

# The Plantation Course at Edisto

*June*  
*2008*



## Superintendent Tom Arneman

Why is The Plantation Course getting so many compliments on being one of the best conditioned courses in the area? The answer to this question and others concerning the many improvements to our course rest in the fact that we have a great Course Superintendent, Tom Arneman.

Tom was selected from several candidates in January 2006 to head up course operations. Immediately, he was totally responsible for the course renovation which lasted 1 year. Coordinating the installation of a new irrigation system, finding solutions to drainage problems, and heading a massive clean up, were only a part of the project.

Probably, the most important challenge of the renovation was to utilize soil samples, water samples, climate and many other factors in determining the type of grass that should go on the new course. The many contacts Tom has developed over the years, led him to a new grass named Paspalum which was selected after much study. We are now enjoying the many benefits of this new grass which has many characteristics favorable for Edisto.

For Tom Arneman, a workday begins around 4:30 A.M. with a shower and a little breakfast, followed by a daily drive from Mt. Pleasant to Edisto. Arriving around 6:30, he is ready to assign the days duties to his crew of seven. The only positive of his long daily drive is it allows for planning and reaction to existing circumstances. Equipment failure, high winds, insects, animals, fungus, disease and draught conditions all serve to minimize the value of long term planning efforts.

Tom grew up in Ohio and enjoyed life as the youngest of a family of seven. Always enjoying the outdoors, he soon migrated south and earned a degree in agriculture and golf course management. After working 2 years in Atlanta, he joined The Greenwood Development Corp and served as Superintendent for their courses in Hilton Head and Charleston.

He then founded his own company in Mt. Pleasant and completed various landscape projects for both high end residential and commercial projects for 6 years.

Tom and his wife Cindy are completing plans to build a house on Edisto in the Middleton Community in the near future.

Members, guests and fellow employees should truly appreciate the commitment, knowledge, and work ethic of our Course Superintendent Tom Arneman, who has indeed made our course one we can be proud of. His pride in a job well done is sure to carry The Plantation Course to even higher levels in the future.

So when you see Tom in his red buggy heading around the course to solve a problem or make an improvement, throw up your hand and say thanks for a job well done.



## Mark Your Calendar !

The Plantation Course will host its 1st annual '*Golf & Beach Party*' with DJ - Pat Patterson of 104.9 playing beach music.'

It will be held the weekend of August 1st, so get ready for some summer fun. Mark your calendar now and look for more information in the July newsletter.

## Beautification Program

Members and guests will notice additional improvements around our course in the form of plantings and improved areas.

Jasmine has been planted in several areas of our fencing and will add much beauty when mature.

Many plans for the future are in the making but we must plan carefully with maintenance and water in mind.

Plans for much needed improvement around number 1 will be started in early summer and will certainly enhance the area.



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**We Would Like to  
Welcome our Newest  
Member**  
**John (Trey) McFall**  
**to The Plantation Course**

## Fun On Sunday Afternoon!

We will have our first Sunday Afternoon Outing for all members on June 22. This outing will be 9 holes of golf w/cart and will start at 3 P.M. followed by hors d'oeuvres and refreshments in the Club Room at 6 P.M. All members are invited to participate in golf regardless of skill level. The golf format will be determined after registration closes on Monday, June 16 (possibly 3 Jacks and a Jill). Carts will be also be available without charge for non golfers to tour the course, and everyone is invited for the social period. Come on out and let's have some fun, meet new members and enjoy refreshments. Fee is \$20 per couple.

## Pro Shop Hours

**Sunday - Thursday: 7:30 - 6:00    Friday & Saturday: 7:30 - 6:30**

The first tee time is at 8:04 A.M. and carts must be back by 8:00 P.M. No singles can get out before 2:00 P.M. unless paired with a group. Please call ahead for tee times, we are expecting a busy summer!

The United Way Charity Tournament was held here at TPC for the second year in a row Thursday, May 22. We had 60 players that participated in the tournament and they all had a great time. Some of our members were participants along with players from the surrounding areas.



## **Sale on Nike One Balls**

Black - Was \$49 Now \$42.50/dz

Platinum - Was \$44 Now \$39.50/dz

Buy 1 Dozen at the Discounted Price,  
Get 1 Sleeve Free

**Come in and check out the Pro Shop merchandise. We have some great gift items for your home. Other items include Mud Pie collection, jewelry and many other great hostess or wedding gifts. We also have new summer shirts for men and women along with a large collection of shoes and many Nike putters, drivers and hybrids at very good prices. Members .... don't forget your 20% discount.**



## **Golf Chuckles**



Nick, an avid golfer uses a "Medium" to ask if Heaven has a golf course.

The Medium says that his request is a big order, but he will try to find out and get back to him in a few days. Several days later Nick gets a call from the Medium.

"Well, what did you find out?" asks Nick.

"I've got good news and bad news for you," said the Medium.

"Ok, what's the good news" Nick said excitedly.

"Well, there is a beautiful 36 hole golf course in Heaven, and you'll have 24 hour access with your own personal caddy," blurted out the Medium!

"And the bad news?" asked Nick. "You're due to tee-off this Sunday around 10 in the morning!"