



Our Sporting Life

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A publication for members and friends of The Ford Plantation

CLUB NEWS

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Are we having fun yet? The Winter/Spring season here at The Ford Plantation has certainly started with more new and fun activities than ever before. On the golf front, CW, along with Peter Stanley and the Golf Committee, have come up with innovative tournaments that have generated much enthusiasm and participation. In particular, the new Match Play Tournament played over several weeks has been a great success, and so have new formats for couples play on Sundays. Looking forward, we have the Par Three tournament (played backwards on the course), the Member/Member, the England, and the Ladies' and Men's Invitationals, all of which should make for a great season.

In Food and Beverage, James and Juan Carlos have been especially creative. We have had and continue to have exceptional themed dinners, wine tastings, oyster roasts, and in particular a wild game dinner prepared in the brick oven at The Oyster House that has quickly become a member favorite. The Ford Market has also been much in use this year, providing members with delicious soups, breads, and cheeses. Edsel's Experimental Farm is providing our kitchen with fresh organic produce that appears throughout our menu and continues to be a source of delight for members, their children, and grandchildren as they walk the Plantation.



Club President Bill Weil

Our Equestrian program is off to a wonderful start. Sheryl Jordan, our new Equestrian Center Manager, and her staff have created a great amount of enthusiasm among both riders and non-riders alike. I know my grandchildren thoroughly enjoyed their experience at the barn when they visited two weeks ago. Sheryl is looking forward to hosting many members and guests at the Equestrian Center during the Easter week activities.

Fuzzy and company have reintroduced the "Hook Line and Sinker" newsletter, which highlights our Outdoor Pursuits activities. Many lessons are being offered for both beginners and experts in light tackle and fly fishing as well as sporting clays and bow hunting. Just check in at Ogeechee Outfitters at The Marina for fishing trips or any outdoor sporting needs.

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Cover Photo: Spring has sprung at The Ford Plantation. The Tulip Tree beside The Main House is in full bloom. Photo courtesy of Erika Goodman, Director of Events.

UNIQUE OPPORTUNITIES TO SHOWCASE AND ENJOY THE FORD PLANTATION

The Ford Plantation is pleased to offer three programs to members, designed to promote our wonderful community and club lifestyle to family, friends, and business associates. We hope you and your guests will take advantage of these special programs and share the unique sporting club experience that is The Ford Plantation.

GUEST EXPERIENCE EXCLUSIVELY FOR FRIENDS OF FORD MEMBERS

These overnight discovery packages are specially designed, and attractively priced, to entice friends of members to visit Ford and consider membership in the Club. We are offering two night, three night, and five night packages, with just the right amount of activities in each to entertain guests and expose them to the great activities and amenities we have here at Ford.

AMENITY VOUCHER PACKAGE EXCLUSIVELY FOR FORD MEMBERS

In order to expose more members and guests to all of our wonderful amenities, we have developed a special Amenity Voucher Package—for personal use or for use as gifts to family and friends. Each voucher package contains a wealth of Ford activities and experiences and is redeemable through the end of 2011.

CHARITY AUCTION PACKAGE

Our Charity Auction Package offers members an exclusive opportunity to purchase a wonderful donation package for charity auctions. The standard package includes an overnight stay at The Main House, golf, and a sunset river cruise; it may be customized to include other Ford amenities. Donating a Ford Plantation Charity Auction Package to organizations of your choice allows you to contribute to the causes you believe in, while exposing other like-minded people to beautiful coastal Georgia and to The Ford Plantation's unique sporting club environment.

PDFs of these documents are available on the members' only web site. For more information, please contact Shannon GaNun at sganun@fordplantation.com or 912-756-3291.

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FORD MARKETING STRATEGY CREATES BRAND AWARENESS

The Ford Plantation Marketing Committee has been hard at work developing and executing a comprehensive, multi-platform marketing program that creates brand awareness and interest in Ford and the amenities we offer. Using the unique selling proposition that The Ford Plantation is a “luxury sporting club and residential community” and the familiar moniker of “1,800 Acres – 400 Homes,” we are promoting The Ford Plantation to adults who enjoy an active lifestyle and are interested in purchasing land or a home.

Our market position highlights three features:

A True Sporting Members Club—The Ford Plantation defines what today’s sporting luxury is all about, with its equestrian, world class golf, deep water marina, spa, shooting club, and fine dining, all set on past antebellum plantations near Savannah, Georgia.

Savannah’s Low Country Lifestyle—The Plantation reflects a refined, Low Country style that celebrates the unique character and natural beauty of its setting. Members, their families, and guests enjoy privacy without isolation, exclusivity without pretension, and luxury without ostentation.

The Legacy of Henry Ford’s Estate—Henry Ford’s unique legacy remains a fascination to all.



The Ford Plantation’s marketing strategy uses public relations to create brand awareness and interest in Ford and the amenities we offer. The Morgan home was featured in the November 2010 *Coastal Living*.

We are also focusing efforts on social media outlets. We have established a presence on Facebook (facebook.com/fordplantationfb), which is helping to drive traffic to our web site and increase visibility on the web.

Our marketing strategies are fourfold. First, we are using Savannah’s premiere public relations agency, Abshire PR, to promote us through the use of traditional and online media outlets. Editorial stories featuring The Ford Plantation are key to developing our brand. Stories featuring the Morgan home at Ford in the November 2010 *Coastal Living*, the re-launch of the Equestrian Center in various equestrian publications, and Ford member Bill Maloney’s profile in the February/March 2011 *South Magazine* are examples of the many media placements Abshire has garnered for us.

Our second strategy is to focus on web site enhancements. We are actively editing and adding copy to enhance “Search Engine Optimization” (SEO), producing videos featuring members and amenities at Ford (golf, fishing, equestrian, spirit of the people), developing new pages to improve the site, and enhancing navigation through drop down menus.

Thirdly, we are using guest packages and hosting activities to promote Ford. Our Guest Experience Package—for both friends of Ford members and for the public in general—have been well received and utilized by members and prospects alike. We are also considering travel to members’ home clubs to promote TFP—should you wish to participate in this program, please contact Shannon GaNun, Director of Communications and Membership, at sganun@fordplantation.com or 912-756-3291.



Advertising is a key component of Ford’s marketing strategy. Our kiosk ads appear in the Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport (above). Guest packages (right) are used by members and real estate brokers to introduce prospects to Ford.

Avenue magazine, and *Atlanta Homes & Lifestyle*. We have also placed two kiosk ads at the Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport, and you will see our ad in the Savannah Music Festival Program Guide. In addition to these traditional print publications, we are also focusing advertising efforts online through web sites that advise clients on finding the right retirement or second homes (www.southeastdiscovery.com for example).

Marketing Committee members include Bill Coad, Chair, George Boden, John Dunagan, and John Greenan. GM Bob Gusella and Shannon GaNun are actively working with the Committee to execute this plan. We look forward to successfully building The Ford Plantation brand throughout 2011 and beyond.

To reach potential buyers, we are advertising in *The Wall Street Journal*, *Hamptons Magazine*, *Savannah Magazine*, the Connecticut Gold Coast Magazines (*Greenwich*, *New Canaan-Darien*, and *Westport*), *Michigan*



NEW GOLF TRAINING TOOL AVAILABLE AT THE GOLF SHOP

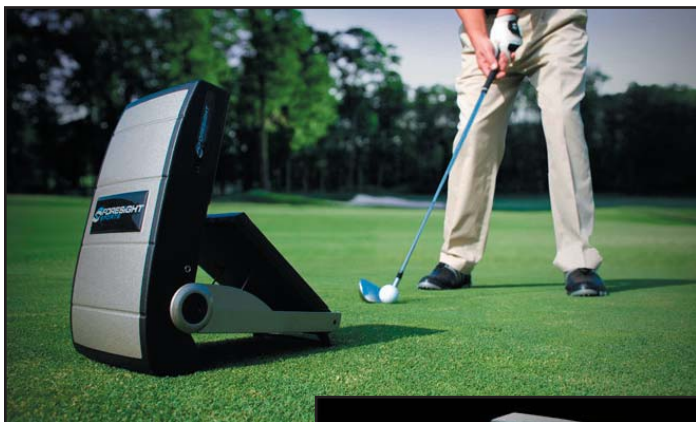
The availability of quality data about your golf swing and clubs has never been better. Today, golfers can receive instant feedback via launch monitors and computer instruction software. The Golf Pro Shop here at The Ford Plantation has both! In fact, we just received the new Foresight GC2 Smart Camera System. Many of you have already taken advantage of the new technology. If you haven't, I invite you to set up an appointment to use this resource.

As the golf industry grows and becomes more high tech, PGA Professionals truly understand that players need, at a minimum, the proper clubhead, shaft, and set composition. The computer software and launch monitor can help move a golfer into his or her "optimal" specifications. Our new GC2 system reveals several data points that help "fit" a player into the proper equipment. Numbers such as launch angle, spin rate, ball speed, and left or right spin help determine the best club(s) for your bag.

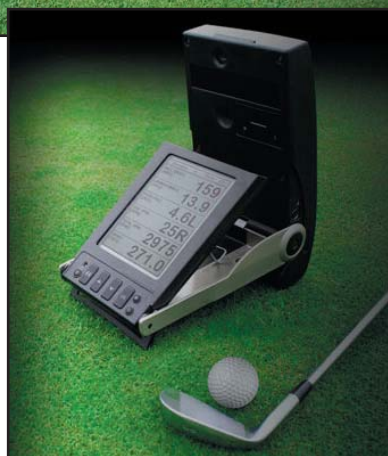
The Ford Plantation is the only golf club in the Savannah area to offer the GC2 system to its members.

Please contact me to learn more about this exciting new opportunity (cwcanfield@fordplantation.com or 912-756-5776). Hope to see you soon!

—CW Canfield, Director of Golf



The Ford Plantation is the only golf club in the Savannah area to offer the GC2 system to its members. By capturing and analyzing golf ball flight at the most critical point of measurement—club impact and launch—the GC2 delivers the most accurate and most relevant values of performance available today. The GC2's real-time delivery of verifiable accuracy changes the game of golf for instructors, club fitters, and players of every skill level.



FORD PLANTATION GOLF TOURNAMENTS MEMBER/MEMBER

Friday, March 11–Saturday, March 12, 2011

Pick your favorite member (or the member who is playing particularly well!) and make a team. This two-day tournament features a One Best Ball format on day one and a Two Person Quota format on day two.

THE ENGLAND

Friday, March 18, 2011

This is a black tee championship honoring the memory of assistant golf pro Andy England. This is a one-day individual, nonflighted handicapped tournament. The low net player for the event will be the Champion.

MEN'S INVITATIONAL

Thursday, March 31–Saturday, April 2, 2011

Members are encouraged to invite guests to comprise teams of two. The format for this popular event is a 45 hole, Net Best Ball and Two-Man Quota with 27 holes played on day one and 18 on day two. Each player will receive full handicap for both formats. At the completion of play, all flight winners will be involved in a Championship Shoot-Out, and one team will be eliminated each hole. If two teams tie a hole, a chip-off will be held to determine which team advances to the next hole. Flight runner-ups will compete in a closest to the pin contest to determine which flight runner-up advances to the Championship Shoot-Out.

LADIES' INVITATIONAL

Wednesday, April 6–Friday, April 8, 2011

Ladies are encouraged to invite guests to comprise teams of two for this popular event. The format is a Two Day Net Eclectic. Competitors will keep their best net score for the team for day one. If they have a better score on a hole the second day, they count the second day net score. Players can only better their day one score!



GOLF COURSE

TURF TEAM ATTENDS GCSAA SHOW IN ORLANDO, FL

In mid-February, our turf management team attended the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America Industry Show (GIS) in Orlando, Florida. Golf Course Superintendent Nelson Caron, Assistant Superintendents Jared Nemitz and Brooks Riddle participated in a wide variety of continuing education classes where they learned the latest research and management practices being used in the industry.



Researching the newest equipment and advances in technology on the trade show floor is one of the highlights of the GIS show.

Along with taking multiple seminars, Nelson teamed with Dr. Eric Ervin from Virginia Tech and Troy Fink from the Country Club of Virginia to teach a one day seminar on organic matter control on putting greens. Leading this seminar was a great experience for Nelson, and the three were honored by being asked to present their seminar twice at next year's show.

GOLF MAINTENANCE WELCOMES THREE NEW STAFF MEMBERS

The Golf Course Maintenance Department is excited to welcome three new members to our staff. We feel extremely fortunate to have Alan, Brooks, and Matt join us and are excited to see what the future holds for them and our department. When you see them on the golf course, please welcome them to The Ford Plantation.

ALAN BUSSEY, EQUIPMENT MANAGER



Alan comes to us from TPC Jasna Polana in Princeton, New Jersey where he was the Equipment Manager for four years. Prior to his time with the TPC network, he was the Head Technician for the Golf Club of Georgia located in Alpharetta, GA. Alan holds a degree in Turf Equipment Management from Florida Gateway College, numerous manufacture training certificates and is a

certified class "A" Golf Course Equipment Manager through the International Golf Course Equipment Managers Association. Alan brings not only his mechanical ability but also a wealth of knowledge to our staff, including agronomic skills learned from being an assistant golf course superintendent for multiple years throughout north Florida.

BROOKS RIDDLE, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT



Brooks comes to us from The Honors Course in Chattanooga, Tennessee, where he has spent the past three years as the Head Spray Technician. Like Nelson Caron, he earned a B.S. in Turfgrass Science from North Carolina State University and completed internships across the country at some of the most storied golf clubs in the nation. These include Old Chatham Golf Club in

Durham, NC, Westchester Country Club in Rye, NY, The Honors Course in Chattanooga, TN, and the famed Merion Golf Club in Ardmore, PA.

MATT SUMPTER, ASSISTANT IN TRAINING



Matt is originally from Plymouth, Indiana and a December 2010 graduate from Purdue University with a B.S. in Turfgrass Science. Matt has completed internships at some of the top clubs in the country, such as Medinah Country Club in Chicago, IL, Victoria National Golf Club in Evansville, IN, Kinloch Golf Club in Richmond, VA, and Indiana

National Golf Club in Plymouth, IN. Not only did he broaden his horizons completing internships and various work experiences, but Matt also spent a semester studying abroad in Aberystwyth, Wales.

TFP GOLF COURSE BLOG

The Ford Plantation Golf Course Maintenance Department maintains an online blog to keep members informed on the most current golf course maintenance practices and latest course conditions. Follow the conversation at www.tfpagronomy.blogspot.com.

OUTDOOR PURSUITS—NATURE, FISHING, & SHOOTING

WING AND CLAY TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Congratulations to Paul Googe and Jesse Watkins, the winners of this year's Wing and Clay Tournament, held February 26. Paul and Jessie's total for clays and birds was 178. Congratulations to our second place winners Harry Morgan and David Santi, whose total was 168. David also had the best clay score at 81/100. Once again, Dorchester Shooting Preserve did a wonderful job hosting our event.



Paul Googe (left) and Jesse Watkins (second from right) are this year's Wing and Clay Tournament winners. They are shown with Capt. Danny Sharpe (second from left) and Ford Naturalist Mike Womble. Hilton Head artist Bob Maples outdid himself in crafting this year's Wing and Clay trophies. Many of Bob's wood carvings are on display and for sale at Ogeechee Outfitters.

MORE REDS STOCKED IN LAKE CLARA

An additional 220 one-to two-pound redbfish were recently stocked in Lake Clara by Rick Eager from Swimming Rock Fish Farms in Charleston, SC. Since July 2010, approximately 1,400 redds have been added to Lake Clara. Additional redds will also be stocked in the early fall. There is still a zero bag limit on redds caught out of Lake Clara until further notice—please catch and release all redds. This will be until the growth of the stocked fish can be assessed.



Rick Eager from Swimming Rock Fish Farms in Charleston, SC is shown here on February 24 stocking fish in Lake Clara from The Main House gate.

PHOTO ADVENTURE: FRANCIS BEIDLER FOREST



Located in the Low Country of South Carolina is a magical place known as Four Holes Swamp. It contains 45,000 acres of black water sloughs, lakes, bottomland hardwoods, and cypress swamps. The Audubon Society has purchased more than 15,000 acres to preserve some of the oldest known virgin stands of Bald Cypress. Some of the trees are more than 1,000 years old, with the oldest known at 1,500 years and counting. Wildlife and birdlife alike abound here.

With a 1.75 mile boardwalk through the heart of the swamp, visitors can really get a feel and understanding of the importance of this area.

Come along with Ford Naturalist Mike Womble as we explore the photographic opportunities of the Francis Beidler Forest. If you are not a photographer, bring your binoculars and join the hunt for the golden yellow Prothonotary warblers, a must see at the preserve. Mark your calendars for Thursday, April 28, 2011. This is an all day event that includes transportation and lunch. The fee is \$100 per person.



AUTOMATED FISH FEEDERS ADDED TO TFP LAKES

To make the feeding of gamefish more efficient, the Outdoor Pursuits Department is adding an additional three automated fish feeders to our lakes. The new feeders will be located in Lake Sterling, Lake Savage, and Lake Habersham. The fish food is consumed largely by the catfish and bluegill. Largemouth bass' predominant food happens to be bluegill, so as we help our bluegills to grow, we also help the bass to grow.

UPCOMING FISHING TOURNAMENTS

April 29, 2011 Hook and Slice
July 2, 2011 Spanish Mackerel
August 12–13, 2011 "Silva Dolla" Tarpon
October 15, 2011 Hunt for Big Red
November 18, 2011 Great Ogeechee Trout

OUTDOOR PURSUITS—NATURE, FISHING, & SHOOTING

BETHESDA HOME FOR BOYS CATFISH ROUNDUP APRIL 7

The Ford Plantation will be hosting a Catfish Roundup on Thursday, April 7 for some of the boys from the Bethesda Home for Boys. Bethesda, founded in 1740, has 120 boys, 40 of whom live on campus in Savannah. They have an exciting new wildlife management program, which is great hands-on experience for the boys. Part of the wildlife program involves raising quail and creating quail habitat, which they can do easily on a portion of the 600-acre facility. They also have stocked a newly created 17-acre pond with bass and bluegill.

We will be fishing in Lake Dye and Lake Sterling, beginning at 9:00 a.m. The fishing will be followed by a picnic at Lake Dye Grill at 11:30. After lunch, members and ODP staff will help clean the catch, which will be taken back to Bethesda for a fish fry. According to Tommy Brackett, the school's wildlife department manager, we will have about 18 eager anglers participating. If you would like to volunteer to bait hooks and help with the fishing, please sign up on the members' only web site. Also, if you have any extra fishing rods, please bring them.

TIDE GATES ESSENTIAL TO LAKE CLARA'S HEALTH



Eight tide gates connect Lake Clara to the Ogeechee River, and they are essential tools in keeping the lake healthy and adding to its diversity. Many of the gates are located in the same places that the gates or “rice trunks” were when rice was produced in the early 1800s. (A rice trunk along the Georgia coast is shown here.)

The gates are manually opened one to two times per month, depending on the height of the tide. When there is a new or full moon the tides “spring” above their average height, and the water floods into the lake. It takes at least a predicted tide height of eight feet for water to flow freely from the river into the lake.

Opening the gates brings fresh oxygenated water into the lake, and as an added benefit, the lake receives an incredible influx of juvenile shrimp, crab, and fin fish, all of which grow and thrive in the lake. Some of the best time to crab, shrimp, and fish are when the gates are opened.

Many times during the year, because of the number of birds, gators, and fish, the nutrients in the lake can reach high levels. Opening the gates and allowing the water to flow in and out lets the lake breathe and remain healthy.

2011 TIDE GATE SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY

Open Friday, February 18
Close Monday, February 21

MARCH

Open Friday, March 18
Close Tuesday, March 22

APRIL

Open Friday April 15
Close Thursday, April 21

MAY

Open Saturday, May 14
Close Thursday, May 19

JUNE

Open Monday, June 13
Close Friday, June 17

JULY

Open Monday, July 11
Close Thursday, July 14
Open Friday, July 29
Close Tuesday, August 2

AUGUST

Open Friday August 26
Close Saturday, September 3

SEPTEMBER

Open Saturday, Sept 24
Close Monday, October 3

OCTOBER

Open Saturday, October 22
Close Tuesday, November 1

NOVEMBER

Open Tuesday, November 22
Close Monday, November 28

DECEMBER

Open Thursday, December 22
Close Tuesday, December 27

EQUINE CONNECTION PROGRAM EXCLUSIVELY AT THE FORD PLANTATION

The Ford Plantation Equestrian Center is proud to offer “Equine Connection,” a program where participants explore their communication, relationship, and leadership style through interactions with a horse. Created by Equestrian Center Manager Sheryl Jordan more than 15 years ago, this program is available to all and does not require any horse experience or riding.

This unique program gives individuals an opportunity to connect and interact with horses by learning how they communicate with us and interact with each other as a herd. Participants will recognize powerful parallels between the horse and human relationships.

Through groundwork and round-pen exercises, participants will learn how to relate to horses on the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual level. Through this interaction, they will develop a deeper awareness of their communication, relationship, and leadership style and skills.

By successfully achieving goals with working the horse in the round-pen, participants will be given effective communication and leadership tools to carry into other aspects of their lives. Sheryl asks that people bring to the program an open mind and heart to maximize this opportunity.

Sheryl has facilitated this program for corporate management teams, women’s groups, inner-city students, families, and at-risk individuals. They have all learned the value of leadership, authenticity, communication, and healthy relationship building skills with the horse as a key teaching partner. Contact Sheryl at 912-756-2239 or stables@fordplantation.com to schedule your program.



Horses and humans...we all want the same thing...to trust and be trusted, to be treated with dignity and respect, and to experience unconditional love and compassion. The Equine Connection Program, offered exclusively at The Ford Plantation, uses horses to teach participants to develop a heightened awareness of communication, relationship, and leadership skills.

EQUESTRIAN CENTER OFFERS HORSEMANSHIP PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES

Students of all ages have been learning about the art of horsemanship at The Ford Plantation Equestrian Center this winter. The fun will continue with spring and summer horsemanship programs offered to children and adults of all levels. Learn to groom, lead, round-pen, and ride—both bareback and in a saddle. Please watch the Weekly Update and members’ only web site for more details.



Our students get to experience the fun of riding bareback, so they will first learn to develop an independent seat. Lindsay Rockwood is shown here with Sugar Maple. Our ponies are easy to love and learn on!

EQUINE CONNECTION AGENDA

- Welcome & Introduction
- Overview of Program, Goals & Objectives, Safety Notes
- Notes, Quotes & Nuggets of Knowledge
- Meet the Horses and Choose the One You Want to Work With
- Grooming & Leading (Optional)
- Round-Pen Sessions
- Riding (Optional)
- Journaling & Closing Notes



CLUB NEWS

CELEBRATE EASTER AT FORD

All members are invited to celebrate Easter at Ford, enjoying the many activities we have planned for the long weekend. Our Easter weekend is one of the most popular annual events at Ford, with families gathering from near and far to enjoy Ford Plantation traditions. Events include Pony Play Days, Equine Connection Demo, Meet the Chef at Edsel's Experimental Farm, Trunk Show, Fish Fry Buffet, Tennis Club Championship, Kids Explorer Camp with Naturalist Mike Womble, Wildlife Program Presented by GSU Center for Wildlife Education, Pony Rides and Lemonade Stand, Cobblestone Photography On Site Easter Day, Easter Buffet, Petting Zoo, Easter Egg Hunt, and Easter Parade. For detailed information, please see our Easter brochure, which is posted on our public and members' only web sites and available at public sites throughout the grounds.

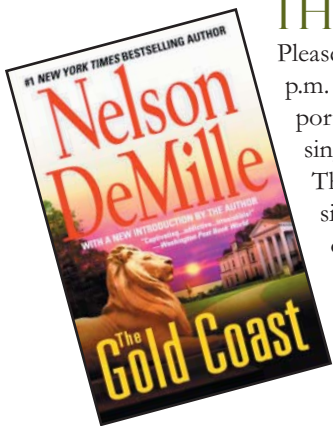


SUMMER PRIVATE EVENT DATES AT FORD STILL AVAILABLE—BOOK NOW!

The Ford Plantation is one of the finest venues in the southeast to host family reunions, corporate outings, birthdays, private parties, weddings, 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. We can help plan your entire event with fun activities like golf tournaments, fishing excursion, day trips to Dorchester Hunt Club, pool parties, oyster roasts, fine dining in The Main House, tours of Savannah, etc., etc... The possibilities are endless! 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.

THE BIG READ

Please join us on Wednesday, April 13 at 6:00 p.m. for our second annual "Big Read," an opportunity for members to read and discuss a single book in our community. The book is *The Gold Coast* by Nelson DeMille. The session will be led by Dr. David Dudley, Chair of the Literature & Philosophy Department at Georgia Southern University. This book will be discussed during the Round Table Dinner in The Main House.



EDSEL'S EXPERIMENTAL FARM FLOURISHES

The growing season is in full swing at Edsel's Experimental Farm, The Ford Plantation's full-fledged mini farm. On a warm, sunny day in February, The Ford Plantation Garden Club joined Executive Chef Juan Carlos Rodriguez and members of our Food & Beverage staff in planting six varieties of lettuce, three varieties of beets, two varieties of carrots, and four varieties of peas. In addition to the vegetable garden, which is planted in six garden beds (up from three last season), the farm features 24 Japanese Bantam Chickens, two goats (Lucy and Ricky), and two bunny rabbits.

In just a few short months, the garden will feature a bumper crop of produce, promoting sustainable small-scale farming and farm-to-table freshness. Our culinary team uses this produce to create fresh, delicious meals for members and guests. Any excess yield from the garden is cooked into stocks, soups, and sauces, canned in-house, and sold to members and guests through The Ford Market in custom-labeled mason jars. Farm-fresh eggs are featured in desserts, breads, salads, and breakfast omelets.



Edsel's Experimental Farm is growing: Vanita Morgan helps plant some of the 300 lettuce plants Anne Copp started from seed.

In spirit, Edsel's Experimental Farm continues automobile magnate Henry Ford's historic commitment to agriculture in Georgia. At Ford Farms, located on the current site of The Ford Plantation, Henry Ford transformed former rice fields into well-managed crops of iceberg lettuce and soybeans, which flourished in the late 1930s and early 1940s.

Throughout the spring, the Garden Club will meet more frequently than once a month, depending on what we are planting and harvesting. Watch your email for updates. All Ford members and guests are welcome to these Garden Club events!



Members of The Ford Plantation Garden Club and our Food and Beverage staff planted vegetables at Edsel's Experimental Farm in February. A bumper crop of produce is expected this spring.

EVENTS AT THE FORD PLANTATION

SPEAKER SERIES: BILL MALONEY, THE CHILEAN MINE RESCUE

TFP Member Bill Maloney played an integral part in the rescue of the 33 trapped Chilean mine workers last fall. He was part of Plan B, the successful operation that drilled to reach the miners.

Bill's background in drilling shafts in coal mines in West Virginia prepared him well for this endeavor. More than 80 members and guest joined Bill on February 18 at The Main House as he discussed the rescue effort, from the initial calls and emails around the world to the successful rescue of the miners. Bill showed a PowerPoint presentation along



with his discussion and answered several questions from members throughout the event. Please plan to attend two additional events in our Speaker Series: Anne Prescott Keigher, Benjamin Franklin House Foundation, Wednesday, March 23 and Michael Smith, Ph.D., Georgia Southern University Thursday, April 21, "Crime in the U.S.: Fact v. Fiction."

GOLF COURSE TOUR



Golf Course Superintendent Nelson Caron and his assistants provided a golf course tour to more than a dozen members on February 22. Nelson provided an overview of the current state of the golf course and explained what it takes to keep the golf course in good shape. It was a great opportunity for members to gain an understanding

of the golf course and to ask Nelson and his staff questions. Another Golf Course Tour is scheduled for Tuesday, March 15. Please RSVP for this event through the members' only web site.

SOUP COOKING DEMO

Nothing says warm, cozy, and delicious quite like a piping-hot bowl of homemade soup. The Ford Plantation offered a soup cooking class on February 25, featuring Ford's resident soup making expert, Sous Chef Derek Benoit, and Executive Chef Juan Carlos. More than 30 members and guests attended the class, which included instructions on making chicken vegetable soup, yellow heirloom tomato soup, chili, and corn chowder. Derek shared the recipes and the techniques for making these delicious dishes—and of course, participants had plenty of time to taste them!



WILD GAME DINNER

Building on a tradition started last year, this special dinner held February 26 featured fish caught in local waters and a variety of



wild game dishes prepared by Executive Chef Juan Carlos and his culinary team. We used the original wood-burning brick oven in The Oyster House, which we brought out of retirement last year, to cook several of the dishes. More than 50 people enjoyed this new Ford tradition.

FROM THE PRESIDENT (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2)

Our Clubs within the Club continue to have great participation and are open to all. The Garden Club, Photo Club, Book Club, and Bridge Group all have enthusiastic and growing memberships. The Speaker Series has been well attended, and last Sunday at the Main House we hosted a brilliant music student from Georgia Southern University who gave us a masterful concert. It would be my hope to continue to have a Sunday afternoon concert series.

There is no end to the new and imaginative offerings at our wonderful Plantation. Let's have fun. Come and enjoy them.

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill".

March 2011

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

				1 5pm Bridge Club	2 10am Ladies' Golf Clinic 2pm Men's Golf Clinic 3pm Wednesday Afternoon Golf Play (9 Hole) 4pm Junior Golf Clinic	3 2pm Harris Neck National Wildlife Refuge	4 Men's and Ladies' Member/ Member Golf Tournament 6pm Craft Beer Dinner	5 3pm TFP Nature Hike
6 10am Couples' Golf 5pm GSU Concert	7	8 2:30pm Par 3 Challenge	9 10am Ladies' Golf Clinic 2pm Men's Golf Clinic 3pm Wednesday Afternoon Golf Play (9 Hole) 4pm Junior Golf Clinic 6pm Round Table Dinner	10 9:30am Coffee Talk with Bob 10am Ladies' Golf Clinic 2pm Men's Golf Clinic 3pm Wednesday Afternoon Golf Play (9 Hole) 3:30pm Bridge Club Tournament 4pm Junior Golf Clinic	11 10am Bad Hair Day at The Spa 10am ODP Clinic 4pm Photo Club Meeting	12 Men's and Ladies' Member/ Member Golf Tournament	13 The England Golf Tournament 6pm Oyster Roast	14 Men's and Ladies' Member/ Member Golf Tournament
15 10am Couples' Golf DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS	16 14	17 2pm Golf Course Tour with Nelson Caron 5pm Bridge Club	18 10am Ladies' Golf Clinic 2pm Men's Golf Clinic 3pm Wednesday Afternoon Golf Play (9 Hole) 4pm Junior Golf Clinic	19 10am Ladies' Golf Clinic 2pm Men's Golf Clinic 3pm Wednesday Afternoon Golf Play (9 Hole) 4pm Junior Golf Clinic 5pm Speaker Series: Anne Prescott Keigher, Benjamin Franklin House Foundation	20 10am Sporting Clays Fun Shoot	21 10am Garden Club		
20 10am Couples' Golf 6pm Theme Dinner at The Main House (Asian) Private Afternoon Event at The Clubhouse	21 21	22 5pm Bridge Club	23 10am Ladies' Golf Clinic 2pm Men's Golf Clinic 3pm Wednesday Afternoon Golf Play (9 Hole) 4pm Junior Golf Clinic 5:30pm Ladies Night Out at The Spa 7pm Cocktail Party Sponsored by Jack and Linda Shafer	24 Men's Invitational Golf Tournament				
27 10am Couples' Golf	28 28	29 5pm Bridge Club						

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Sunday

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Saturday

<p>10am Couples' Golf 4pm Kayak Lake Clara</p>							<p>1 Men's Invitational Golf Tournament 10am Inside Scoop at The Spa 6pm Oyster Roast</p>	<p>2 Men's Invitational Golf Tournament</p>
<p>10am Couples' Golf 4pm Kayak Lake Clara</p>	<p>5pm Bridge Club</p>		<p>6 Ladies' Invitational Golf Tournament 2pm Men's Golf Clinic 3pm Wednesday Afternoon Golf Play (9 Hole) 4pm Junior Golf Clinic</p>	<p>7 Ladies' Invitational Golf Tournament 9am Bethesda Home for Boys Catfish Roundup 10am ODP Clinic</p>	<p>8 Ladies' Invitational Golf Tournament 6pm Oyster Roast Private Day Event at The Main House</p>	<p>9 Private Evening Event at The Main House</p>	<p>10 Men's Invitational Golf Tournament Private All Day Event at The Main House</p>	
<p>Callaway Gardens Trip 10am Couples' Golf 6pm Theme Dinner (Mediterranean) Private Evening Event at The Marina</p>	<p>Callaway Gardens Trip 5pm Bridge Club</p>		<p>11 Callaway Gardens Trip 10am Ladies' Golf Clinic 2pm Men's Golf Clinic 3pm Wednesday Afternoon Golf Play (9 Hole) 4pm Junior Golf Clinic 6pm Round Table Dinner</p>	<p>14 Callaway Gardens Trip Private Evening Event at The Main House</p>	<p>15 6:30pm Wine Dinner: Trisaetum Winery</p>	<p>16 Private All Day Event at The Main House</p>	<p>17 10am Couples' Golf</p>	
<p>12:30-4:30pm Cobblestone Photography On Site 11:30am Easter Buffet 1pm Petting Zoo and Lemonade Stand 1:30pm Easter Egg Hunt 2pm Easter Buffet 3:30pm Easter Parade EASTER</p>	<p>5pm Bridge Club</p>		<p>18 9:30am Coffee Talk with Bob 10am Ladies' Golf Clinic 12:30pm Pony Play Days 2pm Men's Golf Clinic 3pm Wednesday Afternoon Golf Play (9 Hole) 4pm Junior Golf Clinic 6pm Book Club</p>	<p>21 10am Sporting Clays Fun Shoot 10:00am Equine Connection Demo 12:30pm Pony Play Days 5pm Speaker Series: Michael Smith, Ph.D., GSU</p>	<p>22 11am Meet the Chef at Edsel's Experimental Farm 12:30pm Pony Play Days 3pm Trunk Show 6pm Fish Fry Buffet GOOD FRIDAY</p>	<p>23 9am Tennis Club Championship 9am Kids' Nature Camp 2:00pm GSU Raptor Center Program 3:30pm Pony Rides</p>	<p>24 12:30-4:30pm Cobblestone Photography On Site 11:30am Easter Buffet 1pm Petting Zoo and Lemonade Stand 1:30pm Easter Egg Hunt 2pm Easter Buffet 3:30pm Easter Parade EASTER</p>	
			<p>20 10am Ladies' Golf Clinic 2pm Men's Golf Clinic 3pm Wednesday Afternoon Golf Play (9 Hole) 4pm Junior Golf Clinic 5:30pm Ladies Night Out at The Spa</p>	<p>23 7am Photo Excursion: Francis Beidler Audubon Preserve Private Afternoon Event at The Clubhouse Private Evening Event at Lake Dye Grill</p>	<p>24 Hook and Slice Tournament</p>			

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