



Our Sporting Life

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A publication for members and friends of The Ford Plantation

CLUB NEWS

FROM THE CEO/GM

We have had a beautiful fall here at The Ford Plantation, with great weather and outstanding events. Life in the Low Country is definitely one to be experienced and is easy to long for, especially on a property as beautiful as Ford.

In many ways, fall marks a new Club year as the events calendar gets into full swing and we welcome Skip Gillenwater, Bill Thompson, Paul Wickes, and Bob Zerbe as members of the Board. We are forever grateful to our three outgoing Board members—Gene McQuown, Ed Schmults, and Bill Weil—for their time, intellect, and talent.

I would also like to welcome Becky Rotroff, who will be serving as our Acting Membership Director. Becky has been working with us behind the scenes for a few months on various aspects of the Sporting Membership program and we are fortunate that she is available to assist with our sales effort. Becky has more than 20 years of experience in the club membership business, working as a consultant, manager, and director of membership. Becky brings a high level of expertise to our team at this critical time.

Most clubs are defined by their traditions, and one that Ford enjoys is the holiday decorating that is led by member Diane Levy. Over the next few weeks Mrs. Levy (and her team) will once again transform the Club into a spectacular display of wonderment. If you haven't been here for Christmas, this alone is worth the trip. My door is always open, and I look forward to learning more about how we can continue to meet your expectations. I wish you and your families a safe and glorious holiday season.

Warmest regards,



Nick Cassala, Chief Executive Officer and General Manager

Cover Photo by Mike Womble. Ford Plantation members are extended privileges at nearby Dorchester Shooting Preserve. Dorchester features more than 4,000 acres, professional hunters and shooters on staff, and a lodge. It offers quail hunting on 1,000 acres, duck hunting in flooded timber blinds or cypress duck ponds, continental pheasant hunts, and deer hunting. Dorchester also offers a 15-station sporting clay course and skeet and trap range.

In addition, Members are invited to enjoy horseback riding on the trails. Experienced riders may reserve a Club horse, and boarders may take their own horses.

Two complimentary golf carts are available at Dorchester for Ford members. Ford member Gene McQuown is shown on a recent trip to Dorchester.

ARB UPDATE—BUILDING ACTIVITY

We continue to see increased home building activity at The Ford Plantation. The Architectural Review Board, which provides architectural and landscaping design oversight for the Plantation, provides the following update:

Three residences are under construction:

- Lot 58 - Trolinger - Main House/Carriage House
- Lot 68 - Kopac - Main House Addition/Carriage House
- Lot M30 - Reczek - Garage Addition

Four additional homes have been approved

and construction is expected to begin before the end of the year:

- Lot 203 - Samford - Main House/Garage
- Lot 212 - Culver - Carriage House/Garage
- Lot M08 - Fielding - Main House/Garage
- Lot M10 - McQuown - Trophy Building/Main House

As we look ahead to Q1 2013, we expect to see almost double digits in active projects. This activity level is quite promising as we see the Plantation grow, and with each new home, become even more compelling.

Should you have any questions regarding the ARB, please contact Karen at 912-756-5796 or kdill@fordplantation.com.



HORSES 101

Wednesday, November 21 and Wednesday, December 26, 11:00–3:00 p.m.

For the adult (ages 18+) who has always dreamed of working with a horse, enjoy this complimentary opportunity to do so! The equestrian center staff will teach you to groom, lead safely, and communicate with your horse in the round-pen. You may even get to experience riding bareback or with a saddle. As this event is limited to four participants, advanced reservations are required. Auditors are welcome.

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NEW SPORTING MEMBERSHIPS APPROVED

Ford Plantation Members recently approved a new Sporting Membership, which offers the opportunity for membership not tied to real estate.

It's an exciting time at Ford for Members to be able to invite friends, who aren't quite ready to purchase a home, to join the Club. The Board of Directors recently approved the new Sporting Membership structure, and Members will be receiving details in the mail soon. In the meantime, please start thinking about your friends, family, and business associates to refer to the Club, as only Member referrals will be considered for this limited membership opportunity. If you have any questions, please contact the Membership Office at 912-756-2013 or membership@fordplantation.com.

DOG MEET AND MINGLE



Dog lovers are enjoying our new “Dog Meet and Mingle” event on Friday afternoons at 3:00 p.m. at the Silk Hope Paddock (by Edsel's Experimental Farm). Dogs are allowed some off leash exercise and play while members socialize. Please join us!

FISH WITH FRIENDS A HUGE SUCCESS

Fish with Friends is a special day of fun and fishing for special needs children of Bryan County. Once again, thanks to all of the assistance from Ford volunteers, the Fish with Friends event in late October was a resounding success. Year after year, members of our community turn out to support these children in our community. Ford Plantation Members Jeff and Lila Scott and Ben and Susie MacMillan sponsor and organize the event every year. For many of these children, it is the only fishing experience they have. The day also included a terrific cookout at Lake Dye Grill with live entertainment and the ever-popular trophy presentation! Thanks to all Members and staff for their support and participation in this fantastic Ford tradition.



GOLF CLUB CHAMPIONS: CROCKETT COBBLE AND JANE DRUTEN

The Golf Club Championship is a Ford Plantation tradition held each year on Homecoming Weekend. We had fantastic weather and great golf both days.



Golf Club Champion Crockett Cobble (left) and Runner-Up Obie O'Bannon.

Crockett Cobble (left) won the Men's Club Championship for the second year in a row. His two day total was 151. Obie O'Bannon finished second with a two day score of 167.

Bill Thompson was also a repeat winner in the First Flight. He finished one shot ahead of Wayne Morgan, who had a hole in one on #17 on the second day to

pull within one shot with one hole to play. Wayne used a pitching wedge from 115 yards. Ken Rogers won the Second Flight, with Neil Budde finishing second.

Members are reminded that the 2013 Golf Club Championship will be held in the spring from March 1–2, 2013, in order to accommodate the golf course restoration project.



Jane Druten (second from left) won the Ladies' Club Championship, her second in a row. Denise Thompson (right) came in second. Doranne Coad (second from right) was the Ladies Net Club Champion, with Linda Zerbe coming in as Net runner up.

MEN'S MEMBER/GUEST CHAMPIONS: MIKE KILLIAN AND LARRY BAKER

The golf course was in superb shape for the Men's Member/Guest Golf Tournament, held October 25–27, as it played both tough and fair. Everyone had a wonderful time, and we crowned Mike Killian and his guest Larry Baker as our champions for 2012. They were the third flight winners and then defeated three other teams in a sudden death shoot out.



Larry Baker (left) and Ford Member Mike Killian are this year's Men's Member/Guest Golf Champions.

The shootout was exciting as Mr. Killian and Mr. Baker were accompanied by the first flight winners, Obie O'Bannon and Allan Mckelvie; the second flight winners Tony Frabotta and John DeCarolis; and the fourth flight winners, Dallas Daniel and Ken Duncan. Team Frabotta and Team Daniel were eliminated on hole #8. Team Killian and Team O'Bannon moved on to hole #9 where Mr. Baker hit an impressive shot from 70 yards to about 10 feet, and two putts later, Mr. Killian and Mr. Baker were the champions. Below are the full results from this weekend.

1st Flight

Winner: Obie O'Bannon and Allan Mckelvie
Runner Up: Bill Thompson and Mike Sechrist

2nd Flight

Winner: Tony Frabotta and John DeCarolis
Runner Up: Austin Sullivan and Jerry de Golian

3rd Flight

Winner: Mike Killian and Larry Baker
Runner Up: Bill Coad and Jeffrey Coad

4th Flight

Winner: Dallas Daniel and Ken Duncan
Runner Up: Al Papa and Bill Checkley

OUTDOOR PURSUITS—NATURE, FISHING, & SHOOTING

SILVA DOLLA TARPON TOURNAMENT WINNERS

Congratulations to Team Green Island for winning this year's Silva Dolla Tarpon Tournament, held August 3–4. Team members included Ben Probasco and guests Scott Smith, Philip Whitaker, Pat Dilworth, MD, and Walker Jones, who were guided by Capt Fuzzy Davis, and Capt Drew Davis. The team successfully landed the first tarpon of the tournament, which gave them the hard fought lead after the first day's fishing.

Congrats also to our second place winners, Marsha and Barry Zarb (who just continue to land fish) and their guests Gary and Carla Fisher. Gary landed an 85-pound tarpon the first day fishing with Capt Danny Sharpe.

During the first day of fishing, eight fish were hooked which kept the anglers quite busy. Gusty winds from the east made fishing most difficult on the second day, and results were quite different.

We look forward to next year's Silva Dolla (Friday, August 9–10, 2013)—Team Green Island vows to come back to defend their title!



HUNT FOR BIG RED CHAMPS: KENNEDY CLAN

This year's Homecoming weekend in October was celebrated by anglers fishing in the Eighth Annual Hunt for Big Red Tournament. This tournament coincides with the inshore migration of giant bull red drum. There were 25 anglers in this year's event, and all enjoyed great fishing with perfect weather and calm seas.

Congratulations to George Kennedy and the Kennedy Clan, the champs of the tournament. This crew successfully landed and released 34 bulls. Tom Kennedy also won the prize for the red with the most spots, which also totaled 34! This crew was featured in the *Savannah Morning News*.



The Kennedy clan won the annual Hunt for Big Red Fishing Tournament. From left, front row: Tom, Bobby, and Rob Kennedy. Back, Kelley Humes and Capt Drew Davis.

We also wish to congratulate the Kloepfel family for their eight jumbo reds, which landed them the second place award. Jeff Scott, Skip Gillenwater, and crew also caught eight reds and had a super fishing trip with Jeff's nephew and great nephew.

NEW NATURALIST EVENTS

Please join us for these fantastic events led by Naturalist Mike Womble. Reservations are required through the members' only web site at www.fordplantationmembers.com.

Canoeing 101 for Kids

Saturday, December 1, 2012, 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m., Lake Clara

Family Nature Hike

Friday, December 21, 2012, 3:00–5:00 p.m., The Oyster House

Mike recently hosted a Nature Hike for Kids—the blog on our public web site (www.fordplantation.com) has the story and photo!

HOMECOMING 2012

Lady Luck recently visited The Ford Plantation for Homecoming, and she went “all in” with games, prizes, and dancing! Ford Members Laura Lee Samford and Dale Budde chaired a fun-filled weekend designed around our 2012 theme “Casino Royale.”

During the Gala Saturday evening, Members and guests tried their luck at Craps, Roulette, Blackjack, and more at the gaming tables and several won fabulous prizes at the raffle. Monte Cristo came to Monte Carlo at our Cigar Bar where a professional roller created the finest and perfect smoke. Dancing and musical entertainment was provided by the Southeast’s favorite dance band, Deas-Guyz. This show stopping group was back by popular demand and has become a Ford favorite, and many say this was one of the best Homecoming events ever. Our talented Ford staff worked endlessly to recreate a Monte Carlo experience guests won’t soon forget!

For members who attended our Homecoming celebration, photos taken by Kelli Boyd are online and available for viewing and purchase here: <http://kelliboydphotographyclient.com/gallery/ford-plantation-homecoming-party-875151>. If you have any questions, please contact Kelli directly at 912-441-0725 or kelli@kelliboydphotography.com.



FITNESS & SPA

MOLLIE SAWYER, NEW FITNESS COORDINATOR AT FORD



Mollie Sawyer joins The Ford Plantation as our new Fitness Coordinator. In this role, Mollie will manage and develop health, fitness, and sports programs at the Sports Barn, Lake Dye pool, and tennis courts. She will also supervise all trainers, instructors, and staff involved with delivering services to our members and guests. Mollie has been in the fitness industry for 10 years

and truly loves learning new ways to better improve her training style. Adapting and trying to stay on top of the fitness industry enables her to offer Members the best possible fitness experience. Mollie has worked with a broad spectrum of clientele from those who are brand new to fitness, to athletes who are currently in the NFL. Mollie is married and has two children, ages 9 and 10, who keep her very active in the local community. They are new to Richmond Hill and have come to us from her husband's last duty station in Malmo, Sweden. Mollie is looking forward to partnering with you on your fitness journey and healthy lifestyle.

MONTHLY RATE FOR FITNESS CLASSES

Our monthly rate for fitness classes is \$100 per member for unlimited classes. Members have the option of subscribing to this special rate or continuing to pay on a "per-class" basis (\$20/class). Please contact Mollie Sawyer at fitness@fordplantation.com or 912-547-2409 to take advantage of this special monthly pricing discount.

FORD 100

Join the Ford 100 and jump start your health and fitness routine for the new year. Starting January 1, 2013 and continuing through April 10 (100 days), members will log 100 miles with walking, biking, and/or running. We will schedule group walks, and optional



health classes and seminars will be offered in conjunction with the program. Members need not be on property to participate. The

registration fee includes a t-shirt and water bottle. Plan to celebrate your success and share "war stories" from the 100 day challenge with fellow participants at the Awards Dinner on Thursday, April 18 at 6:00 p.m. Executive Chef Juan Carlos and his team will create a healthy, delicious dinner for all to enjoy.

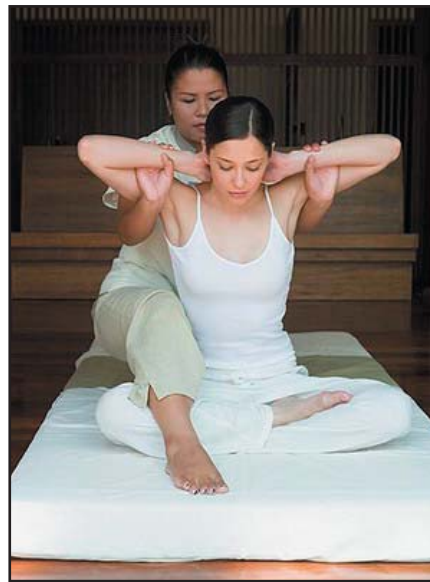
GYM EQUIPMENT ORIENTATION WEDNESDAYS, 11:30 A.M.

Our new FreeMotion Fitness Equipment is at The Sports Barn, and we are excited for everyone to experience it! Our fitness coordinator Mollie Sawyer is offering complimentary orientation classes every Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. through the end



of the year. Please contact Mollie at fitness@fordplantation.com or 912-547-2409 to register. If you can't make a group session, private orientations are available by appointment.

THAI MASSAGE AT THE SPA



Starting December 12, The Spa will offer Thai Massages by Heather Burtis, who is studying at the Thai Massage School in Chiang Mai, Thailand. Thai massage uses passive stretching and gentle pressure to increase flexibility and relieve muscle and joint tension. Thai massage is both deeply relaxing and energizing. Techniques consist of working the energy lines, known as Sen, by applying press-

ing techniques with hands, thumbs, feet, elbows and knees; treating Acupressure points found within energy lines; and performing Yoga-style stretching which is often referred to as Yoga Massage. A traditional Thai Massage lasts approximately 2–2.5 hours and is performed on a mat on the floor with the client remaining fully clothed. If you have never had the opportunity to experience the healing effects of Thai Massage, this is your chance!

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PRESERVATION AND MODERNIZATION PROGRAM MOVING FORWARD

The projects in The Ford Plantation's Preservation and Modernization Program are moving along according to schedule. The PMP is a \$9.3 million reinvestment in Ford's key facilities, amenities, and infrastructure, including the renowned Pete Dye-designed golf course.

The PMP was designed to identify critical work needed to maintain the community's most valuable and appreciated assets for current members and their families, while ensuring the health and vitality of the Club for future generations. This plan will keep The Ford Plantation securely in place among the nation's most distinguished and desirable communities.

Thus far the project management team has led the completion of both the Lake Clara and McAllister Dike Trails and the purchase of the new FreeMotion Fitness Equipment for the Sports Barn. The balance of the capital projects will proceed under a specified timeline and are scheduled to be completed by the fourth quarter of 2014. As design efforts progress for projects like the Sports Barn and Lake Dye Grill, renderings will be shared with members.

The golf course restoration project will begin with a January 2013 "soft start" in the back 9 wetlands, with the major renovation work to commence in October 2013. To learn more about reciprocal agreements for golf at area clubs while our course is closed, please contact Golf Director CW Canfield at 912-756-5776.

NEW YEAR'S EVE: THE BIG SIT DOWN

The Ford Plantation has been persuaded to open up our little New Year's Eve celebration to a group of distinguished individuals—good "family men" as it were—who represent the cities of New York, Chicago, and Detroit to join us at our annual "BIG SIT DOWN."



Some might even call it an offer we couldn't refuse. Chicagoland boss Al Capone, (aka George "Bad Boy" Boden) has assured us that his crew will be on their best behavior. His associates from New York and Detroit have also been instructed to play nice. But you never know. One thing leads

to another and before you know it...bada bing...bada boom, you've got yourself a raucous New Year's party. This will be a party you do not want to miss—the fun starts at 7:30 p.m.

THE FORD PLANTATION WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

- Robert and Kristen Bernstein, Lot 64, 1165 Dublin Drive
- Dallas and Mary Ellen Daniel, Lot 400, 950 Silk Hope Drive
- Tim and Barbara Thureson, Lot CH44, 36 Misty Morning Drive
- Linda Holley/Dublin Drive Compound, LLC, Lot 80, 41 Dublin Drive
- Marti Sullivan, Lot CH41, 46 Lost Cypress Way
- Kevin and Stacey Arai, Lot 19, 61 Travelers Way
- Rory and Debi Corrigan, Lot M5, 142 Captains Walk
- Jay and Melanie Culver, Lot 212, 64 Dogwood Way
- Robert Ward and Lisa Curry, Lot 298, 59 Big Oak Circle
- Richard and Rose Staiano, Lot 42, 400 Ford Way
- James and Dorothy Bertelli, CH 54, 45 Eagles Cove
- Charles and Susan Lyon, Lot 199, 337 Hidden Cove Drive

TFP IN THE NEWS

The Ford Plantation has been featured in several local and national magazines. Please visit the Press Room page of our web site (www.fordplantation.com) to read the full stories.

- *Hilton Head Monthly*, June 2012
- *Richmond Hill Magazine*, September 2012
- *Weddings Unveiled*, Fall 2012

