



In Focus

November/December 2009



A publication for members and friends of The Ford Plantation

FROM THE CLUBHOUSE

FROM GM BOB GUSELLA

Welcome back to TFP! We are thrilled to present you with our redesigned bi-monthly newsletter, *In Focus*. On the heels of our wonderful Homecoming celebration in late October, this edition highlights many of the wonderful activities and events that you, your families, and friends enjoyed together here at Ford this past summer and fall, and provides information on the many exciting programs available to you this season.



It was exciting to see so many members return to kick-off the start of the 2009–2010 season. Watching friends and neighbors re-connect, and make some new friends, after the long summer elsewhere was a real treat, and the spirit of optimism and camaraderie has been contagious! Please enjoy all that your Club has to offer during the wonderful fall and winter seasons here in the Low Country.

Most of this year, for obvious reasons, we've been experimenting with various aspects of the Club to determine ways to operate more efficiently and cost-effectively while aspiring to exceed your expectations and deliver a premier "Club experience" in every regard. I hope you'll agree that these efforts have been positive. I'm always open to your feedback, so please feel free to let me know how we're doing from your perspective.

For those of you who have not visited in a while, I'd like to invite you to return to Ford at your earliest opportunity... There is no better place in the southeast to host and entertain your family and closest friends. I encourage you partake in all that this wonderful sporting Club community has to offer, and to proudly share the "Ford Lifestyle" with anyone you believe might enjoy it. You'll be glad you did (and so will they!); right now is a great time to introduce prospective new members to the Club.

On behalf of your dedicated staff here at TFP, I offer my best wishes for a memory-filled fall and winter season. Thank you again for your loyal support of the Club this year, and for welcoming my family and me into your world so warmly during my first exciting year as your GM.

Please enjoy this edition of *In Focus*, and accept my best wishes for a wonderful holiday season!

—Bob Gusella

General Manager / Chief Operating Officer

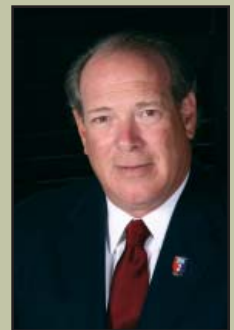
In Memoriam

George Brazer
Robbie Buckner
Linda Donahue

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Welcome back to the 2009–2010 season at TFP. The fall weather has arrived with cool evenings and warm days. The buildings and grounds are as beautiful as ever, and the golf course looks wonderful thanks to the efforts of Nelson and his staff.

Homecoming Weekend, which featured a "Salute to the Troops" was a huge success. Many of our activities included soldiers and their families from Fort Stewart, and Ford members and staff were invited to visit Fort Stewart for a full day of activities with the troops and commanders. We also hosted approximately forty soldiers at the golf course. CW and company set up a wonderful scrambles tournament with our members participating in each foursome. It was a privilege to be able to play a round with these fine young men who make such sacrifices to preserve our freedom. Much hard work went into the planning for this event. Thank you to Bob Gusella and staff and especially to Homecoming Chair Susan Weiss and her committee: Wendy Dayton, Denise Thompson, and Pam Voss.



On another note, our new web site for members is up and running. If you have not had a chance to see it yet, it is very user friendly and interactive. It will facilitate communication among members as well as with the staff. The site also features a complete listing of events and allows members to make reservations through it. The nonmember part of the web site has also been enhanced and features a very interesting view of the golf course. I encourage everyone to familiarize yourself with the features of this new communication tool. Many thanks to Ellen Lawson, Austin Sullivan, Sri Srikanthan, and Gene McQuown for their efforts in bringing this site to reality.

The Membership Survey has been mailed to you. Please take the time to fill out and return this most important document. I know we have all been waiting for a strategic long range plan for our Club, and this survey will greatly assist your Board in prioritizing present and future needs.

To those of us who have arrived for the season, welcome home. To those who have yet to come down, I look forward to greeting each and all. I can say with certainty that the spirit of community here at The Ford Plantation has never been stronger.

—Bill Weil

EVENTS AT THE FORD PLANTATION

“EASEL’S EXPERIMENTAL FARM” RENDERS FIRST CROP

This summer, a “crazy idea” that has been taking shape for more than three years finally became a reality at TFP, with the dedication of Edsel’s Experimental Farm in Silk Hope.

Consistent with our “fresh approach” to managing the Club this year, Executive Chef Juan Carlos expressed his desire to create a vegetable and herb garden on property 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. General Manager Bob Gusella was excited with the idea; he enlisted the help of Facilities & Grounds Director Chris Howard, and the project gained momentum.



Executive Chef Juan Carlos plants an herb garden behind The Clubhouse in early August. The fresh, organic herbs are used in Ford’s kitchen.

included a Chef’s Herb Garden, a Home Grown Vegetable Garden, and a Chicken Barn. The run-in shed located in the middle of the paddock was enclosed and is now home to 15 Silver Laced Wyandotte hens and one happy rooster!

Given a mandate that the plan be executed in line with our “do more with less” philosophy, the maintenance crew got busy building a fence around the new farm using materials found around the shop, the culinary team put lots of sweat equity into preparing the chicken barn and plotting the farm layout, and the grounds maintenance team prepared the new garden for its first plantings.



The new chicks arrive via US Postal Service in mid-July. The chicks will begin laying fresh eggs in December for use in Ford’s house made breads, desserts, and breakfasts.

of plants, including tomatoes, lettuces, peppers, collard greens, okra, eggplant, and more.

The garden is just about dormant for the season, but we look forward to next spring with great anticipation. And, our hens will begin laying fresh eggs in December for use in house-made breads, desserts, and breakfasts at The Main House. We’re excited about our little experimental farm, and the opportunity to bring some aspects of “plantation life” back to TFP!



Although the garden is nearly dormant for the season, we are still harvesting a few vegetables for use in the kitchen. We look forward to next spring and a full crop of vegetables.

PECAN TREES READY TO HARVEST

The pecan trees in the Ford Pecan Grove are ready to harvest. Some trees have little fruit and appear stressed. This summer, Chris Howard’s team had a tree expert evaluate and service the trees, so we should have a better harvest next year. Small harvests can be achieved by picking nuts from the ground, from the trees, or by tapping limbs with a padded stick to help with nut drop. (Please be very careful with our trees if you try this.) After the nuts are gathered, remove them from their outer husks. Pecan nuts lose quality very quickly on the ground, especially during wet weather, so it is important to harvest the nuts that fall to the ground daily. Fresh pecans need to be air dried for two to three weeks before storing. Pecans will oxidize or turn rancid more rapidly in light and out of their shell, so nuts will store longer when they are in their shell. Therefore, if you do not intend to use them right away keep the nuts unshelled. They are best stored in a cool, dry, protected location. —Anne Copp, Georgia Master Gardener

The Men's and Women's Golf Club Championship was played October 23–24, 2009 during Homecoming Weekend.

MEN'S DIVISION

The Men's Division was divided into three different flights, based on the player's individual handicap. The first and second flights were tallied using a net score, which takes into account players' handicaps. The Championship flight was tallied using a gross score—the total number of shots without using a handicap.



In the second flight, Mike Killian (right) came from behind to claim the title with two solid and consistent scores of 76 and 77. Dario Quiros (left) held the overnight lead with a fantastic two under par 70 and finished with a final round of 86 to claim the runner up spot.

The first flight saw extremely low numbers in the first round with four out of the seven players besting par for the day. Pat Haynes set the pace with a blistering 62 in the first round, followed by Wayne Morgan's fantastic 64. Billy Webb and Ed Godfrey also shot very fine rounds 67 and 71 to round out the top half of the flight.

In the end, Billy Webb (left) overcame a five shot deficit by shooting a beautiful final round of 67 to claim the victory. Wayne Morgan (right) shot a final round of 72 to finish in the runner up position in the flight.



In the championship flight, Curtis Hayslip (below) took the lead in the first round with a fine 79, but not



far behind were Chris Lawson and Bill Thompson, who both shot fine rounds of 85 and 87 from the gold tees. In the end, a new Men's Club Champion was crowned: Curtis Hayslip followed up his 79 with a solid 82 to claim the Championship.

WOMEN'S DIVISION

The Women's Club Championship was divided into a net and gross division for the tournament. Peggy Gillenwater shot two fine net rounds of 76 and 73 to claim second in the net division. Ann Haire won the net division with two fantastic rounds of 72 and 69.

The gross division saw Doranne Coad shoot two fantastic rounds of 93 and 95 to finish runner up in the



Ann Haire (top left) won the net division of the Women's Club Championship. Doranne Coad (bottom left) was runner up in the gross division. Ellen Lawson claimed the Women's Club Championship.

division. Ellen Lawson claimed the Women's Club Championship in a hard fought tournament by posting two excellent rounds of 93 and 84.

COUPLES' GOLF SERIES

The Annual Couples' Golf Series kicked off during Homecoming Weekend with 11 couples playing in the event Sunday morning. The first event of the series saw Bill and Doranne Coad shoot an excellent 6 under par 30 to claim the tournament victory and earn themselves 10 points to begin the series.

Behind the Coads were four other teams tied for second, with a 5 under par 31: Wayne and Susie Morgan, Bill and Nina Weil, Peter and Susan Stanley, and Bill and Sharon Maloney. All of these teams earned 8 points in the opening event of the Couples' Series.

Congratulations to all of the participants and winners in all of these events.

GOLF TOURNAMENTS 2009–2010 SEASON

October 23–24, 2009	.....Golf Club Championship
October 25, 2009	.....Couples' Golf Series One
November 5–7, 2009	.....Men's Member/Guest
November 22, 2009	.....Couples' Golf Series Two
January 1, 2010	.....Empty Bottle Open
January 17, 2010	.....Couples' Golf Series Three
February 6, 2010	.....Groundhog Cross Country Event
February 21, 2010	.....Couples' Golf Series Four
March 12–13, 2010	.....Men's and Ladies' Member/Member
March 14, 2010	.....Couples' Golf Series Five
March 19, 2010	.....The England
March 25–27, 2010	.....Men's Invitational
April 13–15, 2010	.....Ladies' Invitational
April 18, 2010	.....Couples' Golf Series Six

GOLF COURSE

FORD PLANTATION TO UNDERGO ENGINEERING STUDY

Recently, the Greens Committee at Ford chose the firm of Thomas & Hutton (T&H) Engineering to conduct an engineering study of the property that will include the 18 holes of golf, all the lakes on property (especially Lake Clara), the dyke road, adjacent land bodies to the golf course, and the wetlands on the back nine of the course.

The committee selected T&H based upon their competitive pricing and excellent reputation. They have more than 50 years of experience in their field and also possess extensive experience as an engineering firm working with golf courses—most notably, several Pete Dye golf courses in the Low Country.

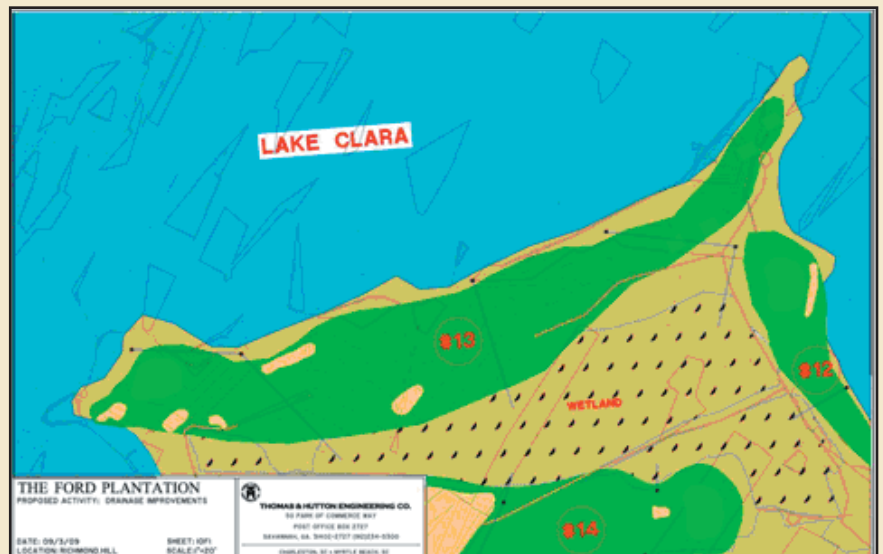
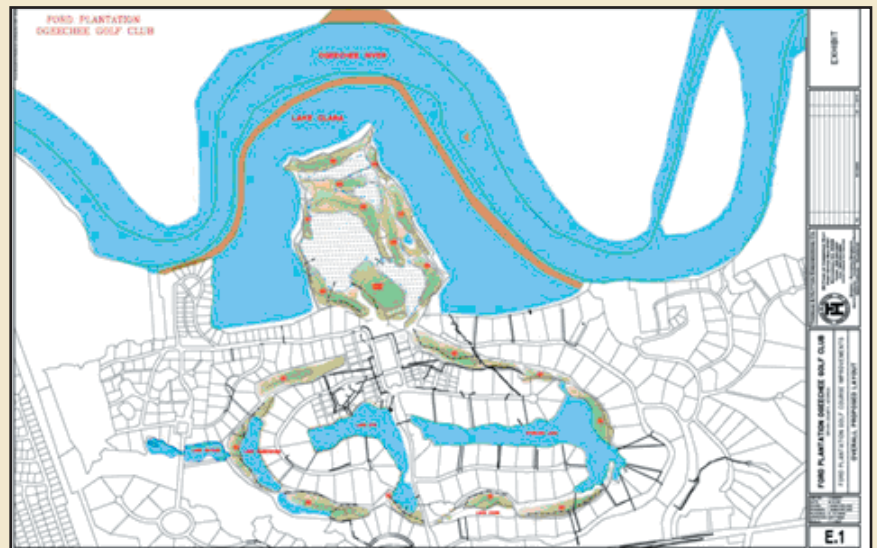
T&H also has unlimited access to the resources and technology required to complete such a project. In recent years, our Club has employed them to perform engineering work on residential sites and the Silk Hope Marina project. The project manager at T&H is Mr. Ray Pitmann, P.E., who has more than 30 years of experience in engineering, including several projects here at Ford. He is also highly regarded in the golf industry as an engineer who understands the dynamics of golf course drainage.

The project will include the entire 250-acre golf course and adjacent land areas. It will include a comprehensive drainage study on the back nine of the course and a recommendation of major drainage and outfall improvements to prevent flooding of the Lake Clara area, the back nine wetlands area, and the back nine golf holes. Additionally, the engineers will prepare drainage improvement construction plans for the complete 18-hole golf course and driving range, along with sedimentation and erosion control construction plans.

The plan will also include a study on the front nine lakes and how the golf course and adjacent land bodies interact with one another. Finally, after the study is complete, the engineers will also be able to make recommendations on the current status of the dyke road and how to maintain its structural integrity and gate structures. The study should be completed over the next three to five months.

On behalf of the Golf Course Maintenance Department, welcome back to The Ford Plantation for another wonderful season. I hope to see you all on the golf course.

—Nelson Caron
Head Golf Course Superintendent



OUTDOOR PURSUITS

LAKE CLARA... “LAKE BOUILLABAISSE”

The salinity level in Lake Clara is up, which is evident by the great number of shrimp and crabs that are being caught around the tide gates. The rise in the salt level in the Ogeechee is a late summer/fall phenomenon and is a direct result of the high astronomical tides that occur during the new and full moons.

A normal tide height is around seven feet, but many tides in the fall will top out around nine feet. This delivers ocean waters to the upper reaches of the Ogeechee.

During the spring, salt levels are normally nonexistent, but during the late summer and fall they can reach a level that can be one-third to one-half the salinity levels of ocean waters. Along with shrimp and crabs, the salt water also delivers such species as redfish, flounder, black drum, sea trout, ladyfish, croaker, spot, mullet, and even an occasional juvenile tarpon.

Along with bringing saltwater species to Lake Clara, the salt has other indirect benefits. The suspended weeds such as coontail and naiad that can be a real maintenance problem in Clara can't propagate when salinity levels are elevated.

The higher salinity levels can be detrimental to the fresh water species, such as largemouth bass, crappie, bluegill, and catfish. In fact, a dozen or so dead freshwater fish were recently spotted floating on the surface in Lake Clara.

The freshwater species are somewhat tolerant of gradual changes in the rise in salinity, but sudden increases can be harmful to all of Clara's fresh water fish. Hopefully recent rains have buffered the salt so that it won't further affect the bass, crappie, and bluegill.

Lake Clara is much like bouillabaisse, a savory seafood soup. It contains countless species of fresh and saltwater fish, along with numerous species of reptiles, amphibians, and birds. This is a very special and unique estuary that is one of The Ford Plantation's many gems.

OUTDOOR PURSUITS TOURNAMENTS 2009–2010 SEASON

October 10, 2009 Hunt for Big Red
November 20, 2009 Great Ogeechee Trout
February 27, 2010 Wing and Clay
April 23, 2010 Hook and Slice
May 8, 2010 Fish With Friends
July 3, 2010 Spanish Mackerel
July 30–31, 2010 “Silva Dolla” Tarpon

TRASH FOR TROPHIES

Many of us have heard of the recent “Cash for Clunkers” program that the government initiated this summer to recycle gas guzzling cars. The Ford Plantation has initiated its own program—“Trash for Trophies”—in which we are recycling unusable construction



material for bass habitat. We recently added a bit of fine fish habitat to Lake Butler and at the same time got rid of some unused material in the maintenance area.

TARPON STOCKED IN LAKE CLARA

Baby tarpon are a byproduct of the many brackish water ponds and lagoons found in the Low Country. Many times the tarpon are killed by extremely low temperatures during the winter season, but many times the tarpon are able to survive and thrive in their landlocked environment. Tarpon have been known to reach 20 to 30 pounds after a few years in a pond and can be terrific sport on any tackle. Recently, Adam, Mike, and Fuzzy rescued 16 baby tarpon from a pond and transplanted them to Lake Clara. These tarpon have an extraordinary selection of forage to choose from in Lake Clara and shouldn't have any problem surviving and growing to trophy status in just a season or two.



OUTDOOR PURSUITS

“SILVA DOLLA” TARPON TOURNAMENT '09 RESULTS

Tubing, thunderstorms, triple tail, and tarpon were all a part of this year's “Silva Dolla” Tarpon Tournament, held Thursday, August 13, 2009. Many of our fishing tournaments have been plagued by inclement weather, and the tarpon tournament was no exception! In fact, the boats spent the first hour of the tournament fleeing from a thunderstorm. Because of the changing weather, the tarpon fishing was a bit slow, but one fish was caught—a ninety pounder—by Team Green Island, whose team captain was Ben Probasco.

“It was the proverbial needle in the haystack,” said Capt Fuzzy. “We only saw one tarpon the entire tournament, and fortunately for us it was on the other end of our line!” Ben and his Chattanooga clan were long overdue for a first place finish, as they have fished many Ford fishing tournaments with a few second place finishes under their belts. The team celebrated their catch by riding the tube from Ossabaw Sound all the way back to the Plantation. “Sign us up for next year!” said Ben. “We are definitely coming back to defend our title.”

The Deep Sea Divas—Laura Lee Samford, Wendy McQuown, and Peggy Gillenwater—led by their fearless leader Capt Tim Barrett, utilized the slack tides during the two-day event to catch triple tail. Triple tail is a great fighting fish and is also a wonderful eating fish. The crew caught fish as large as 18 pounds. The Divas celebrated their tournament with a fantastic fish dinner!

Rob Jones from Atlanta, fishing with Capt Danny, was fortunate to jump an 80 pound tarpon on the second day of fishing. Next year's tarpon tourney, the twelfth annual, is set for the July 30–31, 2010.



Although the tarpon fishing was a bit slow during the “Silva Dolla” Tarpon Tournament held August 13, 2009, one fish was caught—a ninety pounder—by Team Green Island, shown above. Back row, from left, Walker Jones, Ben Probasco (team captain), Scotty Smith, and Pat Dilworth. Front row, from left, Tom Jones and Philip Whitaker.

HUNT FOR BIG RED FINDS HIM

When you have a full moon in October, an incoming tide, and a big chunk of mullet fished on the bottom, it's likely you'll end up doing battle with Big Red. That is exactly what happened when eighteen anglers from The Ford Plantation fished in the third annual Hunt for Big Red Tournament on Saturday, October 10.

With temperatures more typical of August, there was some question as to whether the giant reds would be active, but those doubts were quickly forgotten when rods started to bend and the drags on the reels started to sing. Most boats fished the deep channels of Ossabaw Sound and the majority of reds were caught in 25–35 feet of water. More than 20 red drum in the 30+ pound class were landed, and all were successfully released to fight another day.



Laura Lee Samford (left) and Capt Danny Sharpe hold a red drum caught during the Hunt for Big Red Tournament on Saturday, October 10, 2009.



Bill Weil (right) and his team the Big Red “Crushers” (Mike Killian, Jon Hancock, and Donald Prutzman) came in first place by releasing eight reds.

Big Red “Crushers” Bill Weil, Mike Killian, Jon Hancock, and Donald Prutzman came in first place by releasing eight reds. Team member Jon even had a strike at the exact time that “lines out” were called. “The bite really turned on the high outgoing tide,” said Capt Fuzzy. “We had a really fun afternoon after having a fairly uneventful morning.”

The award for the longest fish was a tie between Jim Scavo and Peggy Gillenwater at 42.5 inches. Peggy's fish also won the award for the most spots with a whopping 24. Another outstanding catch was Laura Lee Samford's 45-minute battle with a big red that was accidentally hooked with a 12-pound spinning rod while bait fishing for whiting. Laura Lee and the red had an incredible tug of war, and the boat drifted for a half mile from where the strike occurred before the red was landed. Laura Lee was last seen sporting an ice pack on her right arm!

HOMECOM

The theme for The Ford Plantation's Homecoming 2009, held in late October, was a "Salute to the Troops." Throughout the week-long celebration, The Ford Plantation honored the military at Fort Stewart for their dedication, service, and future deployment. Selected service members were invited to Ford for rounds of golf, an All-American Cookout, and the traditional Homecoming Gala Saturday evening.

MILITARY CARE PACKETS

Many generous Ford members donated money to provide special care packets to the troops who are being deployed. Ford raised more than \$6,445 for these care packets. The packets will include phone cards and travel related items and will be mailed to Fort Stewart soldiers deployed overseas.

FORD VISITS FORT STEWART

Fort Stewart members and staff were invited to visit Fort Stewart. While at Fort Stewart, participants met base commanders, visited a small arms training range and observed a live fire exercise, had lunch with the soldiers, visited the Warrior Transition Battalion, observed the "Engagement Skills Trainer" simulator, visited the Warrior's Walk, and had photo opportunities with base leaders.

ADOPT-A-SOLDIER

Ford members are also participating in the "Adopt-a-Soldier" program, where supportive Americans are connected with deployed soldiers to communicate encouragement and express gratitude to the brave men and women serving our nation. Individual cards with the name and email address of a soldier and instructions regarding the program are available in the Club Administration office for members who would like to participate in this program.

HOMECOMING COMMITTEE

Homecoming Weekend was a huge success, thanks in large part to the members of the Homecoming Committee, who worked so hard to bring this special "Salute to the Troops" Homecoming Weekend to members and guests. We thank the following members for their dedication and support: Susan Weiss, Chair, Wendy Dayton, Denise Thompson, and Pam Voss.

PORTRAITS ONLINE

Portraits taken at the Homecoming Gala may be viewed at www.cobblestonephotography.com. Click on open menu—online ordering—portraits—Ford Plantation Homecoming 2009. The password is Gala. All proceeds from the portraits will be donated to "Operation Homefront." A link is given if anyone is interested in more information about the organization and its mission to aid area military families. Please call photographer Beth Smithberger with any questions at 912-756-7376.



WINTER 2009



FOOD AND BEVERAGE

CLUBHOUSE RESERVATIONS

Reservations are encouraged (but not required) by 2:00 p.m. for dinner that same evening. In order to ensure the excellent service you have come to expect, we ask that you please allow a staff member to seat your party in The Clubhouse Dining Room.

SECOND HALF F&B MINIMUM

Members are reminded that the second half of the 2009 Food and Beverage minimum started in July. The minimum required food and beverage expenditure per membership is \$750 in the first half of the year and \$750 in the second half of the year (\$1,500 per year in total). All food and beverage purchases, including wine, private catering events, and Ford Market purchases, are counted towards the minimum.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, NINA WEIL!



The Ford Plantation thanks Bill and Nina Weil for including all members in their celebration of Nina's birthday the evening of October 31. The costume party at The Main House

was a great success and a perfect example of the wonderful private events Ford is able to host for members.

DINING HOURS

Breakfast, Continental—Main House – 756-5735
Thursday – Friday 7:30 – 10:30am

Breakfast, Hot—Main House – 756-5735
Saturday – Sunday 7:30 – 10:30am

Lunch—Clubhouse Dining Room – 756-6983
Wednesday – Sunday 11:30am – 2:30pm

Dinner—Clubhouse Dining Room – 756-6983
Wednesday – Sunday 6:00 – 9:00pm

Clubhouse Bar – 756-6849
Wednesday – Sunday 11:30am – close
Wednesday – Sunday 5:00 – 6:00pm (Happy Hour)

Cookies & Cocktails—Main House – 756-5735
Wednesday – Saturday 3:00 – 7:00pm
Wednesday – Saturday 5:00 – 6:00pm (Happy Hour)

NEW MENU FROM EXECUTIVE CHEF JUAN CARLOS RODRIGUEZ

Executive Chef Juan Carlos has done it again with a superb and unique menu for both lunch and dinner this fall. Below is a small sampling of the culinary delights that await members and guests in our Clubhouse Dining Room.

APPETIZERS

Fried Oysters
With a Mango Hot Sauce

Low Country Boil
Savannah Shrimp, Andouille Sausage, Corn, and Potatoes in Seasoned Broth, served with Cocktail Sauce

Sausage Sampler
A Variety of Grilled Sausages with Whole Grain Mustard and House Made Jams

SALADS

Tomato, Mozzarella and Avocado Salad
Served with Fresh Basil Leaves and a Spicy Mustard Vinaigrette

Green Bean, Mint and Strawberry Salad
With Feta Cheese, Pistachios and Raspberry Vinaigrette

Shrimp, Lobster and Cantaloupe Salad
Savannah Shrimp, Maine Lobster, Celery, Shallots, Carrots and Orange Aioli

SANDWICHES

Flatbread Tomato Sandwich
Fresh Mozzarella, Tomato, Romaine Lettuce and Pesto Sauce

French Dip
House Roasted Ribeye on a French Baguette with Au Jus and Shoestring Potatoes

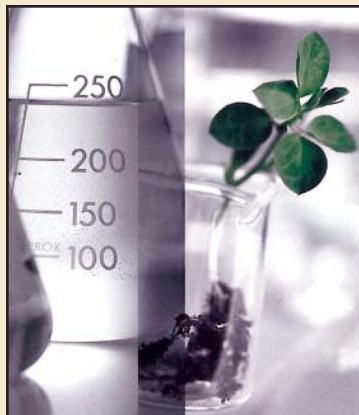


Classic Crab Cake Sandwich
With Creole Remoulade

Executive Chef Juan Carlos Rodriguez is pleased to offer a fresh, exciting new menu this season. The Ford favorites listed above will appear on the menu all season, while dinner entrees will change monthly. We look forward to hosting you in The Clubhouse Dining Room.

FITNESS AND SPA

DR. BABOR PRODUCTS AT FORD



Babor has launched a new product in their fabulous skin care line: Dr. Babor.

In the summer, The Spa held a three-day continuing education seminar from the Babor Institute for contractors on the new Dr. Babor skin care line. Dr. Babor cosmetics are the ideal companion on your individual quest for lasting beauty. Do not miss out on an amazing Dr. Babor Facial!

The Doctor Babor range is based on two skincare concepts. **Biogen Cellular** delivers sensational healing results in the treatment of postoperative wounds. This highly effective skincare range, formulated with the special Biogen Plant Extract, also achieves extremely intensive cell regeneration. Outstanding results in restoring optimum skin condition make Biogen Cellular a uniquely regenerative, anti-aging miracle.

Derma Cellular is the gentle solution with a strong effect. Its concentrated special products promote the skin's metabolism and activate cell renewal. You can reduce fine lines—particularly expression lines and wrinkles, dark circles, bags under the eyes, and age spots. After using these products for just a short time, you can obtain results comparable to those through anti-wrinkle injections, Botox, or laser treatments. In addition, Derma Cellular maintains the results of cosmetic plastic surgery longer.

Please contact Michelle Wadas at spa@fordplantation.com or 912-756-3062 today to schedule your Dr. Babor Facial and begin your journey to beautiful skin with Dr. Babor.

NEW FITNESS SCHEDULE

The Ford Plantation is offering many exciting new classes this season—check out our schedule below. You'll find fun new tennis, cardio, and sculpting classes, along with our tried and true yoga, Pilates, and Zumba offerings.

Monday

8:30 a.m.—Cardio Tennis
2:30 p.m.—Weights

Tuesday

7:00 a.m.—Yoga at The Spa
8:15 a.m.—Stretch at The Spa
8:15 a.m.—Total Body Blast
9:30 a.m.—Spin
4:00 p.m.—Zumba

Wednesday

8:15 a.m.—Pilates
9:15 a.m.—Body Sculpting
4:00 p.m.—Cardio Tennis

Thursday

7:00 a.m.—Yoga at The Spa
8:15 a.m.—Stretch at The Spa
8:15 a.m.—Total Body Blast
9:30 a.m.—Spin

Friday

7:00 a.m.—Yoga at The Spa
8:15 a.m.—Resist-A-Ball Pilates
9:30 a.m.—Kick Boxing
3:30 p.m.—Tennis Skills Set—2nd and 4th Friday of the month
4:00 p.m.—Tennis Round Robin

Saturday

8:15 a.m.—Zumba—1st & 3rd Saturday of the month
8:15 a.m.—Spin—2nd & 4th Saturday of the month
9:30 a.m.—Cardio Tennis—last Saturday of the month
All classes are held at The Sports Barn, unless otherwise noted.

Rates

Per Class
\$20 (Members)
\$22 (Extended Family)
\$24 (Guests)

Seasonal Monthly Rate

\$175 per member per month for unlimited classes

HEALTHY LIFESTYLE RETREAT

Mark your calendar now to join in the Healthy Lifestyle Retreat on Friday, December 11 and Saturday, December 12, 2009. This retreat will help you learn what will work for you and your lifestyle. Whether you wish to speed up your metabolism, learn what is good for your body, or just get a



little healthier, this event is for you. The retreat will consist of a warm-up, Total Body Blast class, lunch, a relaxing spa service, and a well-being lecture. You will walk away knowing what you can do to achieve the results you been looking for. Contact Director of Spa & Fitness Michelle Wadas at

912-756-3062 or spa@fordplantation.com to reserve your spot in this retreat. This event will begin at 8:30 a.m. on both days. Learn how to achieve a healthy weight and maintain it for life. The cost for this two-day retreat is \$275.

EVENTS AT THE FORD PLANTATION

The Ford Plantation is pleased to offer many exciting events to members during the 2009–2010 season. Reservations are required for all events. Please RSVP through the members' only web site (<http://fordplantation.back9links.com>).

BRIDGE CLUB

The Ford Plantation Bridge Club meets every Tuesday night at Lake Dye Grill at 5:00 p.m. 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: 912-756-4458 or dandbcoad@hotmail.com.

BOOK CLUB

The Ford Plantation Book Club meets one Thursday a month at 6:00 p.m. at The Main House. Dinner will be available after the book discussion at 7:00 p.m. All members are invited and encouraged to attend.

November 19, 2009

The Help by Kathryn Stockett

December 17, 2009

Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace . . . One School at a Time by Greg Mortenson

January 21, 2010

Mystery Night: *A Most Wanted Man* by John Le Carré

February 18, 2010

The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows

March 18, 2010

Southern Literary Month: *A Good Man Is Hard to Find and Other Stories* by Flannery O'Connor

April 15, 2010

It Can't Happen Here by Sinclair Lewis

THE BIG READ

The Big Read is a new initiative of The Ford Plantation to provide members with the opportunity to read and discuss a single book in our community. The book is *Continental Drift* by Russell Banks. This book will be discussed during the last Round Table Dinner of the season on April 14, 2010.

ROUND TABLE DINNERS

This season's Round Table Dinners and Discussions will focus on current affairs and will feature guest speakers from the Georgia Southern University Literature & Philosophy and Political Science Departments. The discussions will cover a variety of issues that are in the news. Discussions are held on Wednesday evenings. They will begin at 6:00 p.m. and will continue through dinner. Join us for these lively meetings at The Main House. The cost is \$50.

November 11, 2009

Richard Pacelle, Ph.D., "The Supreme Court"

December 9, 2009

Caren Town, Ph.D., "Dangerous Words: Censorship in the Public Schools"

January 13, 2010

Howard Keeley, Ph.D., "Queensborough: The Scots-Irish In Pre-Revolutionary Georgia"

February 10, 2010

Irina Khmelko, Ph.D., "Exporting Democracy: Post Soviet States"

March 10, 2010

Hemchand Gossai, Ph.D., "Justice and a Just Society: The Hebrew Prophets for Today"

April 14, 2010

David Dudley, Ph.D., "Humor, Horror, and Humanity: A Writer Confronts Southeast Georgia"

ARTIST IN RESIDENCE

Each season, The Ford Plantation conducts Artist-in-Residence workshops with well-known artists. These workshops provide members the opportunity to learn from accomplished artists and to try new art forms and techniques.

Bird Wood Carving with Bob Maples

Saturday, December 5, 2009; 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

Felting with Lisa Klakulak

Friday, January 15–Sunday, January 17, 2010; 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

SCAD Artist-in-Residence Program

Glassblowing (In Savannah) Saturday, November 21, 2009

Mixed Media Illustration Saturday, December 19, 2009

Painting on Silk Saturday, February 20, 2010

Chipped China—An Artful Garden Saturday, March 20, 2010

Advanced Watercolor Saturday, April 17, 2010

GARDEN CLUB

Learn more about gardening and help preserve the natural and historical beauty of The Ford Plantation by becoming a part of the Garden Club. The following Friday meetings begin at 10:00 a.m. at The Main House.

November 6, 2009 Growing at Ford

December 11, 2009 Christmas Greens for The Main House and The Clubhouse

January 8, 2010 Growing at Ford

February 12, 2010 Guest Speaker

March 12, 2010 Growing at Ford

April 2, 2010 Ford Tour of Gardens

May 7, 2010 Guest Speaker

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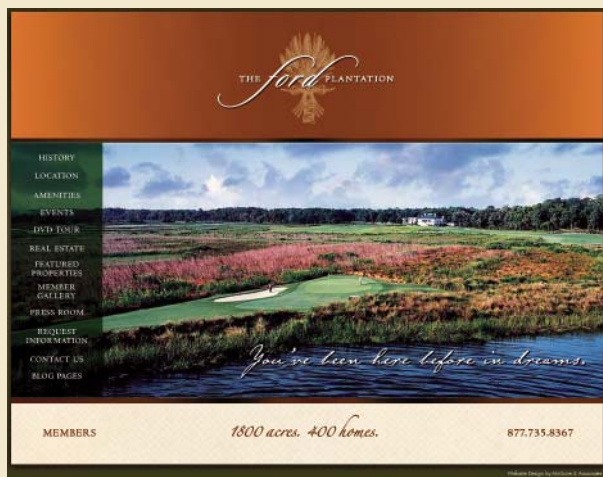
NEW WEB SITES LAUNCHED

The Ford Plantation recently launched both a new public and a new private, members' only web site. The new public site showcases the gracious lifestyle and majestic setting here at Ford. The site will become an integral component of our Club and community marketing efforts in the months and years ahead. In addition to new photographs and text copy, the entire web site has been re-built from scratch to better serve Ford members and anyone interested in learning more about the lifestyle and amenities offered at TFP. See the site at www.fordplantation.com.

The brand new and interactive members' only web site (<http://fordplantation.back9links.com>) is Ford's private communication and social network, designed to help members stay informed and have fun at The Ford Plantation. The site features four main tools. *My Network* is an online, private, searchable social network for our Club. Each member has his or her own login and profile, all secure behind the password-protected area of the web site. Members are now able to connect with one another faster and easier, finding other members of like interests with whom to golf, dine, go fishing, or work out. The *Inbox* can be used to reply to messages, compose messages, and view sent messages.

Through the *Calendar & Events* section, members are able to browse the Club calendar for interesting events, make reservations online, and keep track of events they are attending in their personal calendar. Event information is always just a click away, no matter where you are. The *News & Info* section contains the most up-to-date happenings at Ford, as well as historical documentation, such as Club By-Laws and Rules & Regulations. This section also contains the information members need while here at Ford, such as the fitness schedule and the weekly dining schedule. Through the News & Info section, members have access to real-time, detailed information about the Club, its activities and special events, and its members.

We are very excited about both of these new sites and look forward to hearing your thoughts. Please contact Shannon GaNun at 912-756-3291 or sganun@fordplantation.com with your input.



EQUESTRIAN ARENA UPDATED

Re-construction work on the riding arena at the Equestrian Center was completed in late September. All of the existing footing material in the arena was removed, and the base was leveled, compacted, and properly stabilized under a geo-textile layer. In addition, new drainage was installed and decorative planter boxes were constructed in the corners of the arena. The new footing material—the actual riding surface—now consists of rubber encapsulated sand mixed with synthetic fibers, providing an excellent riding surface and giving the horses proper cushion.

An event to showcase the new arena will be held the afternoon of Saturday, December 13. Please mark your calendar and watch the members' only web site for more information on this event. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Equestrian Center Manager Susan Benson at stables@fordplantation.com or 912-756-2239.



The Hadley family enjoys riding in the new arena. Above, Juliet rides while her dad, David, keeps a watchful eye. Below, Olivia takes a turn in the arena.



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MAKING SUMMER MEMORIES AT FORD

Harry and Vanita Morgan hosted their grandson, Christopher Mapel, and his best friend, Michael McMahon, of Newnan, GA, at Ford this past summer. The boys attended the Tennis Camp, went Gator Spotting with Naturalist Mike Womble, and enjoyed many other activities during the week. Their time at Ford was an experience of a lifetime!



Christopher Mapel, grandson of Harry and Vanita Morgan (above) and Michael McMahon, Christopher's best friend (left) enjoy Gator Spotting while at Ford this summer.

“COFFEE TALK” WITH BOB

Join General Manager Bob Gusella at The Main House at 9:30 a.m. on the following Wednesdays for a hot cup of coffee and an informal chat about activities, special projects, and current events at The Ford Plantation: November 18, December 16, January 13, February 17, March 10, and April 21. This is a complimentary event.

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The Board is available to members, at any time, and is interested in any constructive feedback and observations aimed at improving the Club. Members may communicate directly with the Board via a special email address at board@fordplantation.com.

TFP VISITS FORT STEWART

Several members and employees of The Ford Plantation visited Fort Stewart on Wednesday, September 16, 2009. Upon arrival at the base, CSM Jesse L. Andrews, Jr., Division Command Sergeant Major of the 3rd Infantry Division, greeted us at the Marne Garden, in front of a large statue of Rocky, the mascot for the division. Major General Tony Cucolo, Commanding General of the 3rd Infantry Division, escorted us to a private, one-hour briefing in his office.

The general outlined the division's history, its current responsibilities, and its upcoming deployment schedule. The general and sergeant major deployed to Iraq on October 20, along with thousands of soldiers from Fort Stewart. "We are going to command and control everything north of Baghdad," he said. "By the 15th of December 14,000 soldiers will be gone from this area for a 12-month period."

When asked what The Ford Plantation can do for the base and its soldiers, the general said, "Any way that folks outside the gates create a sustainable program you can count on year after year is appreciated by soldiers and families." He said that "entertainment and distractions for soldiers and their families" are greatly appreciated, as is simply thanking soldiers for their service when you see them in uniform.

After the briefing, we went to a small arms range and observed a live fire exercise. Members Peggy Gillenwater and Jeff Scott were

able to shoot an MK19 grenade launcher from atop tanks. The day included lunch with soldiers and a visit to the Warrior Transition Battalion, where the mission is to transition warriors back to the force or prepare them to continue to serve our nation as productive veterans.

We were also able to "fire" weapons at the Engagement Skills Trainer simulator and visit the Warrior's Walk, where 420 trees are planted in memory of the soldiers of Fort Stewart, the 3rd Infantry Division, and attached units who were killed in combat.



Members Jeff Scott and Peggy Gillenwater were able to shoot an MK19 grenade launcher from atop tanks during a visit to Fort Stewart. Here, they return from their "mission."

FORD PLANTATION REAL ESTATE UPDATE

REAL ESTATE UPDATE

Since July 1, 2009, there have been a total of 17 closings at The Ford Plantation, 13 of which have been through Ford Plantation Properties, three through outside sales agents and one through an auction sale.

As part of its comprehensive strategic marketing program, the Ford Plantation Properties sales team—working closely with professionals from Abshire Public Relations, McGuire & Associates, and Celia Dunn/Sotheby's International Realty—continues to secure an increasing number of sales prospects and positive national, regional, and local media coverage.

Although the economy continues to offer many challenges and the majority of real estate sales companies generally experience a decrease in activity in the warmer weather, the trend at The Ford Plantation seems to be just the opposite. People who visit are swept away by its natural beauty and Club amenities and see the opportunity to buy now.



Members of The Ford Plantation Sales Team. From left, Chip Dolan, Kevin Shaney, Liz Pell (seated), Lori Combs, Sri Srikanthan, and Mattie Davis.

For the period of February 1 through September 16, 2009, Ford Plantation Properties had a total of 55 prospects tour the property, resulting in 10 closings. The following is a brief summary of the results of the Ford Plantation Properties tours:

- 10 closings
- 5 pre-qualified prospects booked to visit the property by the end of October
- 10 interested but not ready to purchase
- 2 current members interested in a trade
- 28 not interested

Here are a few highlights of activities we have recently undertaken to promote The Ford Plantation.

AN OUTSTANDING NEW WEB SITE

We are now successfully driving online traffic to the newly-re-designed, user-friendly Web site, located at www.fordplantation.com. The new site enables us to reach prospective new residents more efficiently and effectively and to celebrate the sporting lifestyle at The Ford Plantation with potential buyers around the world. With new HD video input technology, our real estate offerings are now displayed with greater clarity than ever before. Once a prospect visits our web site, we make it as easy as possible for him or her to contact us for more information and to arrange a visit.

GENERATING POSITIVE NEWS ABOUT THE FORD PLANTATION LIFESTYLE

In an effort to raise the community's profile in national, regional, and local media, Ford Plantation Properties is working with Abshire Public Relations (APR) to secure positive stories about The Ford Plantation. APR recently secured a feature story about Ford in the September 2009 issue of *Cooking with Paula Deen* and an article about the Rühle home in the Fall 2009 issue of *Robb Report Vacation Homes*. Working closely in coordination with the marketing committee, APR is also securing media placements in top national and international publications, showcasing our stellar lifestyle at The Ford Plantation.

INCREASING OPPORTUNITIES FOR GUESTS TO EXPERIENCE THE FORD PLANTATION LIFESTYLE

Nothing else rivals a guest partaking in community festivities at The Ford Plantation. A Homecoming Weekend Open House in October was a tremendous success, bringing potential buyers to The Ford Plantation and spreading the word about Ford to friends and family in their hometowns. We continue to work with the Club on future events and activities our prospects can enjoy, such as golf, cultural, and outdoor pursuits.

EMPHASIZING COLLABORATION BETWEEN MEMBERS AND THE SALES TEAM

Ford Plantation Properties continues to work closely with Club members to maximize the on-site experience for buyers. In the spirit of cooperation and inclusion, the sales team and Club members have joined forces to ensure that visitors enjoy every possible element of the Ford Plantation experience—from golf to outdoor pursuits—during their stay. We want to make all prospective buyers feel welcome and help them realize that Ford is the ultimate place to call home.

We appreciate the outstanding member support we have received for all these exciting sales initiatives. If you have any questions about the overall sales strategy at Ford Plantation Properties, please call Chip Dolan or Lori Combs at 912-756-5666.

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EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT: BRANDON MESSER

Brandon Messer, a lifelong resident of Richmond Hill, started working at Ford while still in high school six years ago, as a barn hand in the Equestrian Center. After high school, he attended Savannah Technical College in the Surgical Technology Program. While attending Savannah Tech, Brandon was asked by Director of Security Matt Gaskin to join the Security Department team, which Brandon accepted.

In fact, it was Gaskin who suggested Brandon as a candidate for Ford's Employee Spotlight. "I am very proud of this young man and what he is doing for our country," says Gaskin.



Brandon Messer, an employee of the Security Department, has been with Ford for more than six years. He is a member of the U.S. Army Reserves and attends Armstrong Atlantic State University as a biology major.

Last year, Brandon decided to take military leave to attend basic and advanced training with the U.S. Army Reserves as a combat medic. After his initial training, Brandon was selected for two missions: one to Germany working in a primary care clinic and one in Florida, working with JROTC students at Camp Blanding.

Brandon is now back in college, at Armstrong Atlantic State University, as a biology major in the pre-med field. After he earns his bachelors of science degree, Brandon will be commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Army and plans to apply for the Army Physician Assistant program.

In his spare time, Brandon likes to shoot at a local Richmond Hill range, play golf, and go camping and hiking.

MAJOR CLUB EVENTS

November 26–28, 2009 Thanksgiving Weekend
December 24–26, 2009 Christmas Celebration
December 31, 2009 New Year's Eve
February 13–15, 2010 Valentine's Day/
Presidents' Day Weekend
April 2–4, 2010 Easter Weekend
April 23–25, 2010 Spring Fling Weekend

THANKSGIVING WEEKEND

Wednesday, November 25, 2009

Spa Night—B.F.F.: Backrubs, Facials, and Foot Scrubs,
6:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 26, 2009

Thanksgiving Buffet at The Clubhouse, 11:30 a.m. and
2:00 p.m.

Friday, November 27, 2009

Oyster Roast at The Oyster House, 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 28, 2009

Kids Nature Camp at The Oyster House, 9:00 a.m.

Member/Guest Tennis Round Robin, 9:00 a.m.

Soups and Subs at Lake Dye Grill, 11:30 a.m.

Low Country Seafood Night at The Clubhouse, 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 29, 2009

Nature Hike of TFP from The Oyster House, 3:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS WEEKEND

Thursday, December 24, 2009

Children's Breakfast with Santa (with photographer)
at The Main House, 9:00 a.m.

Christmas Eve Dinner at The Clubhouse, 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 26, 2009

Kids Nature Camp at The Oyster House, 9:00 a.m.

Oyster Roast at The Oyster House, 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 27, 2009

Photo Hike of TFP from The Oyster House, 4:00 p.m.

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