



Our Sporting Life

MAY/JUNE 2010



A publication for members and friends of The Ford Plantation

FROM THE CLUBHOUSE

FROM THE GM'S OFFICE

Welcome to the early summer issue of The Ford Plantation's *Our Sporting Life*. This edition highlights many of the wonderful activities and events that you and your families and friends enjoyed together here at Ford this past spring, and I hope the photographs contained herein will bring back fond memories that will last a lifetime. We've enjoyed a strong spring season here at Ford this year, and it has been a real treat to watch members, guests, and extended families enjoy each others' company and have some fun here in Richmond Hill. What a spring!

As I draft this note, many of you are preparing to depart for the summer—or some portion of it—and the pace is beginning to slow down a bit... *Or so it may appear!* Here on the Plantation, your TFP family of employees will be hard at work serving the



members who reside here full-time, as well as our valued summertime visitors, in addition to planning for the busy fall season ahead. With fewer of you on the property right now, we're aggressively addressing budgeted maintenance and infrastructure needs, paying close attention to detail as we spruce up the community for your return, and even looking forward

to some vacation time of our own so that everyone is well-rested come September... Please enjoy your summer and know that we're here to serve you whenever you choose to come see us for a mini-vacation here at TFP this warm season.

It's been nearly two full years since TFP transitioned away from the developer and became a member-owned private sporting club, and we've made some tremendous strides as a Club in that relatively short period of time. To those of you who have not visited in a while—and may have even forgotten the special feelings that you've surely experienced upon entering and exploring this very significant and naturally beautiful paradise—I encourage you to return to Ford at your earliest opportunity, *and bring some friends with you*... You'll be glad you did, and I promise that we'll do all we can to make your stay as special and enjoyable as it can possibly be.

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Cover Photo: Slick, calm days are ideal for sight casting to redfish feeding in shallow waters. In this photo, Mike and Fuzzy line up the boat for the perfect cast with the fly rod on some cruising reds.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

It is always with some regret that Nina and I prepare to leave The Ford Plantation. The activity of March and April quiets down, and the natural beauty of our Club is at its fullest. Packing up is always time consuming, and it feels like we are taking the whole house north. We will miss all our good friends here and hope to see as many as possible over the summer.

As March turned into April, we saw the end of the extremely wet and cold weather that we had this winter, just in time for our Easter celebration and the remainder of the tournaments for the season. Congratulations to all the winners of those tournaments—the Men's and Ladies' Invitationals, the Member/Member, and the Hook and Slice.

Our Town Hall Meeting in mid-April included an excellent and informative presentation of the Golf Course Master Plan by Tim Liddy from Dye Golf. Tim has worked with Pete Dye for more than twenty years and has overseen the construction of ten of the top 100 courses in the country. As stated at that meeting, we are in the permitting stage of the plan, which takes at least eighteen months. Those permits are good for five years and are renewable for another five.

Membership is of course at the top of our list of priorities. We now have a very good marketing plan created by John Weber, the new head of sales for Ford Plantation Properties, and our Marketing Committee. The first step, which is currently being implemented, is to make the web site optimized for searches to drive more prospects to TFP. It is encouraging to see that sales are continuing at a better than anticipated pace. Clearly, there is no more beautiful Club in our area that offers anything like our amenities.

As the summer season begins, we look forward to renewed and expanded operation of the Lake Dye Grill and wider use of our newly refurbished pool area. It is gratifying to hear so many positive comments regarding the new pool furniture.

I wish you all a very pleasant summer.

Warmest Regards,

William P. Weil, President



CLUB NEWS

HOUSE COMMITTEE NEWS

Although we have had a cool winter, members have come out to enjoy many winter and early spring activities and functions. If you didn't attend the Asian dinner on one of our Sunday nights, you missed a wonderful experience. We will repeat it next year, but kudos to Juan Carlos and his culinary team for a lovely, delicate, and very flavorful experience. Everyone who attended said it was one of the best Sunday themed dinners we have done.



The new pool furniture at Lake Dye arrived just in time for the Easter holiday week. More umbrellas will be out soon, as some are in the shop being repaired.

You may have noticed that we added a beverage machine on the back side of the Lake Dye Grill since

we are not providing beverage service during the winter. We will monitor sales, and if it is not supported, we will come up with an alternative.

On behalf of the entire membership, we would like to thank our superior staff for making our Easter holidays so enjoyable. We had record attendance this year. They worked tirelessly for days and created event after event beautifully. We so appreciate the time they gave up with their own families to make our time so special. And thanks too, to the volunteers who helped with their creative ideas and time to add to our unique weekend.

Our committee has already planned the event calendar for the 2010–2011 season. We will be bringing back our Club favorites as well as adding some new events. We always welcome any ideas you have to keep the activities fresh and interesting.

Enjoy the summer!!

—Wendy Dayton
House Committee Chair

EDSEL'S EXPERIMENTAL FARM PRODUCING CROPS

Our spring garden at Edsel's Experimental Farm in Silk Hope has begun to produce vegetables, which our culinary team is using to create fresh, delicious meals for members and guests. This spring, we planted a variety of vegetables and herbs, including tomatoes, cucumbers, melons, squash, lettuces, peppers, collard greens, okra, eggplant, basil, and more.

Our hens continue to lay eggs for use in Ford's house made breads, desserts, and breakfasts. The farm is part of our overall plan to grow hard-to-find or expensive produce items in-house as a complement to the wonderful ingredients that go into our food and beverage preparations. We're excited about our little experimental farm, and the opportunity to provide fresh, homegrown dishes at TFP.

Executive Chef Juan Carlos Rodriguez holds the first crop of lettuce produced at Edsel's Experimental Farm. The fresh lettuce was first used at the Hook and Slice Awards Dinner, held April 23 at The Clubhouse. The fresh produce grown at the farm will continue to be used in our kitchen to produce the high quality, delicious dishes you have come to expect at Ford.



THE FORD PLANTATION WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

- Steven and Laura Riley, Lot 87
- Keith and Kimberly Foutz, Lot MC23, Designated by McAllister Point Development

MEMBER/MEMBER

The Ford Plantation hosted its annual Men's and Ladies' Member/Member Golf Tournament on Friday March 12 and Saturday March 13. In the men's division, Hamlin Beattie and Corey Fountain took the first round lead after a blistering 6 under par 30



Above, Greg Coleman (left) and Jim Scavo are TFP's 2010 Men's Member/Member Champions. Right, Denise Thompson (left) and Doranne Coad are the 2010 Ladies' Champions.

to pace the tournament. Day two saw many men's teams making a move at the tournament title, but in the end, Jim Scavo and Greg Coleman claimed the title after two hard fought play-off holes.



In the ladies' division, Doranne Coad and Denise Thompson shot a great round of 3 under par 33 to lead the golf tournament after day one. They then separated themselves from the field by firing an amazing 9 under par 63 in the final round to claim the tournament title. Susie Morgan and Linda Zerbe finished in second place, with a solid final round of even par 72.

COUPLES' GOLF SERIES



On Sunday, April 18, TFP held the final tournament of the 2010 Couples' Golf Series. Frank and Marianna Mirabello played great golf to claim the day's win by one shot over Peter and Susan Stanley. The Couples' Golf Series is decided over six events, with

participating teams earning points for their four best finishes of the season. Wayne and Susie Morgan were crowned our 2010 Couples' Golf Series Champions. In second place were Bill and Doranne Coad. Congratulations to the Morgans and Coads, and thanks to all of the couples who participated in the Series this year.

LADIES' INVITATIONAL

On Wednesday, April 14 and Thursday, April 15, The Ford Plantation hosted its annual 2010 Ladies' Invitational Golf Tournament. The ladies played a two day net eclectic format for the tournament. In Round One, Doranne Coad and Sandy Geiger grabbed the lead by shooting a fantastic round of 11 under par 61. Not far behind the tournament leaders



Above, Doranne Coad (left) and Sandy Geiger are the 2010 Ladies' Invitational Champions. Right, Alice Mountjoy (left) and Linda Shafer claimed second place in the tournament.

was the team of Ellen Lawson and Ginny Edwards, who shot a very fine round of 7 under par 65. Susie Morgan and Chris Aiken rounded out the top three with another fine round of 68.



In Round Two, the tournament leaders played extraordinary golf, with Doranne Coad and Sandy

Geiger improving 9 shots on their opening round and firing a 52 to become the 2010 Ladies' Invitational Champions. Linda Shafer and Alice Mountjoy improved a whopping 13 shots from their opening round 69 to fire a 56 and claim second place in the tournament. Congratulations to Doranne Coad and Sandy Geiger as well as all of the tournament participants.

MEN'S INVITATIONAL

On Friday, March 26 and Saturday, March 27, The Ford Plantation hosted its annual Men's Invitational Golf Tournament. The field consisted of 29 teams in five different flights competing for the overall tournament title. All of the flight runners up competed in a chip off to see who would move on to the shoot out and decide the tournament champion. Hamlin Beattie and Paul Aitchison advanced from the chip off by hitting a shot that came to rest only five feet from the hole. The shoot out consisted of four holes with a team being eliminated every hole until only one team was left standing. In the end, that team was John Bashago and Bryan MacDonald, our 2010 Men's Invitational Tournament Champions.

GOLF COURSE

2010 MASTERS TOURNAMENT EXPERIENCE BY NELSON CARON, GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT

Several months ago, I was contacted by Augusta National Golf Club (ANGC) to be considered as a guest golf superintendent during the 2010 Masters Event, held the week of April 4. The position I was selected for was “Tournament Hire”—basically, a volunteer for the entire week of the Masters.

Outside of the management team at Augusta National, no one really knows how one gets considered for such a coveted position. The invitees, like myself, don’t ask questions—we just show up excited to have the opportunity. Approximately 20 golf superintendents from all over the world are selected to help fill the club’s tournament roster.

The Superintendent Team at ANGC does not lack talent or numbers. The physical structure of the management team and operation is as follows:

- 1 Director of Golf Course Maintenance,
- 1 Head Golf Course Superintendent,
- 3 Assistant Golf Course Superintendents,
- 4 Assistant-in-Training Golf Course Superintendents,
- 5 Golf Course Superintendent “Turf Graduates,”
- 3 Foremen,
- 1 Head Mechanic,
- 3 Assistant Mechanics,
- 3 Office Administration Personnel,
- Multiple Interns, and
- Numerous Line Employees.

After compiling the tournament hires and adding all the other tournament volunteer staff (vendors, locals, industry leaders, university representatives, etc.) the “Masters Tournament Staff” swelled to 120 individuals, all tasked solely to golf course maintenance.



As staff members, we were unable to take cameras on property. These photos are from years past, depicting the ANGC golf maintenance infrastructure. In the photo above, 12 fairway units mow the #9 fairway. This gets the job done quickly! In the photo, right, tournament volunteers put minute amounts of greens sand on old ball marks to hide them on your high definition television set.



I had several responsibilities all week. They included, in no particular order:

- Golf cart routing (where and where not to drive)
- Walk mowing greens surrounds in this particular sequence... 9, 1, 8, 6, and 16
- Mowing the Par Three Course comprehensively to prepare for the par three tournament
- Watering greens surrounds
- Mowing greens in the evening on several greens including 10–14
 - #1 green response team during play (keeping bunkers tidy, greens free of debris, working with the rules official).

Routine and repetition was the name of the game all week. Like a giant train trying to conquer its first few miles of an uphill track, it took a while to get this well-oiled machine up to speed. The first four days of the tournament (Sunday-Wednesday) for the tournament hires and volunteers is much like the first three days of the tournament for the players... practice. By Thursday, the staff was

expected to be flawless, and not to my surprise, the entire staff was hitting on all cylinders. The culmination of preparing a golf course for a major championship came together as the main focus of the staff was playability and course aesthetics.

Some common questions I have been asked since my arrival back to Savannah are as follows:

What were the speeds of the greens? I have no idea—they would not disclose that information to the staff. Our scripted answer if any patrons asked was, “They are tournament speed.”

What was your work schedule? We woke at 3:30 a.m. and arrived at the club at 4:00 a.m. We departed the club between 8:00 and 11:00 p.m.

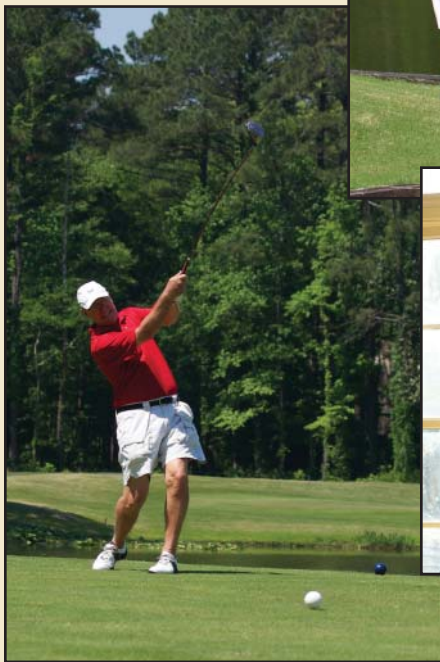
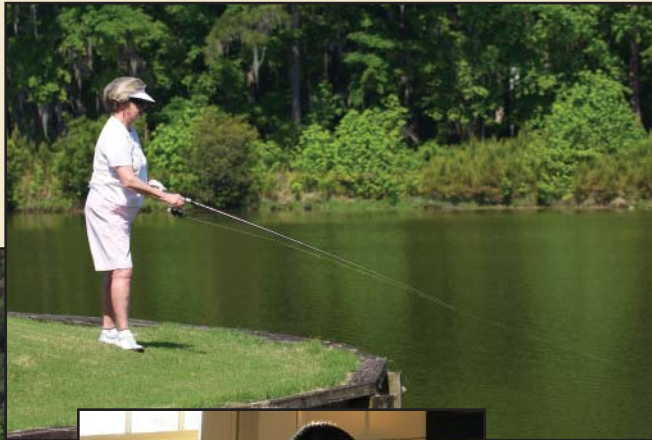
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OUTDOOR PURSUITS

HOOK AND SLICE 2010

The fifth annual Hook and Slice Tournament is in the books and true to form, many bass were hooked and more than a few golf balls were sliced. This is the fifth year for this tournament, and it seems to get crazier and more fun every year.

The field of 32 anglers/golfers took off on what was one of the best spring days of the year. Bright blue skies, light winds, and an air temperature hovering around 80 degrees made for a great event.



Peggy Quiros (above) and Bill Thompson (far left) participate in the Hook and Slice Tournament. ODP Director Fuzzy Davis (photo left, on left) presents a trophy to Dave Kloeppe, captain for the winning team.

More than twenty largemouth bass were landed and released and countless others were hooked but not caught. We are fortunate at The Ford Plantation that all of our “water hazards” are stocked with trophy bass. This tournament would be difficult to replicate anywhere else. “This is one of our most fun events of the year,” remarked Fuzzy Davis, Outdoor Pursuits Director. “Everyone has

a great time and just enjoys the friendly competition. We already have teams planning strategies for next year.”

Congratulations to Dave Kloeppe, Jerry Bostlemon, Kemp Gallineau, and Will Jackson for scoring 40 points and winning the tournament. This team hails from Nashville, Tennessee, and along with the Probasco Team from Chattanooga, is the second all-Tennessee team to win a major Ford Tournament within a year. The team of Byran and John Duck, Ben MacMillan, and Jeff Scott won second place. And Sharon Maloney won the “Crappie Award” with her monster black crappie.

Our next tournament is the Spanish Mackerel Tournament on Saturday, July 3. No teams from Tennessee have registered yet, so there is still hope we may have a local team win! Special thanks to CW and the crew at the Golf Pro Shop and to our Food and Beverage Department for helping to make the Hook and Slice Tournament a success.

FISHING UPDATE

With water temperatures reaching the upper 70s, we are seeing the return of the cobia as they migrate up the East Coast. The wrecks and reefs off of Wassaw and Ossabaw Islands are resting stops for these great game fish. A six-hour trip is usually needed to effectively fish the wrecks for cobia. Large spinning outfits and even fly tackle can be used. The cobia is a great eating fish and a super fighter. Fish range in size from 20–90 pounds.

Spanish mackerel, king mackerel, jacks, and sharks will also migrate into the sounds in late May and June and can also be caught on light tackle. The season’s first tarpon should show up in St. Catherine’s Sound towards the later part of June.

On the freshwater scene, the top water fishing is fantastic for the next couple of months. The largemouth bass are off of the beds and are actively feeding on small insects and frogs on the surface. This is the best time of year to fly fish for bass and bluegill. There is nothing as exciting as fly fishing with top water poppers, as it really reveals the predatory instincts of the bass. One or two short pops with a popper will often result in breathtaking explosive surface strikes. One warning: this type of fishing is addictive and not advised if you have a weak heart. See you on the pond!



Outdoor Pursuits Director Fuzzy Davis is shown here with a Jack Crevalle, which migrate into our area in May and June.

OUTDOOR PURSUITS

GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS PHOTO ADVENTURE

From April 19–22, eight members of The Ford Plantation spent four days photographing in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. The diversity of this amazing area has not gone unnoticed. It has been designated as an International Biosphere Preserve by the U.S. government.

More than 10,000 species of plants have been documented in the Smoky Mountains, with an estimated 90,000 still as yet unknown to science. Of these species, some 1,660 are wildflowers. We were fortunate enough to time our trip to capture some of the beauty of the wildflower season in the Smokies. Yellow trillium, giant trillium, white erect trillium, white-fringed phacelia, and crested dwarf iris were all in peak form.

After several days of just missing our chance to photograph a black bear, we were fortunate enough to have one join us for dinner one night. Just below the lodge's dining room balcony came a 300-pound black bear. It stayed around for about twenty minutes, long enough to capture a few cell phone pics. It was very exciting. There are an estimated 1,500 black bears within the park, along



with deer, elk, coyotes, bobcats, river otters, and many other animals.

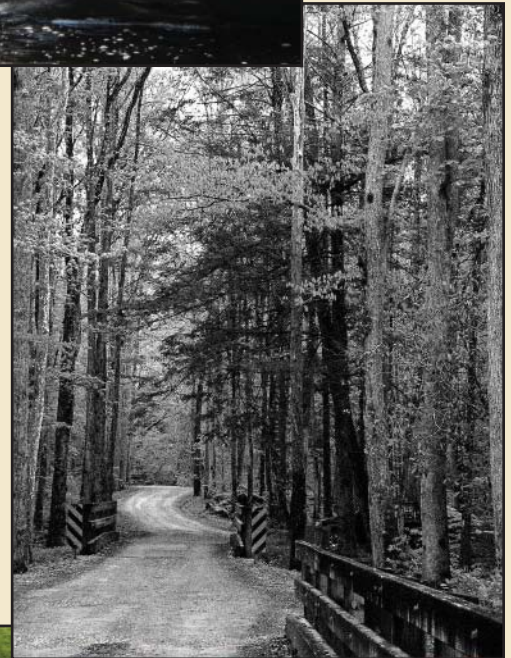
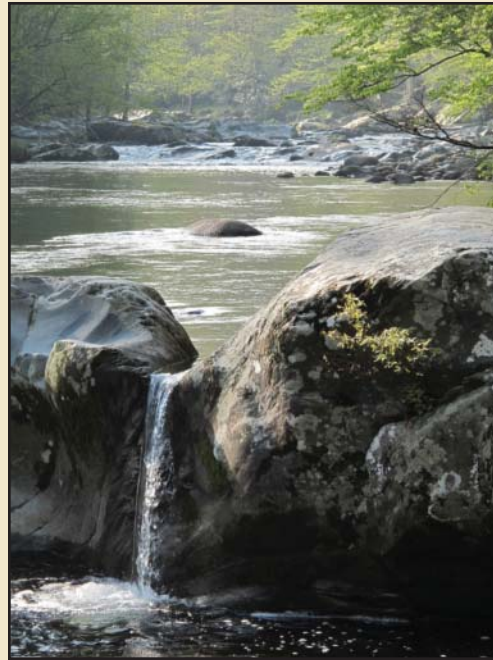
The Smokies get a lot of rainfall each year, with some areas

getting more than 90 inches. We were able to experience the rain ourselves our first day in the park. That didn't stop us from getting some really nice shots. The water droplets on the flowers and leaves added a sparkle to our photos. Also, with the soft light that the clouds provided, we were able to take advantage of the extra water in the streams and photograph waterfalls.

Sunrises were a mixture of colors. Each day was a little different; the first day the mountains were shrouded in hues of blue and purple, while the second day we captured oranges and yellows. There is never a dull moment photographing in the Smokies—you never know what is just around the bend. We sure had a great time. The lodge was wonderful, the food was very good, and the camaraderie was superb. All in all, it was an outstanding trip.

Start looking this fall for next year's photo adventure. We are now in the planning stages for another great trip. Hope to see you there.

—Mike Womble
Naturalist



Ford Plantation members spent four days in April photographing in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. The photos in this column, from the top, are by Doranne Coad, Natalie Thomas, and Peggy Gillenwater. The photo in the left column is by Nina Weil.

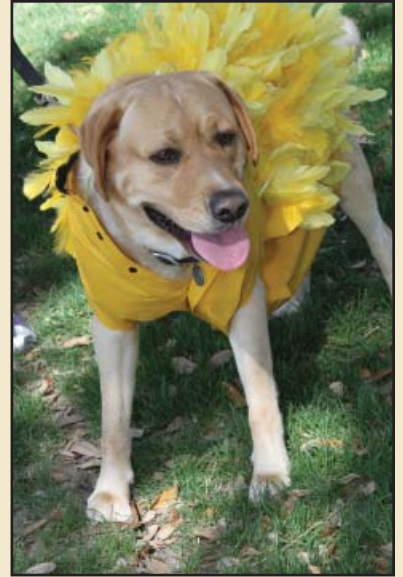
EASTER

Easter Weekend is one of the most popular annual events at Ford, with families gathering from near and far to enjoy Ford Plantation traditions. A record number of members and guests celebrated Easter with us this year, enjoying the many activities offered throughout the long weekend. In addition to the more traditional events and social affairs of the weekend, the Club added several complimentary family-friendly offerings intended to showcase different amenities and provide opportunities for members and guests to enjoy TFP in new



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and exciting ways. Some of these offerings included an Child/Parent Putting Contest, the Great Ogeechee Rubber Ducky Race, a chance to “Meet the Chef” at Edsel’s Experimental Farm, a Heavy Equipment Competition, and more... In addition, the Tennis Club Championship tournament was held, crowning new TFP Tennis Champions, Caren Gagliano and Allan Schweyer. Congratulations, and thanks to all for a wonderful weekend! Mark your calendars now for next year’s extravaganza: Friday, April 22–Sunday, April 24, 2011.



FOOD AND BEVERAGE

VILLA SAN-JULIETTE WINE DINNER SATURDAY, JUNE 12

The Ford Plantation will host a wine dinner on Saturday, June 12 featuring wines from the Villa San-Juliette Winery. The story of Villa San-Juliette begins with a show called *Corkscrewed: The Wrath of Grapes*—a reality series following the trials and exploits of award-winning entertainment producers Nigel Lythgoe and Ken Warwick as they made a major investment in a long held dream—owning their own vineyard. From childhood friends in the back streets of Liverpool to producing the huge US primetime hit,



American Idol, Ken and Nigel are a phenomenal success story. Ni-

gel is currently executive producer and “judge” on FOX Broadcasting’s hit *So You Think You Can Dance*, and Ken is executive producer and director of *American Idol*.

Villa San-Juliette Winemaker Adam LaZarre will be our guest of honor for this special event. Adam is the man behind the outstanding wines at Villa San-Juliette Winery. He has an impressive list of accomplishments under his belt. He has led the nation in gold medals three out of the last five years as well as Best-of-Show awards. In addition, he has been honored by the *Sacramento Bee* as Winemaker of the Year in 2005, and was named one of the Top Five Winemakers in 2006 by the *San Francisco Chronicle*.

Please plan to join us for this very special event, which will begin at 6:00 p.m. Kindly RSVP through the members’ only web site.

AN AFFAIR TO REMEMBER...

The Ford Plantation is one of the finest venues in the southeast to host private parties, meetings, and special celebrations. Whether it’s a wedding reception, family reunion,



or corporate board retreat, we’d love to help you plan your event and showcase your wonderful Club to your family and friends. Calendar dates

in popular months book quickly; please contact Director of Events Erika Goodman for more details at 912-756-5725 or egoodman@fordplantation.com.

HALIBUT EN ESCABECHE

by Executive Chef Juan Carlos Rodriguez

Escabeche is a classic Spanish preparation in which meat or fish is seared and then marinated in a vinegary sauce with lots of herbs and spices. It is served cold or at room temperature on a hot day. In my version of the dish, halibut is wrapped in rice paper, roasted, and served over warm vegetable escabeche.

Ingredients for the Escabeche

- ¼ cup kosher salt
- 4 bay leaves
- 4 garlic cloves
- 1 hot chili
- ½ cup olive oil
- 1 cup apple cider vinegar
- 1 large onion
- 1 teaspoon black peppercorn
- 1 red bell pepper
- 12 Spanish olives
- ¼ cup artichoke hearts
- ¼ cup micro greens

Ingredients for the Fish

- 6–5 oz. pieces of halibut
- 6 rice paper wrappers
- Salt and pepper to taste

Preparation of the Escabeche

Combine all the ingredients for the escabeche in a pot, bring to a boil, then lower to medium heat and cook for 45 minutes.

Preparation of the Halibut

Put rice paper in a big bowl of cold water until soft. Salt and pepper the fish. Wrap the fish in softened rice paper and sear on both sides in a sauté pan. Finish in a 350° oven for 15 minutes. Serve fish over the vegetable escabeche in a bowl, garnished with micro greens.



FITNESS AND SPA

MOTHER/DAUGHTER INDULGENCE DAYS

This day is designed for togetherness and relaxation. The day will include massages, facials, manicures, and pedicures, as well as lunch prepared by

Executive Chef Juan Carlos and catered on the balcony of The Spa. The cost is \$300 for both mother and daughter for half-day services

and \$500 for both mother and daughter for full-day services. This special package is available any time by advance appointment. For more information, please contact Michelle Wadas at spa@fordplantation.com or 912-756-3062.



PARTIES AT THE SPA

The Ford Plantation Spa invites you to relax and renew your body, mind, and soul at our elegant, upscale, and rejuvenating Spa. In addition to our regular services, we are pleased to offer unique, customized Spa Parties. While the guys are golfing or fishing, why not plan a Spa Party for the ladies with massages, facials, manicures, and pedicures? Or start the day with a yoga class and enjoy lunch prepared by our culinary team and served on The Spa balcony. Whether it's a pampering experience for one person or 25 guests, The Spa is here to treat you with many different packages and services. The staff at The Spa looks forward to offering you personalized, professional attention and treatment. For more information on all these events, please contact Michelle Wadas at 912-756-3062 or spa@fordplantation.com.



SUMMER FITNESS CLASSES

The Ford Plantation is pleased to offer a variety of fitness classes all summer long. A complete schedule is on the members' only web site. Below are descriptions of some of the classes we offer.

WATER AEROBICS

Water aerobics is a popular fitness class during the summer months at The Ford Plantation. Classes, which are held in the Lake Dye pool, are a combination of cardio training (to strengthen the heart) and resistance training (to strengthen the muscles) and are a great way to get a complete workout. Water aerobic classes combine a variety of techniques from land aerobics, including walking or running backward and forward, jumping jacks, and cross-country skiing. The use of water in water aerobics supports the body and reduces the risk of muscle or joint injury. Water also places less stress on the joints when stretching and can allow a greater range of motion.



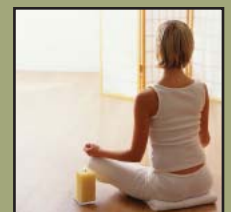
SPIN



Spin is a high energy indoor cycling class set to music that simulates riding through a variety of terrains. Spinners personalize the workout based on their fitness level and goals by adjusting the bike's tension. Some of the movements and positions include hill climbs, sprints, and interval training. Our well-trained instructors use music, motivation, and enthusiastic coaching to lead students through a ride that best suits their fitness level and goals. A major advantage of spin class is that each participant can control his or her level of intensity. It is also a great form of aerobic activity, burning between 400-600 calories in 40 minutes.

YOGA

This class will improve your strength, flexibility, and concentration by taking you through a series of poses that stretch and strengthen the muscles, joints, and spine. Yoga is an ancient philosophy of life, as well as a system of exercises that encourages the union of the mind, body, and spirit. The ultimate aim of yoga is to achieve a state of balance and harmony among the mind, body, and spirit, not just in class, but throughout the day. No matter your level of fitness, you will leave class feeling renewed and invigorated.



COMMUNITY CORNER

FORD MEMBERS ATTEND VIDEO TELECONFERENCE AT FORT STEWART

On Friday, March 19, Ford members had the unique opportunity to attend a special, real-time video teleconference call with 2nd Brigade leaders in Iraq at 2nd Brigade Headquarters on Fort Stewart. The conference call was with Colonel Charles E. Sexton, Commander 2nd Brigade Combat Team, and select members of his team. COL Sexton described his Brigade's overall security mission and the training his team is doing for the Iraqi armed forces. The briefing was followed by a lunch hosted by Mrs. Melody Sexton at the Sexton home on Fort Stewart. Members interested in following the activities of the Spartan Brigade may do so on Facebook (2nd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division). More information on the Spartans is on Ford's members' only web site under "Fort Stewart."

Second Brigade member Major Morrison briefs the Ford Plantation contingent before leading them into the VTC at 2nd Brigade Headquarters.



Above, Doug Dayton speaks with SFC Richard Fabregas at the home of COL and Mrs. Charles Sexton after the video teleconference. Doug served for 21 months during WWII in the European Theater as the acting platoon sergeant of a weapons platoon and a weapons company. During the VTC, COL Sexton thanked Mr. Dayton and his generation for "saving the world."

DINING HOURS (MAY – SEPTEMBER)

Breakfast, Continental—Main House – 912-756-5735

Friday – Sunday 7:30 – 10:30am

(Hot breakfast is served at The Main House on select holiday weekends, as announced.)

Lunch—Lake Dye Grill – 912-756-5990

Thursday – Sunday 11:30am – 2:30pm

Dinner—The Clubhouse – 912-756-6983

Thursday – Saturday 6:00 – 9:00pm

Dinner—Lake Dye Grill – 912-756-5990

Sunday 5:00 – 6:00pm (Happy Hour)

Sunday 6:00 – 9:00pm

Clubhouse Bar – 912-756-6849

Thursday – Saturday 3:00pm – close

Thursday – Saturday 5:00 – 6:00pm (Happy Hour)

Cookies & Cocktails—Main House – 912-756-5735

Thursday – Saturday 3:00 – 7:00pm

Thursday – Saturday 5:00 – 6:00pm (Happy Hour)

TO GO ORDERS

912-756-6983

Thursday – Sunday

FROZEN DRINKS, FRUIT SMOOTHIES, AND MORE

As you enjoy fun in the sun at the pool and Lake Dye Grill, you can cool off with a frozen drink or fruit smoothie. In addition to adult favorites like frozen margaritas, strawberry daiquiris, and pina coladas, we're also blending non-alcoholic fruit smoothies for the young and young-at-heart. And in the evenings at The Clubhouse—in addition to the frozen drink offerings—your favorite bartender will be mixing up signature cocktails and healthy drinks using fresh fruit and vegetable juices squeezed in-house daily. Come see us for a new taste sensation!

COMMUNITY CORNER

BRIDGE CLUB BANQUET

The Ford Plantation Bridge Club held a banquet at The Main House the evening of Wednesday, April 28 to celebrate another successful year and to award prizes for the season. Executive Chef Juan Carlos thrilled everyone with his five-course dinner featuring dishes from his native Puerto Rico. Marie Sarsten was awarded a prize for the most points, while Gunnar Sarsten had the highest average points. Wayne and Susie Morgan won a prize for the most games played together, and Nelly Greenan took home an award for volunteering the most often to play without a partner.

The Ford Plantation Bridge Club meets Tuesday nights at Lake Dye Grill at 5:00 p.m. from October through May. All members are invited to participate in this duplicate bridge game, which is not only a great social pastime, but also a wonderful way to keep sharp. If you are a beginner and would like to learn more about the game, you are invited to come by and spend the evening watching and learning. Reservations are not required. Please contact Doranne Coad with any questions: dandbcoad@hotmail.com.



The Ford Plantation Bridge Club recently celebrated another successful season by holding a banquet in late April at The Main House. Here, members of the Bridge Club enjoy dinner.



Nelly Greenan accepts her award for volunteering the most often to play without a partner.

COUNTRY HOEDOWN AT THE EQUESTRIAN CENTER

On Friday, April 16, members and guests enjoyed an old-fashioned country hoedown at The Equestrian Center. Jeans, cowboy boots, and cowboy hats were in fashion for the event, which featured a delicious buffet, a live band, and dancing under the stars. The Double Diamond Trio played old classic bluegrass and traditional country tunes on instruments including the banjo, acoustic guitar, and electric guitar. The evening also featured riding and jumping demonstrations in the new arena.



Chris McManus, Mitch Kornblit's horse trainer, demonstrates jumping skills in The Equestrian Center's new arena during an old-fashioned country hoedown in April.



Kathleen and John Dunagan are shown at the country hoedown. Kathleen worked closely with Ford staff to bring members and guests the hoedown at The Equestrian Center.

COMMUNITY CORNER

GM LETTER (FROM PAGE 2)

It has been my privilege to serve as your General Manager for more than fourteen months now—*time flies when you're having fun, right?* I've thoroughly enjoyed getting to know you all better and really appreciate those special opportunities to meet family members and friends during the busy fall-winter-spring season. On behalf of our very dedicated staff here at The Ford Plantation, I offer my best wishes for a memory-filled summer and would like to invite you to "come see us" here at Ford whenever you get the opportunity to do so this summer. As always, thank you for your loyal support of the Club this year.

We hope you enjoy this edition of *Our Sporting Life*. Once again, have a great summer.

Best regards,

Bob Gusella
General Manager / Chief Operating Officer

EXCLUSIVE TFP BELT

The Ford Plantation Golf Pro Shop now carries exclusive TFP belts from Smathers and Branson. Each one of these needlepoint products is entirely handstitched and therefore unique. Smathers and Branson uses only the finest materials from around the world and thoroughly checks each belt to ensure that it is not only beautiful, but also durable enough to survive the test of time. Our exclusive TFP belt will add unique character to your pants, shorts, or skirt. The belts are available for \$149.



MASTERS (FROM PAGE 5)

Did you get to meet any players? No, absolutely not. They are heavily guarded.

Did you get tired? By day three I was exhausted.

Did you get to watch any golf? Yes, during tournament hours, I was posted at the # 1 green inside the ropes working with a rules official as a response unit. It was a wonderful unobstructed view of golf action.

What was your favorite part of the entire week? Probably an unpopular answer, but... meeting with other professionals and learning about the organization and professionalism required to host a major golf event on an annual basis (unlike most championship venue clubs that might host a major once in 10 or 20 years).

What were you most impressed with? The army of employees, resources, and money required to host an annual major golf event.

What was the most difficult aspect of the week? Fighting fatigue and mowing grass in the pure darkness.

Would you do it again? If invited, I will gladly participate again.

FORT STEWART LENDING CLOSET

Service members and their families on Fort Stewart can borrow basic household items, such as dishes, pots, pans, furniture, folding tables and chairs, sleeping mats, etc., from the Lending Closet until they get settled. If you would like to make a donation, please contact Dana Scavo at dscavo@aol.com or 912-756-4996. She will coordinate TFP's donations with Fort Stewart.

YEAR-TO-DATE SALES AT THE FORD PLANTATION

Six home sites have sold. Five have closed and one is due to close soon.

- Five listed and contracted by Ford Plantation Properties
- One listed and contracted by outside company

Six homes are under contract. One has closed and five are due to close soon.

- Four listed and contracted by Ford Plantation Properties
- One listed by Ford Plantation Properties and contracted by outside company
- One listed and sold by outside company

This is a significant improvement from last year! We continue to be the leaders in sales at The Ford Plantation!

John M. Weber, Broker-in-Charge
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Ford PLANTATION
PROPERTIES

Welcome to Ford Plantation Properties, your property professionals for The Ford Plantation. Together we have 30 years of experience selling luxury real estate. Whether you are buying or selling, or just want to browse our beautiful property, Ford Plantation Properties provides unmatched representation for sellers of homes and land throughout the entire 1,800 acres. Our intimate knowledge of the property, combined with our proactive approach to real-estate sales and marketing, has placed us in the top echelon of our industry. We would love to tell you more in person about the many opportunities we have. Please call us today. John Weber may be reached at 912-257-3500 or jweber@fordplantation.com, and Liz Pell may be reached at 912-547-3978 or epell@fordplantation.com.



CHERRY HILL

The Cherry Hill neighborhood is reminiscent of the small towns that gave plantation society a central gathering place and a sense of community. Located at the heart of The Ford Plantation, Cherry Hill offers the ultimate lifestyle of convenience, with the Sports Complex, the Golf Pro Shop, and The Clubhouse within walking distance. Cherry Hill Village has cottages of one-and-a-half and two stories, ranging from 1,600 to 2,800 square feet. Ford Plantation Properties has a selection of available homes and homesites.



172 Cypress Crossing
\$699,000
 This elegant cottage is in the middle of it all. Currently in the rental program with flexibility to stay when you want. Few homes in the Plantation surpass this value.



51 Cypress Crossing
\$890,000
 This is one of the best values in Cherry Hill. Expansive views of the 9th fairway, more than 2,900 sq. ft. with 3 bedrooms plus a study.

103 Misty Morning Drive
\$995,000
 If you like golf, you will love the location of this home. Just walk over to the 1st tee and play.



46 Lost Cypress Way
\$3,000,000
 This elegant home is right across the street from our famous Oak Allée. Breathtaking views from this 6,000 sq. ft. home.



HOMESITES

CH 9. \$250,000. Enjoy views from this mid fairway homesite in Cherry Hill. You can walk the quaint neighborhoods and enjoy proximity to The Clubhouse.

CH 24. \$95,000. This interior homesite offers outstanding value for Cherry Hill. You see large oak trees everywhere from this fantastic property.

CH 33. \$250,000. Enjoy views across Lake Dye and walk to Lake Dye Grill and the pool. Great location and value.

CH 45. \$195,000. This homesite has a clear view straight down the 1st fairway. Walk to the driving range and sharpen that game!

CH 62. \$90,000. This interior homesite is an excellent value. Just a short walk to the Sports Barn and Lake Dye Grill.

COMMUNITY CORNER

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT: BONIANE MURRAY

Boniane Murray is The Ford Plantation's Main House Hostess and Lead Bartender. She is the friendly lady who serves members and guests Cookies and Cocktails at The Main House and helps them with anything they need, such as making dinner reservations in Savannah, providing recommendations on where to tour, or sharing the history of The Main House.



Boniane Murray, an employee of the Food and Beverage Department, has been with The Ford Plantation for five years. A native of Savannah, Boniane is Ford's Main House Hostess and Lead Bartender.

Boniane has been with Ford for five years and is an integral employee in our Food and Beverage Department. In addition to her Main House hostess duties, she also is responsible for maintaining our bar inventory. She works as a server for our wine dinners, book club meetings, round table dinners and discussions, weddings, and other special events.

Boniane brings with her a wealth of experience in the restaurant field, having served as general manager and bar manager for high-end restaurants in Savannah. Her professional career has also included stints in television advertising and real estate.

A native of Savannah, Boniane is the proud mom of a daughter and son and has four grandchildren. In her spare time, she enjoys all water sports, including kayaking, boating, and scuba diving. Until recently, she was an avid sky diver, with 85 jumps.

She loves to travel and has been to Ireland, France, the British Virgin Islands, Mexico, and throughout the United States. She is an avid reader, and her favorite everyday pastime is gardening.

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

Sun., May 9..... Mothers Day Brunch
Thurs., May 13..... Photo Adventure: Francis Beidler Forest
Fri., May 14 Gator Spotting
Thurs., May 20..... Bike Ride: Jekyll Island Beach Ride
Thurs., May 20..... Wine Tasting
Fri., May 28 Gator Spotting
Sat., May 29 Memorial Day Celebration
Tues., June 1 Tybee Island Bike Ride
Mon., June 7–Thurs., June 10 Tennis Camp I
Sat., June 12..... Villa San-Juliette Wine Dinner
Thurs., June 17..... Wine Tasting
Fri., June 18 Gator Spotting
Sun., June 20 Fathers Day Dinner
Sat., July 3 Spanish Mackerel Tournament
Sat., July 3 Independence Day Celebration
Fri., July 9 Gator Spotting
Mon., July 12–Thurs., July 15 Tennis Camp II
Fri., July 16 Sunrise Kayaking on Lake Clara
Fri., July 23 Gator Spotting
Fri., July 30–Sat., July 31 ... Silva Dolla Tarpon Tournament
Sat., July 31 Silva Dolla Tarpon Tournament Awards Dinner
Wed., Aug. 18–Sat., Aug. 18..... Kids Sports Camp
Thurs., August 19..... Wine Tasting

SAVE THE DATES

Town Hall Meeting
Saturday, September 25, 2010 at 3:00 p.m.
Club Annual Meeting and Board Elections
Thursday, October 21, 2010 at 3:00 p.m.
Homecoming
Thursday, October 21–Sunday, October 24, 2010
Thanksgiving Weekend
Thursday, November 25–Saturday, November 27, 2010
Christmas Weekend
Friday, December 24–Sunday, December 26, 2010
New Year's Eve
Friday, December 31, 2010
Easter Weekend
Friday, April 22–Sunday, April 24, 2011



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