreshing drink and enjoy a great meal before you head out!**

We look forward to seeing you at the clubhouse and making the most of the fall season together.

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Dan Lorentz

Realtor - Stono Ferry

As summer begins to wind down and we look ahead to fall, one of the best times of year at Stono Ferry is just around the corner. Cooler temperatures, beautiful days on the golf course, and more time spent outdoors make the coming months a great time to enjoy everything that makes this community special.

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.

Looking toward the fall real estate market, we continue to see buyers interested in Stono Ferry and the lifestyle the community offers. For homeowners considering selling, the next few months can be a good opportunity to start preparing, learn what your home may be worth, and understand what buyers are currently looking for. With our office right here in the clubhouse and our daily involvement in the neighborhood, we're able to keep a close eye on activity and provide insight specific to Stono Ferry.

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 your home's value or the current 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 **16** active homes for sale, and **3** homes that are active contingent. There have been **11** homes to close in the last 6 months, the average sale price for non waterfront homes is **$320.06** per sq ft (includes the Reserve at Stono Ferry), and the average time on market is **65** days.

QUICK EDISTO ISLAND/BEACH MARKET STATS:
There are currently **66** active homes for sale, and **6** homes that are active contingent. There have been **59** homes to close in the last 6 months, the average sale price is **$556.97** per sq ft, and the average time on market is **93** days.

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Joe Hill

Golf Course Superintendent

From the Golf Course Maintenance Team

As we move into September and October, we're looking forward to one of the best times of the year for golf at Edisto. The transition from the heat and humidity of summer into cooler fall weather gives us an opportunity to continue improving playing conditions while preparing the golf course for the months ahead. The maintenance team has worked hard throughout a challenging summer, managing high temperatures, drought, humidity, and the normal stresses that come with maintaining turf during peak growing season.

Greens

Our greens will remain a major focus throughout the fall. As temperatures begin to moderate, our goal is to maintain healthy turf while continuing to improve consistency, firmness, and ball roll. Regular mowing, rolling, light topdressing, grooming, fertility, and plant growth regulation will continue as conditions allow. These practices help control excessive growth, manage thatch, and provide a smoother and more consistent putting surface. As daylight and temperatures decrease later in the fall, turf growth will naturally begin to slow. Our maintenance practices will be adjusted accordingly to protect plant health while maintaining quality putting conditions.

Fall Weed Prevention

One of our important projects during this period is our fall weed-prevention program. Pre-emergent herbicides will be applied to selected areas of the golf course to help reduce winter annual weeds, particularly Poa annua. These applications are an important part of keeping the course cleaner and more consistent throughout the winter and early spring. Some applications may require irrigation following treatment, so golfers may occasionally notice watering at times that differ from our normal irrigation schedule.

Fall is an important transition period for the golf course. Much of what we do during September and October is designed not only to provide good conditions today but also to prepare the turf for winter and set the course up for a successful spring. Over the next several weeks, our priorities will include:

- Maintaining smooth and consistent putting surfaces
- Managing turf growth as temperatures change
- Continuing preventative disease and insect management
- Applying fall pre-emergent herbicides
- Improving thin or stressed turf areas
- Managing irrigation as water requirements decrease
- Preparing the golf course for cooler weather

Thank You

We appreciate the continued support of our members and guests. Golf course maintenance is a year-round process, and many of the practices performed today have a direct impact on playing conditions several months from now. Please continue to help us care for the course by repairing ball marks, filling divots, following cart-direction signage, and keeping carts away from greens and other sensitive turf areas.

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Heather Henderson

Pro Shop Manager

After a stretch of extremely hot and dry months, we finally received some much-needed rain, and the course is looking great!

New fall merchandise is arriving daily! We've introduced a few new lines, along with stylish new hats in a variety of colors—perfect for cooler rounds and early holiday shopping. We also have new headcovers and golf bags in stock. For gift items, we now offer locally crafted jewelry from Creek Tide Designs.

Fall Is a Busy Season – Plan Ahead

September and October are peak months for group outings at Edisto. We kindly remind all members to book tee times in advance and to cancel any reservations you will not be using. Uncanceled tee times will result in cart charges for the missed tee times.

Please also remember that only **two carts are permitted per foursome**, and be sure to use the sand provided on your carts to repair divots.

Important Billing Reminder

Edisto charges are billed separately from your Stono account. If you are updating your credit card for autopay, please remember to update it for **both courses**.

Important Dates

- **October 3rd and 4th:** Closed for the Okonite Corporate Tournament
- **October 19th–20th:** Edisto Invitational Women's College Tournament

We appreciate your continued support and look forward to seeing you on the course this fall!

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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
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NOVEMBER

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25TH WGA Spring Fling

DECEMBER

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