

The Plantation Course at Edisto

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What a Year!!!

Looking back only 12 months, it's hard to believe all that has happened. Planning, clearing, draining, digging, poisoning, plowing, shaping, planting, watering, and mowing all mixed with some praying, have resulted in our new golf course. The response from our 55 charter members, our guests and numerous residents of Edisto have indicated a bright future for The Plantation Course. Those who have played the course thus far have been most complimentary of changes and conditions. Let all be assured that work is not completed and many additional improvements are presently being scheduled. To all who have supported this project during 2006 and offer encouragement for the future, we say Thank You and Best Wishes for a Great New Year!

A Member Directory is being compiled at this time. You should expect to receive your copy in the next few weeks. It will include the names and addresses of all members to assist you in making matches and new friends. If you do not wish to have your information published or if there is a phone number you want to make sure we list, please call the Pro Shop ASAP.

Activities

** The Men's Blitz Club is still playing every Saturday morning and the number of players is growing. The Blitz is available to the first 24 of its members who sign up by noon on the Friday before the Saturday play. The club will consist of 50 players and is open to members and non members. Each week the foursomes are drawn randomly, so it's a great way to meet new players and make new friends. Come on by and sign up, we have not reached our 50 players yet.

** We would like all ladies interested in playing with the Chick With Sticks group to call or come by the pro shop. Play will start sometime in January and as of now it looks like Friday will be the day. Come by or call the Pro Shop to sign up.

What Are Moles?

Many people believe moles feed on grass and plant roots, but actually they are insectivores eating mostly grubs and earthworms. One mole can eat about 140 insects per day. Moles are solitary animals about the size of a chipmunk and they spend almost all of their time underground. An average mole can tunnel 15 feet per hour—no wonder they can destroy a yard in such a short time. They only reproduce once a year in the spring and within 6 to 8 weeks the babies are creating tunnels of their own. Moles are active all year and are attracted to damp soil where earthworms and other insects are popular. The Plantation Course has become a popular spot for them and maybe this explains why.

Members Oyster Roast

All members are invited to a free Oyster Roast at the cart barn on Friday, January 26th at 6:30 pm. Menu will be Fresh steamed oysters, hot chili and maybe a few shrimp. Beer and wine will be provided for all. Members are encouraged to bring prospective members and in-house guests are welcome. We must ask that all who plan to attend to please call the Pro Shop by noon Wed. Jan. 24 to sign up. 843-869-1111.

Please Help Us:

Please understand the need to erect signage around the course to discourage trespassing. The possibility of injury, vandalism, and damage to the course make this action necessary. Should you observe bicycles, private carts, or trespassing, please call the pro shop (869-1111) or Fairfield Security (869-4524).



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MEMBERSHIP

We are pleased to announce that we now have 55 members. We are very pleased with the interest we see each day in the course, and we feel our group of members will continue to grow. Membership opportunities remain available and for information, please call the pro shop.

Golf Tid Bits

On Friday, December 23, Mr. Andrew Drucker, who has a house at Edisto, had a remarkable finish to his round. He badly wanted to break 80 for the day, but found himself 11 over after 17 so his chances were slim facing the rough 18th. But after a 5 iron from the blue tees, a driver from the fairway and a chip in from the fringe, his nice eagle was a reason for a little excitement. *Congratulations!!!*

The new course record of 70 was broken on December 20 by Wendell Akins, Jr. who shot 69 from the blue tees. Wendell who resides in Metter, GA. doubled bogeyed #14 on the to his sub par round.

Not to be denied, Daran Womack of Aiken, SC, who posted the first 70 played again on Dec. 31 and also posted a 69.

Our Handicap System thru the SCGA should be up and running in 30 days.

**Coming soon –find us on the web:
ThePlantationCourseatEdisto.com**

We have received a lot of good feedback from our comment cards left on the carts. Please remember to take a few minuets and fill out a comment card or stop by the Pro Shop with any information or ideas you may have for us. We really appreciate your input.

THE PRO SHOP

Work will begin in earnest very soon on the new Pro Shop with expected opening in April. Layout design, furnishings and displays will be studied carefully to insure an attractive and well stocked Pro Shop. The special ladies section will carry golf attire, selected casual clothing, accessories and many surprises.....We will keep you posted.

Meet The Cart Boys!

We would like to introduce everyone to our cart boys, after all they are the first ones you see each time you arrive. **Wayne Gaabo**, our Cart Barn Manager, graduated from NC State with a BS in Civil Engineering and went on to own and operate a golf retail store for 11 years before moving to Edisto. His wife **Jamie**, our only cart girl at this time, has a degree in Interior Design from LSU and is currently employed at Herald Office Systems. **Ray Ackerman** graduated with a degree in Chemistry from USC where he also got his MBA. Ray is originally from Cottageville, SC, but moved to Edisto from Asheville where he worked as an Environmental Manager for BASF. **Jerry Zeller** graduated from the University of Minnesota and is retired from Sales and Marketing with Geigy Agriculture Chemicals. Jerry moved here from Greensboro, NC. **Duane Stauter** attended college in Virginia and is now retired from Fairfax County Government as a Facilities Manager. After only one visit here, Duane couldn't stay away and moved from Manassas, Va. to Edisto in 2004. **Jerry Cromer** moved to Edisto from St. Louis, MO. After retiring from computer system support. **Archie Livingston** is a graduate of Clemson University and North Carolina School of Banking. He worked for several large companies in Charlotte with specialties in Data Processing and Personnel Placement. Archie retired and moved to Edisto in 2005.

We are proud of our "Cart Boys"! If any other golf course has a crew with as many degrees and a commitment to service equal to the Plantation crew, we would like to know.



From Left to Right: Jerry Zeller, Ray Ackerman, Archie Livingston, Jerry Cromer, Jamie Gaabo, Duane Stauter, and Cart Barn Manager Wayne Gaabo