

THE 19TH HOLE

FOR THE MEMBERS OF STONO FERRY & THE PLANTATION COURSE



FROM THE DESK OF THE GENERAL MANAGER GREG WOOD

The end of summer and beginning of fall is time for mixed emotions in the Charleston area. The relief felt from leaving the heat behind is mixed with the business of back to school and college football. The days are a little shorter, but my it is a wonderful time to go out and play golf. Many things are happening at the course over the next two months. The Club Championship is taking place in September. I encourage all members of all skill levels to compete. Both the MGA and the WGA have both gross and net divisions in the event that allow players from all different handicaps to compete and have fun. It is also time for a Wine and Nine at the end of September to help you unwind from the stress of competing in the Club Championship. We will also be hosting a Superintendent's revenge nine hole outing to coincide with our fall social in October. Really excited about this event, as we take a new approach to playing the back nine and follow it up with a fun social event back at the clubhouse.

Michael Eargle goes into detail in his Grass Clippings article on why we will not be over seeding the greens at Stono Ferry this winter. Plantation Course also does not overseed greens. The decision not to over seed the greens at Stono Ferry was made after consultation with our champion bermuda grass consultant. Many of you will not notice much change to the turf until the first freeze of winter. As the temperatures cool, the grass will go into a dormant stage and be off color. The turf still rolls well, it is just not growing. The lack of growth

also requires there be less cup changing. There will also be more traffic controls around certain greens to promote a rotation of the ingress and egress from the green. During the winter months fifty percent of our play is member play. It is very important that all of us repair ball marks the correct way. Remember an improperly repaired ball mark is just as damaging as just leaving it for someone else to repair. It is also very important for everyone to obey the traffic control patterns being established by the superintendent.

If these two basic things are done and Mother Nature cooperates with some dry and warmer temperatures we should have beautiful greens this spring. Thank you for your continued support of The Links at Stono Ferry and The Plantation Course at Edisto. As always if you have questions or concerns please feel free to call me or stop by my office.

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REMAINING 2019 MEMBER TOURNAMENT & EVENT SCHEDULE

- Sep. 14 - 15 **Stono Ferry Club Championship**
- Sep. 25 **Nine & Wine**
- Oct. 12 **Superintendent's Revenge & Fall Member Social**
- Nov. 2 - 3 **MGA/WGA Member - Member**
- Nov. 9 **Beer & Nine**
- Nov. 15 **Oyster Roast on the Intracoastal**
- Nov. 23 **MGA Stag Team Tournament**
- Dec. 3 **Gifts for Golf Tournament**
- Dec. 5 **Golf Shop Holiday Sale**
- Dec. 7 **WGA Closing Day**
- Dec. 13 **Member Holiday Party**



GRASS CLIPPINGS STONO FERRY

During the months of September and October, the maintenance staff will be preparing the golf course for winter play, hard to believe it's that time of year already. Where does the time go? As September rolls along and fall approaches, you might notice the higher maintained turf in the rough. As a winter precaution, the grass is allowed some extra length to provide a heavier, denser mat over the soil. This situation serves several purposes. A dense turf stand reduces the invasion of winter weeds. Secondly, a thicker turf helps insulate the soil and moderate temperature extremes. Finally, more grass is able to withstand golf cart traffic further into the winter. Also, to help with winter weeds and to establish all contours a pre-emergent will be applied around tees, fairways, and

MICHAEL EARGLE – Course Superintendent

greens. In October, the tees and fairways will be seeded with perennial rye grass. This is done to provide suggested landing areas, desirable year round color, and some protection to the permanent bermudagrass. To ensure a successful winter crop, you will be asked to keep carts (including pull carts) on the path, and mowing of these areas will be delayed until well established, usually two weeks after planting. Which leads me into the over seeding of the greens. Over seeding the greens year after year has slowly increased the weed populations, especially annual bluegrass (winter) and goose grass(summer). Control options become limited while over seeded resulting in unsightly and non-uniformity of the greens. To clean these weeds up and provide a uniform putting

GRASS CLIPPINGS STONO FERRY

surface we have decided not to over seed the greens, collars and approaches this year. In order for this to be a success, we will be working on getting the canopy denser over the next few months through sound agronomic procedures i.e. fertility, height of cut etc. once the dense canopy is established, careful attention must be made to protect it once we get into the winter months. Traffic controls on certain greens will be put in place for entering and exiting, pin placements will be kept to a minimal, repairing ball marks is a must! With a little luck, mostly in the form of favorable weather, sound agronomics and support of you, this new uncharted endeavor will be a success.

GOLF INSTRUCTION BEN SLOAN

Most people that play golf don't really know why the golf ball flies like it flies. In order to make an effective adjustment in your golf swing, it's imperative to know why the ball did what it did. Once you understand the basics of ball flight laws it really is quite simple to figure out why the ball curved or started where it did. We are going to start by talking about the club face. Please note that I will be referring to a right-handed golfer in the following descriptions, if you are left-handed simply flip everything. If the clubface is open at impact, then the ball is going to start to the right of the target. On the other side, if the clubface is closed at impact then the ball is going to start right of the target. The ball curves due to the club's path through impact. If the club path is to the right (in to out), then the ball will have the tendency to curve left or draw provided the clubface is in the proper position. The opposite is true for club path that is left (out to in), the ball will have a fade (left to right) curvature. For example, if a right-handed player hits a shot and the ball starts left of the target and curves way right, then by using the above laws we can figure out what caused that shot. The clubface had to be closed to the target at impact, we know that because the ball started left of the target. We also know that the clubface was also open to the path the club was on because the ball curved

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The upcoming months ahead, the maintenance staff will continue to concentrate on keeping the course ready for play. I hope you take advantage of the nice fall days ahead and enjoy your course as often as possible. As always, may your drives be straight and your putts short!!

DATES TO REMEMBER:

October 15th-17th: over seed tees and fairways

right. And finally, the path of the club had to be left (out to in) because the ball curved right. I know that example and the whole article for that matter is a lot of information to digest. But I know if you put some thought into it, then your ability to diagnose your own golf shots will get better. When you can diagnose the problem, the solution becomes a lot clearer. If you would like to improve your game, please don't hesitate to reach out to me and schedule a lesson!

Ben



THE PLANTATION COURSE AT EDISTO UPDATE HEATHER HENDERSON

It's time for the kids to go back to school and weekdays at The Plantation Course will be a little quieter. The course is in great shape and we are receiving so many compliments from members and visitors, so come on out and see for yourself.

In the Pro Shop, you will find lots of great End of Summer Sale items and new items for fall are arriving. Remember it's not just golf gear! We have lots of gift items and accessories along with a selection of jewelry, purses, greeting cards, cocktail napkins, wine glasses & accessories and home décor. Also, if you are interested in natural products, we have a selection of locally made all-natural soaps, body butters, after sun spray and several other natural and local products.

On Friday, September 20th The Plantation Course and Ella & Ollie's will be hosting a charity tournament to benefit The Animal Lovers of Edisto Canine Rescue. The Mutts & Putts

event will be a shotgun start at 12:30. There will be limited space available, so call or email us for more information on the event. Contact: plantationcourse@bellsouth.net or (843)869-1111

The Plantation Villas are filling up fast for the fall, but we still have some weekday stays available for a discounted rate to members. The villas are 4 bedrooms with 2 beds per room, so it is the perfect set up for a golf group of 8 - 16 to enjoy a weekend at Edisto.

We would like to congratulate Mike Smart on his hole in one on #6 made on August 1st! The shot was made from 72 yard with his pitching wedge and witnessed by Al Barnett, Pat Caldwell and Charlie Brewer.

GRASS CLIPPINGS EDISTO CURT SHEFFER – Course Superintendent

We would like to thank everyone for their patience as we wrap up another summer aerification of the greens. The process is extremely vital to the health of the turf and assists in our goal of consistent playing surfaces year round. This year our process was to pull a core and backfill with sand. After, we use techniques such as rolling, verticutting, and topdressing to smooth the surface.

Outside of aerification, our focus has been on the daily maintenance of the golf course. In the heat of the summer, our time is monopolized by keeping the course cut and edged.

Helping us this season has been the addition of couple of new/old faces. Many of you know Cooper Snow from his past time with the cart crew. He has been a great help this season along with Zach Rish. Zach joined us in the spring and has been a great addition to our team. Be sure to introduce yourself and make him feel welcome to Edisto.



REAL ESTATE CORNER **BUD POSTON & ROB STURM**

Residential Real Estate Market Sales and Prices Increase in July, as Affordability Concerns Continue.

CHARLESTON, SC - (August 12, 2019) 1,806 homes sold in July in the Charleston region at a median price of \$277,950 according to preliminary data released today by the Charleston Trident Association of Realtors® (CTAR). Last July, 1,696 homes sold at a median price of \$266,900.

This year's 11,021 closings show transactions down half a percent and median price up nearly 5%, to \$277,500 for the region.

Inventory is about 6% lower than it was at this point last year, with 5,634 homes listed as "active" for sale in the CHS Regional MLS database at the end of July.

"Despite historically low unemployment rates and the longest economic expansion in US history, some prospective buyers are still being held up by affordability challenges, as the continued rise of home prices is outpacing income growth" said 2019 CTAR President Edward Oswald. "In our region, the

\$53,000 median household income does not align with a median home price that's climbing toward \$300,000" he continued. "Last month, the Fed reduced interest rates by a quarter of a point, which may help some buyers, but it's time for us as a community to focus on long-term affordability answers that will preserve the health of our real estate market far into the future" said Oswald.

The Reserve at Stono Ferry, which will be 90 new homes on the golf course, is supposed to start taking reservations in September/October. Pricing, final lot layout and the finalized floor plans should be available mid September. If you or someone you know may be interested call or email us to put you on our list to contact when all the final details are released.

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RULES OF GOLF

Head Scratching Rulings with the Head Professional

As you know, the new changes to the Rules of Golf have caused many head scratching rulings as we get accustomed to the new rules and procedures. This was even apparent on the PGA Tour during the Northern Trust, the Tour's first FedEx Cup Playoff event. It showed us that even the best players in the world can sometimes be befuddled by the Rules! Let's dive into the penalty that was, and then wasn't for one of the world's best.

Rory McIlroy approached the iconic 14th hole in the second round at Liberty National Golf Club only 3 shots back of the lead and projected in 2nd place of the FedEx Cup. In the midst of the Statue of Liberty's shadow, Rory came up short in the greenside bunker on the par 3. As McIlroy approached his ball in the bunker, he noticed what seemed to be a stone resting near his ball. Rule 12.2a states, "Before playing a ball in a bunker, a player may remove loose impediments under Rule 15.1 and movable obstructions under Rule 15.2. This includes any reasonable touching or movement of the sand in the bunker that happens while doing so." Thanks to this, Rory would be able to move this stone which would impede his upcoming shot. However, as McIlroy went to grab the stone, it disintegrated in his fingertips. It was merely a clump of sand that looked like a stone. Subsequently, it was not a loose impediment. Knowing something was amiss, Rory immediately pulled back his hand and called over a Rules Official.

After a discussion of the events, the Rules Official informed Rory that he would be assessed a two-stroke penalty. After applying the penalty, Rory walked away with a double bogey on the hole and entered the final stretch of his round five strokes back of the lead. McIlroy was initially penalized due to Rule 12.2b "Restrictions on Touching Sand in Bunker" which states, "When Touching Sand Results in Penalty: Before making a stroke at a ball in a bunker, a player must not:

- Deliberately touch sand in the bunker with a hand, club, rake or other object to test the condition of the sand to learn information for the next stroke, or
- Touch sand in the bunker with a club:
- In the area right in front of or right behind the ball (except as allowed under Rule 7.1a in fairly searching for a ball or under Rule 12.2a in removing a loose impediment or movable obstruction),
- In making a practice swing, or
- In making the backswing for a stroke."

Due to the large grey area in this particular ruling, the PGA Tour and USGA continued to work together while McIlroy completed his round to ensure that the proper ruling was made. Rory insisted that he did not deliberately touch the sand behind the ball to improve his lie or test the conditions, which would result in a penalty. Upon further review, the PGA Tour deemed that Rory did not intentionally and deliberately touch the sand to improve his condition. As a result, the penalty was rescinded and McIlroy's score on the 14th hole changed from a double bogey 5 to a par 3.

In summation, there's a lot we can learn with this new rule and this situation. You ARE allowed to move all loose impediments in the bunker and you ARE allowed to touch the sand, as long as it is not deliberate and/or intentional. However, you CANNOT touch the sand in front or behind the ball, to test the conditions, while making a practice swing, or on the backswing of your actual stroke. Remember, whether you're on the PGA Tour or a weekend warrior at Stono Ferry, it pays to know the rules!

***Keep it in the short grass,
Scott***



MEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION NEWS

I'm always hesitant to start with references to the weather, but I can't help it. Last night after a passing thunderstorm the temperature dropped to 72 degrees on Johns Island with a cool breeze blowing. I actually had to turn the ceiling fan off on the screened porch. This is the September/October edition of the newsletter and I am ready for autumn.

The Club Championship is scheduled for September 14 - 15. The first email invitation has already be sent. Please register soon. Bring your 'A' game and enjoy the fun of competition. November brings the Member/Member and Stag tournaments. Identify your partners for the M/M. It is never too early to start practicing a winning strategy.

The President's Cup matches were well played this year. Many matches were very close. Congratulations to our Champion Larry Mitchell who prevailed over Ed Rooney 4 & 2 in the final.

BARRY COFFEY – President

Elections for the MGA Board are coming soon. Serving on the Board is a rewarding activity and an excellent way to give back to the club and your fellow golfers. We have three openings. Andrew Smith, Henry Opiekun and I are departing. Bob Quillinan, Larry Drolet and Jim Garrett are continuing. Please give this your full consideration and express your interest to any of the current Board members, Greg Wood or Scott Glaze.

As always be sure to thank our Sponsors when you see them.

Play well and remember golf is fun!

Barry

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WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION NEWS

CHRIS MURPHY – President

The SFWGA is happy to report that we have continued to thrive regardless of the heat. Our league events on Wednesdays and Saturdays has continued with strong attendance and support. Due to the heat we have had no major tournaments or events. The Rivertown-Stono Ferry Home/Home event planned for August 14th at Rivertown was cancelled by Rivertown, due to the poor conditions of Rivertown's fairways and greens. They contacted us and requested that the event be postponed until November. Hopefully it will be re-scheduled for the fall. We will continue to pursue a new date for this fun event with Rivertown.

Our next scheduled event is Seabrook-Stono Ferry Home/Home at Seabrook, September 18th. This event is a 9:00 AM shot gun on Crooked Oaks Course, followed by lunch and prizes. The cost is \$60.00. There is no limit on participants, the more the merrier. This is always a fun event, usually best 2 balls of four-person team, 2 Stono and 2 Seabrook ladies, a great way to establish friendships and play a great course. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Pro Shop. The sign-up deadline is September 13th at 12:00.

The Club Championship tournament is scheduled for September 14th-15th. This is a crystal event, 1st and 2nd place for Low Gross and Low Net winners. It will be an 8:30 starting tee time. Lunch will follow each day; prizes will be presented on the second day.

Oct. 12th will be the Superintendent's Revenge tournament, this event involves both MGA and WGA, more information to follow. Mark your calendars, you will not want to miss this.

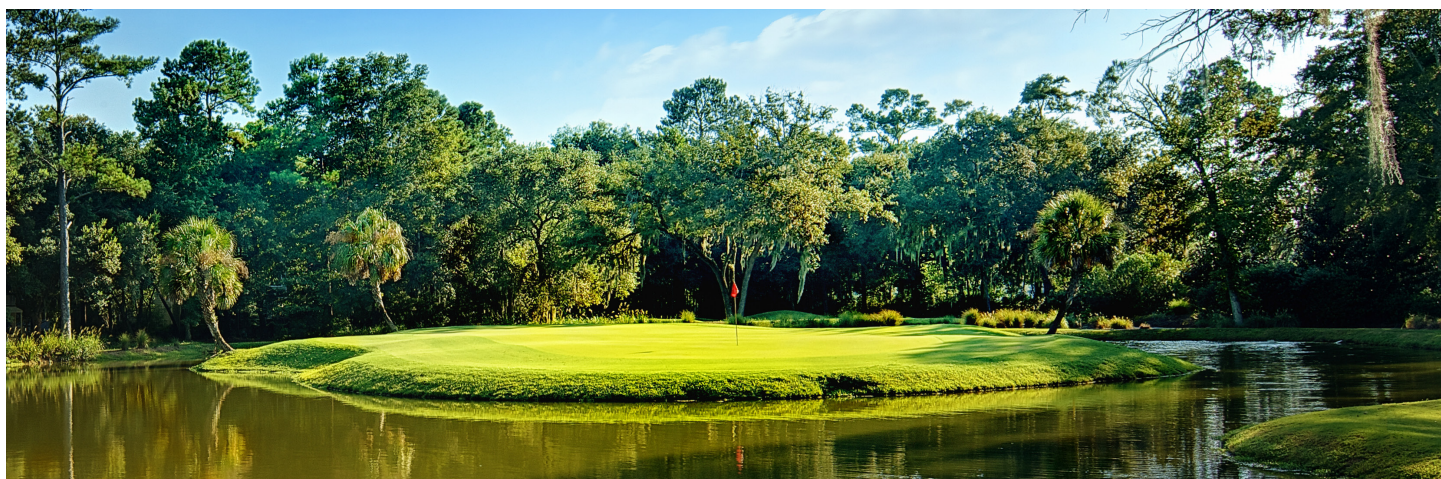
November 2nd and 3rd is our Member/Member tournament. Libby Summerford the tournament chairman has a fabulous weekend planned. Friday night will be a cocktail party (all members are invited, even if you are unable to participate in the golf tournament), followed by 2 days of fun golf. Please mark your calendars for this "NOT TO MISS" event.

Congratulations to Wynn Hardy who had a "hole in one" on hole # 11, July 22, 2019. It was witnessed by Chris Murphy and Connor Heyboer. CONGRATULATIONS Wynn!

The SFWGA will be ordering team shirts to wear to our Home/Home tournaments. Samples of these shirts will be available in the Pro Shop.

The SFWGA will be offering clinics in the fall, we are working with the teaching staff on the details. Additional information will be emailed soon. Please sign up, it will be a great way to learn and enjoy the companionship of friends.

We want to thank our Sponsors. Without our Sponsors we could not offer our membership the great events, tournaments, and prizes. Please patronize and thank our sponsors.



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