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Greg Wood

Director of Operations

DEAR MEMBERS,

As we turn the page to the holiday season, I find myself thinking less about tee sheets and course conditions and more about the people who make these three clubs what they are. This time of year, slows us down long enough to take stock, and when I do, gratitude is the first thing I feel.

For my family, this has been a year of milestones and celebrations, and those moments have reminded me that most of what matters is built around a table, with the people you love.

Golf does the same thing. In nearly three decades with these clubs, I have watched parents teach their children how to putt on the practice green. I have seen grandparents walk the fairways with their grandkids, husbands and wives tee it up together, and Saturday foursomes become lifelong friendships. At Stono Ferry, at The Plantation Course, and at Tot Hill Farm, the game creates and maintains a lifetime of friendships. It gives families and friends four hours of unhurried time together, and that is harder to find than ever.

To our members: thank you for your loyalty, your enthusiasm, and the warmth you bring to these clubs every day. This season gave us plenty to celebrate. Tot Hill Farm earned national recognition, and The Plantation Course hosted another outstanding Edisto Invitational. Justin Harrington also made history at The Plantation Course, shooting a 59 to set the course record, and our club championships produced some memorable finishes. None of it happens without you and your participation.

To our employees: thank you for the care you put into these properties. You are the reason the greens are ready at first light, the carts are lined up, the grill is hot



at the turn, and members are greeted by name when they walk in the door. Many of you have been with us for years, and your dedication is the foundation everything else is built on. I am proud to work alongside you.

That brings me to the **Employee Holiday Fund**. Each year, the Holiday Fund is one of the most meaningful ways our membership shows appreciation for the staff. On behalf of our entire staff, thank you for your support. It makes a real difference in their holidays.

As the season winds down, I hope you will bring your family out to the course. Play a few holes with your kids or grandkids over the break, join us for Gifts Fore Golf, or stop by Burgers N' Brews and the Pro Shop Holiday Sale on December 10.

From my family to yours, I wish you a joyful holiday season and a happy New Year.

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

I hope you've all had a positive transition out of the scorcher of a summer we experienced! Here's to enjoying some beautiful fall weather as we wrap up what has been a great 2026 season.

In September we crowned 2 presidents cups champions and congratulations to the club champions of the WGA and MGA as the weather turned out to be great for the event and the course was in the great condition. Kudos to Michael and his Agronomy team, they have been working extremely hard preparing the golf course for tournament play.

WGA

President's Cup

Lousia Gooding won the 2026 President's Cup after defeating Cam Peake in the first championship match. The two were scheduled to play a final match, but Cam unfortunately withdrew due to injury.

Club Championship

Cathy Yurkon defeated Linh Tang to win the Gross Division. Sonja Golinski claimed the Net Division title with a net score of even par. Gail Arendsen and Karla Abott tied for second, finishing two shots behind.

Upcoming Events

The WGA will wrap up its season with the Member-Member and Closing Day dinner. Play begins Friday, November 13, with the dinner that evening, and concludes Saturday, November 14.

MGA

President's Cup Final Four

Fresh off his team victory at the Edisto Invitational, Rob James continued his winning ways in the President's Cup Final Four, topping Tim Clutters, Justin Harrington, and Rodeny Arendsen. After 18 holes, Rob and Tim finished as the top two point earners and returned to the 18th hole for a sudden-death playoff, where Rob prevailed to claim the title.

Club Championship - Open Division

Justin Harrington captured his first Club Championship and set the scoring record with a 5-under-par total over 36 holes. Congratulations to Justin on carrying his first-round lead through to victory!

Club Championship - Senior Division

Steve Kardish continued his dominance in the Senior Division with a commanding victory to successfully defend his title. Repeating is never easy, and Steve navigated a few bumps along the way before closing out his performance with a birdie on the final hole.

Club Championship - Super Senior Division

After 27 holes, defending champion Joe Shirley, Kip Parks, Jon Evans, and Bubba Hill were all battling for the lead. With hot weather and challenging conditions testing the field, the championship came down to the final hole, where Bubba emerged victorious in his first Super Senior appearance.

Club Championship - Net Division

Minh Tran put his stamp on the Net Division once again, successfully defending his title with a five-stroke victory. Coming off his Friday-night President's Cup triumph, Rob James made a strong push, but Minh did enough down the stretch to secure another championship.

Peter Skirpstas

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MGA (cont.)

Member-Member

The MGA Member-Member is set for Saturday and Sunday, November 7–8, with 96 players forming 48 two-man teams. Defending champions Jeff Washington and Michael Tufner will look to repeat as the field competes for the 2026 title.

Both days feature a 10:00 a.m. shotgun start. Be sure to join us at the driving range at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday for the Cross-Country Cannon Shootout, a new tradition featuring the flight winners and one wild-card team. Teams will compete over four holes to determine the 2026 champions.



Player of the Year

Just one event remains to earn points toward qualifying for the Player of the Year tournament on December 5. The top 15 players will compete in a nine-hole shootout to determine the 2026 Player of the Year.

Current Standings

Place	Player	Points
1st	Rob James	550
2nd	Justin Harrington	325
3rd	Chris Dejoy (2025) POY	287
4th	Bubba Hill	260
5th	Jakes Kruger	180
5th	Tim Clutters	180
5th	Randy Myers	180
9th	Connor Burnam	177
9th	Oliver Gibson	177
11th	Tom Sharpy	175
12th	Steve Kardish	170
12th	Minh Tran	170
14th	Rick Kasch	160
15th	Kip Parks	150

Other News

Look for our upcoming Gamecocks vs. Tigers event, traditionally held before Thanksgiving. Keep an eye out for annual Gifts for Golf signups—the event is open to members, guests of members, and employees. We'll also send an email confirming the date of our annual Christmas sale in the pro shop.

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Andrew Emery

Director of Instruction



FINISH THE YEAR STRONG

It's been a wonderful season at Stono Ferry. This time of year always gives me an opportunity to reflect and be grateful for life's many blessings.

I'm extremely grateful for the opportunity to serve as Director of Instruction at The Links at Stono Ferry. I couldn't ask to work alongside a better group of professionals, and the members have been incredibly welcoming and supportive.

As I thought about what to write for this newsletter, I began considering areas in my own life where I could improve - and fitness immediately came to mind.

Sometimes life becomes so busy that we neglect our health. As we enter the winter months, I'm committing to a fitness routine that includes stretching, cardiovascular exercise, strength training and better nutrition. When we have our health, it's very easy to take it for granted - but I can't think of anything more important.

I encourage you to consider what you can do this winter to become more flexible, stronger, faster and healthier next year than you are today. Set a few realistic goals, create a plan and commit to it. Your body will thank you - and your golf game probably will too!

If you're looking for a holiday gift for the golfer in your life, golf lessons make a wonderful gift. Gift certificates are available throughout the holiday season. **andrewemery.golf@gmail.com**

Wishing everyone at Stono Ferry a happy and healthy holiday season!

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



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. Picking up 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.

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Regina Forehand

Director of Food and Beverage

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

Fall is finally here, and that means it's time for one of our favorite events of the year — our **Annual Fall Oyster Roast**! Join us on **October 23rd from 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM** for an evening of delicious local oysters and Lowcountry boil, prepared by Dixieland Delights. Bryan and his team always do an outstanding job, and we can't wait to enjoy another wonderful evening with everyone! We'll have live music, great cocktails, and plenty of good food to round out the night. Be sure to save the date!

Our fall golf season is in full swing, and we have plenty of exciting events ahead.

The **WGA Member-Member** has been rescheduled for **November 13th and 14th**. This event will also include WGA Closing Day on November 14th. We're looking forward to a wonderful couple of days and hoping for some beautiful fall weather!

The **MGA Member-Member** is scheduled for **November 6th through November 8th**. Friday night's dinner is always a highlight, bringing everyone together to kick off a fun-filled weekend of golf. On Sunday, we'll treat the men to our popular **Burgers on the Turn** to wrap up their final day of play. We wish all the players the best of luck!

Speaking of burgers, mark your calendars for **Burgers N' Brews on November 19th from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM**. Join us for great burgers, refreshing brews, and a relaxing evening with friends!

As we head into the holiday season, it's time for one of our favorite traditions — the **Annual Gifts Fore Golf Tournament**! This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy some golf while giving back to the community. Remember to bring a gift for a child and canned goods to use for your mulligans. Your generosity helps make this event extra special!

The MGA will also host its **Player of the Year Tournament on December 4th**. After play, we'll have delicious appetizers and drinks as we celebrate the season and congratulate the lucky player who takes home the title!

Our next **Burgers N' Brews will be December 10th from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM**, and this one is extra special! The Pro Shop Holiday Sale will be happening, too, making it the perfect evening to enjoy great food and drinks while shopping for some fantastic deals. What could be better than burgers, brews, and holiday bargains? It's a win-win!

We'll also celebrate **CALGA Closing Day on December 15th** as we bring another wonderful year of golf and camaraderie to a close.

It's certainly a busy and exciting time here at Stono Ferry as we wrap up another wonderful year! We are so thankful and blessed to have such an amazing group of members. Your continued support makes what we do so rewarding, and we look forward to another successful year of serving you, your families, and your guests.

From all of us in Food & Beverage at Stono Ferry, **we wish you and your families a happy, healthy, and joyful holiday season! Cheers to a wonderful fall and a festive holiday season!**

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Dan Lorentz

Realtor - Stono Ferry



October is here, and fall is in full swing at Stono Ferry! With cooler temperatures, beautiful days on the golf course, and Halloween just around the corner, it's a wonderful time to enjoy everything that makes this community so special. Whether you're spending time outdoors, enjoying the changing season, or getting ready for the upcoming holidays, there's plenty to look forward to as we settle into one of the best times of year in the Lowcountry.

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.

As we move through October and into the final months of the year, the fall real estate market presents opportunities for both buyers and sellers. Stono Ferry continues to attract interest from buyers who appreciate the community's beautiful setting, golf course, and unique Lowcountry lifestyle. For homeowners considering selling, now is a great time to explore your home's current value, understand what buyers are looking for, and begin planning for a potential move. With our office right here in the clubhouse and our daily involvement in the neighborhood, we're able to stay closely connected to market 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 and personalized service 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.

As the holiday season approaches and another year begins to wind down, it's never too early to start thinking about your real estate goals. Whether you're planning a move before the end of the year, looking ahead to 2027, or simply wondering what your home might be worth in today's market, we'd love the opportunity to help. Our experience, local knowledge, and commitment to the Stono Ferry and Edisto communities are always 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 **3** homes that are active contingent. There have been **14** homes to close in the last 6 months, the average sale price for non waterfront homes is **$301.65** per sq ft (includes the Reserve at Stono Ferry), and the average time on market is **60** days.

QUICK EDISTO ISLAND/BEACH MARKET STATS:
There are currently **57** active homes for sale, and **13** homes that are active contingent. There have been **71** homes to close in the last 6 months, the average sale price is **$487.18** per sq ft, and the average time on market is **100** days.

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Joe Hill

Golf Course Superintendent



Course Conditions and Fall update

As we move into the final two months of 2026, our maintenance team is focused on keeping the golf course in the best possible playing condition while preparing the turf for the cooler winter months.

The fall season is one of my favorite times of the year on the golf course. Cooler temperatures, lower humidity, and reduced turf growth generally provide some of the best playing conditions of the season.

Our goal during this time is to maintain smooth, firm greens and consistent playing surfaces while making sure the turf remains healthy heading into winter.

Our paspalum greens have been a major focus throughout the growing season. As temperatures begin to cool and growth naturally slows, our maintenance practices will shift toward protecting turf health.

One of our priorities during the fall is preventing winter weeds. We will be spraying pre-emergent herbicides targeting Poa Annua. These applications help reduce weed pressure during the cooler months.

Throughout the fall and winter, we will continue adjusting irrigation schedules. Our goal is to avoid overwatering while ensuring the turf has enough moisture to remain healthy.

As we close out 2026, our maintenance team will begin preparing for the upcoming growing season. Winter provides us with time to evaluate course conditions, service equipment, address maintenance needs, and plan for future improvements. Many of the practices performed during the cooler months play an important role in how the golf course performs when the warmer weather returns.

I want to thank our members for their continued support throughout the year. Maintaining the course is a year-round process and our team takes great pride in providing our best.

We appreciate everyone who enjoys the golf course and look forward to see what 2027 brings us.

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Heather Henderson

Pro Shop Manager

7th Annual Edisto Island Invitational Women's College Tournament

The Plantation Course was proud to host the **7th Annual Edisto Island Invitational Women's College Tournament, October 18–20, 2026**! We welcomed 14 teams this year, with a chilly start to the day on Monday adding a little extra challenge to the competition. The weather improved as the day went on and everyone had a great time.

Congratulations to **High Point University**, who claimed the team championship in a tiebreaker over the College of Charleston, finishing in second place. In the individual competition, High Point's **Makayla Grubb** took home first place, followed by the College of Charleston's Molly Hardwick in second place. Congratulations to all the players and teams who competed!

One of the highlights of the tournament was Monday evening's catered dinner for all players and coaches. Thanks to generous donations from local businesses, course members, and the surrounding community, we were able to provide a special meal for the participants. The players and coaches were truly appreciative of the community's enthusiasm and generosity.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this event such a success! Your continued support means so much to us. We hope to keep this special dinner tradition going in future years with the help of continued community donations.

Mark your calendars! The tournament is scheduled to return in early **October 2027**. We look forward to welcoming these talented collegiate golfers back to Edisto Island!

Shop the Season in the Pro Shop!

Fall is here, and the Pro Shop is ready with **great sale items and lots of new arrivals for fall and winter**! And remember, we offer so much more than golf gear.

Browse our selection of gift items and accessories, including jewelry, purses, greeting cards, candles, cocktail napkins, and much more. Looking for something for your favorite college sports fan? We also have a great selection of **Clemson and University of South Carolina merchandise**, from hats and belts to jewelry and stadium cups, with even more items on the way!

Whether you're shopping for yourself, finding a gift for a friend, or getting a head start on your holiday list, stop by the Pro Shop and see what's new. You might just find the perfect gift!

We look forward to seeing you at The Plantation Course!

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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

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JULY

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