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### CAT ISLAND CLUB

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CAT ISLAND



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Administrative House Tuesday-Friday 9:00AM-5:00PM

#### **Clubhouse** Dining

Wednesday-Saturday 11:00AM-8:00PM Sunday Brunch 10:00AM-2:00PM

Cabana Bar & Grill CLOSED FOR OFF-SEASON

Pro Shop Tuesday-Friday 8:00AM-5:00PM

Saturday & Sunday 7:30AM-5:00PM

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## UP-TO-THE

#### WITH THE GENERAL MANAGER -



#### Dear Members,

Well, if there is an "off-season" in the Lowcountry, I would suspect this is it. However, you wouldn't know it when you visit the Club. We use this time to recharge and plan for the entire 2024 season. 2024 will be our first full year where we can showcase our beautiful club. If you remember, we opened the golf course for play last Memorial Day and the

newly renovated and updated clubhouse reopened over Labor Day 2023.

As I've preached over the past year and a half, we can't over-communicate and are introducing a new communication feature for members: the Quarterly Newsletter! I'm sure we'll come up with a catchy name soon, but it's more important to launch than name at this point. Look for this new feature at the beginning of each quarter with updates on events, membership, dates, and such. We'll also look back to recap where we've been. We'll celebrate our successes and plan for more in '24!

This first quarter will be a time for us to work on many winter projects on the golf course, clubhouse, tennis courts and pool areas. As you all know, spring and summer come quickly to Beaufort, and thank goodness, they stay for the majority of the year!

I'm so proud of the Team that we built and the response of the membership over the past year. Our dedicated team of professionals have certainly set a very high standard of service and overall member experience. The response of members has been overwhelming. Our membership is growing in leaps and bounds. 2023 saw an incredible number of new members join Cat Island Club. Many have watched this club over the years and have enjoyed playing the golf course in days gone by and are thrilled to have it back. Others are new to town and find the atmosphere and comradery of membership very appealing. Whether you are playing golf, lounging around the pool, or enjoying Brunch on the Oak Patio, there's a place at Cat Island Club where everyone calls their favorite place to be at the Club.

While last year saw so many new members joining the Club, we expect more of the same in 2024. In fact, we expect to see a steady increase in membership in the various categories that we offer at Cat Island Club. We've built in all of

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the elements that make our club special. Whether we're talking about golf, swimming, dining, family events, or anything else at the club, the most important factor that I hear the most from potential members is the warm welcome that they receive from our current members. I echo those sentiments each and every day, and we're all grateful to all of you.

In 2024, we'll be launching our Wine Club, which is a membership within a membership. For those of you who enjoy fine wines, our Team will be hosting special dinners and extra special pricing for Wine Club members in the coming months. Don't worry, if it's beer that you prefer, we'll be taking a tour around the world in March for you.

In golf, look for a fun event on Superbowl Sunday and a new event this year, the St. Valentine's Day Massacre golf event. Valentine's Day is for lovers, but when it comes to golf, it's all about making putts! Look for more details on these fun events during the next few weeks and months.

'Traditions ' is a word used in the Club world often. Many clubs whose history is measured in decades have wonderful annual traditions that their membership looks forward to every year. At Cat Island Club, we'll be in the building traditions phase over the next few years. As our membership continues to grow, you will help direct us with these events. We've started this month with our holiday events over the past few months and some fun events around the holidays at the pool this summer. The golf events saw some "firsts" in our brief history in 2023. We crowned our first Champions in 2023, and in 2024, we have a full calendar of events for the competitors in all of us. Just think, years from now, you'll be saying, "I remember when..."

We've already started some fun traditions in the dining room. The Tuesday Night Pot of Gold Dinners will continue, where members enjoy a great meal with a chance to take home some cash from the ever-growing pot. Wednesday night is Family Night, and our Team will continue to rotate special features that will entice the entire family into dining on hump day. Prime Rib Night is also a new favorite of so many, so of course we'll continue that new tradition each month in the coming year.

Get ready for a great year in 2024. The elements are in place, the Team is ready, and we know that you are as well. Life sure is fun when you love what you do and who you do it with! Stand back, the train is rolling down the tracks and coming your way!

With Warmest Regards,

TIM MERVOSH



General Manager 843-524-2000 ext. 103 tmervosh@resortdevpartners.com



PLEASE REFER THEM TO US! Contact Tim Mervosh [leave their name and email address]







## KEEPING UP

WITH LAURA VASQUEZ



Dear Members,

While I am not a huge proponent of looking backwards, I would like to take a moment to acknowledge all of the incredible milestones that we celebrated at Cat Island Club in 2023 as we charge full-steam ahead into 2024. When I first joined the Resort Development Partners family in

June, 2022, I believe I would have disappeared into a field of weeds if I dared to venture onto the golf course by foot. There were no kitchens or service areas to speak of and the clubhouse had some... interesting...decor. Being a part of the transformation of this Club has been humbling to say the least.

This past year was a year of many firsts (and some seconds) for our team and our valued membership, particularly for the Food and Beverage Team. Through the spring and summer months, we enjoyed our second season at the pool and Cabana Bar & Grill as we anxiously awaited the Clubhouse Grand Opening—which was celebrated in grand fashion—in early September. It is still hard to believe how much has happened in so little time! We hosted our very first Thanksgiving and Christmas Tree Lighting (more "Caroloake" anyone!?). We celebrated our 2nd Trunk or Treat/Spooky Soiree party and post Thanksgiving Lowcountry Boil. Monthly Tasting Tuesdays, Pot of Gold Dinners, Family Night Buffets, Prime Rib Night and children's programming have also rounded out the monthly calendars.



This is all great, but the best is yet to come! Our Cat Island Club family looks forward to becoming a part of your family traditions as we continue to build programming with all members in mind—whether that be a holiday meal or a post baseball/dance class family buffet. Life can be hectic, and it is our goal to be your home away from home for all occasions.

With that in mind, the year ahead is full of fun programming! We will be introducing Wine Club, Supper Club, more Kids Camps, cooking classes, and working hand in hand with golf to put together some phenomenal events. That's just a start.

Speaking of events, we also love to be a part of your personal celebrations. The Clubhouse or Cabana are fantastic options for hosting any and all special occasions—birthday parties, anniversaries, graduations, retirements, showers, rehearsals, weddings, etcetera. I cannot emphasize enough what an honor it is for us to host these memorable events for you and yours. That said, get your pens and calendars ready to mark the following dates:

FEBRUARY 11	SUPERBOWL PARTY
FEBRUARY 14	VALENTINE'S PREFIXE DINNER
MARCH 23	SPRING FLING
MARCH 31	EASTER BRUNCH

Please don't ever hesitate to reach out with any questions about programming, private events, or reservations. We look forward to seeing you around the club soon!

Happy New Year,

#### LAURA VASQUEZ

Operations Manager 843-524-2000 ext. 106 laura@catislandclub.com

### A YEAR-ROUND DESTINATION TO PLAY, CONNECT & UNWIND. Banquets and Private Events

Cat Island Club is a premier private country club nestled in the heart of Beaufort, South Carolina's Sea Islands. A place simply too rare and too beautiful to treat with anything but the greatest care and respect. We've created a welcoming culture and community for today's members, and we're committed to ongoing revitalization for the generations to come.

#### TOP-NOTCH SERVICE

We've reinvented the country club experience marrying luxury and comfort. At Cat Island Club, the focus is on you!

#### PREMIER STYLE

Club Cat Island Club is a full-service Club dedicated to providing members and their guests with the finest facility in the area. We are committed to providing members with an exceptional lifestyle and a family-friendly environment. From amenities and services, including athletic and social activities for all ages, the Cat Island Club atmosphere inspires you to live your best life.

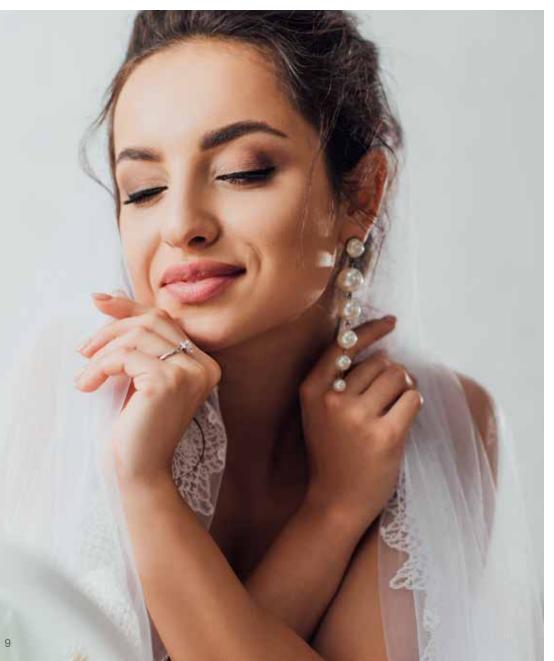
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### WE'VE GOT YOUR BIG DAY COVERED. Wedding Ceremony & Reception

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#### WEDDING CEREMONY

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#### RECEPTION

Cat Island Club is a private, family-oriented country club where you will enjoy personalized service in an inviting and comfortable environment with your club membership.

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#### FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

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## FROM THE KITCHEN WITH CHEF LUCAS



Greetings Cat Island Club Members!

What an extraordinary year we have had. Sometimes, I have to pinch myself to remind me I'm not cooking on a blackstone anymore. What the Food & Beverage Team accomplished in 2023 with minimal resources is astounding. We pieced this operation together "one brick at a time," and the results are incredible.

Even so, we are pushing forward to a more impressive 2024. We look forward to partnering with local food and beverage vendors for some

fantastic wine dinners, beer dinners and interactive events. With Spring just around the corner-my favorite vegetable season-the farms will be buzzing and the food will be fresh and plentiful here at the Club.

Is there a recipe you struggle with? Do you want to brush up on some knife skills? Do you want to learn a new cooking technique? Something I am working on putting together are basic cooking classes. Whether you want to bring a group of friends together and cook a meal, or have a more personalized experience, we are working on putting together some fun and engaging cooking classes for all!

Thank you for your continued support for the Cat Island Club! We look forward to providing you with incredible experiences for years to come.

Cheers,

#### LUCAS CHEEK

Executive Chef 843-524-2000 ext. 107 lucas@catislandclub.com

### **CLUBHOUSE DINING**

SUNDAY BRUNCH

WEDNESDAY-SATURDAY 11:00AM-8:00PM 10:00AM-2:00PM

#### **CABANA BAR & GRILL CLOSED FOR OFF-SEASON**



#### OLE TIMEY NY STRIP

PSF arugula, hand-cut fries, fry salt, cubanelle salsa verde



Happy New Year Cat Island Club Members,

I hope everyone had the chance to spend time with family and loved ones over the holidays. It's hard to believe that 2024 is already here. While 2023 was a productive year at the Club, we are even more excited to see what 2024 will bring us! We are offering a variety of diverse golf programming, including exciting tournament formats, informative clinics, camps, academies, and golf trips.

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I'd like to personally thank all of you for making my wife and I feel very welcome to the Cat Island Club family and the

Beaufort community. We have a wonderful supportive and caring membership. I'm humbled to be your Head Golf Professional.

I'd like to congratulate our 2023 Cat Island Club Champions:

MEN'S CLUB CHAMPION: Rob Simmons	LADIES' CLUB CHAMPION: Isabelle Sorbello
MEN'S NET CLUB CHAMPION: Katz Fujino	JUNIOR CLUB CHAMPION: Marion Simmons

Please mark your calendars for our upcoming Golf Events:

JANUARY 1	THE BLOODIES & BAGELS OPEN
JANUARY 6	LADIES SIPS & TIPS CLINIC
FEBRUARY 3	JUNIOR GOLF ORIENTATION
FEBRUARY 11	SUPERBOWL SHUFFLE (CROSS COUNTRY EVENT)
FEBRUARY 14	ST. VALENTINES DAY MASSACRE
FEBRUARY 24	
MARCH 3	DEADLINE TO REGISTER FOR INDIVIDUAL SEASON-LONG MATCH PLAY
MARCH 9	BEERS AROUND THE WORLD SCRAMBLE
MARCH 17	DEADLINE TO REGISTER FOR TEAM (PARTNER) SEASON-LONG MATCH PLAY

Finally, in the pages that follow, I've highlighted some information regarding play at Cat Island Club, orgianizations and clubs, clinics and academies, online tips, fittings, and member trips. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or are interested in joining in.

Best Wishes,

#### KEITH MAHER

Head Golf Professional 843-524-2000 ext. 105 keith@catislandclub.com



#### **USGA HANDICAPPING AT CAT ISLAND CLUB**

Creating a USGA Handicap through the GHIN (Golf Handicap Information Network) is the best way to ensure that you are able to participate in our Cat Island Club tournaments. We encourage all members that enjoy playing in golf tournaments to keep a current USGA handicap.

If you do not have a current GHIN (Golf Handicap Information Network) number but are interested in creating one, please contact the Golf Shop in order to register. Your GHIN number will not only allow access into Cat Island Club tournaments, it will also allow you to participate in events outside of our facility. There will be a \$35.00 fee per year, in order to keep a GHIN number at Cat Island Club.

To those who are unaware, a "course handicap," is a number that indicates how many handicap strokes a golfer receives at a specific golf course (and specific set of tees) being played. Think of your course handicap as an adjustment to a golfer's handicap index to take into account how easy or difficult the golf course being played is. Golfers who are part of the USGA Handicap System convert their handicap index into a course handicap, and the course handicap number is what determines handicap strokes.

Not all golf courses are created equal; some are easy, some are more difficult. What happens if your handicap index was earned playing a very easy course, but now you're about to play a very tough course? Handicap index alone doesn't account for that, so a second calculation is needed. That second calculation is course handicap, which adjusts your handicap index up or down depending on the degree of difficulty of the specific course you're about to play.

#### CAT ISLAND CLUB JUNIOR GOLF

Our Junior Golf Orientation is set for Saturday, February 3rd. Parents and guardians can expect a solid plan of golf programming throughout the season for our Cat Island club j unior golfers. Topics of discussion will be: learning proper golf etiquette and learning the rules of golf; entering a Cat Island Club Team(s) into the PGA Junior

League Tournament Series; explanation of the Operation 36 instructional program; creating Interclub matches with local facilities including Dataw, Callawassie, etc.



#### CAT ISLAND CLUB GOLF CLINICS, CAMPS & ACADEMIES

In 2024, we will be offering different types of men's, ladies', juniors, and couples golf instructional schools. Whether looking for a tip to make your game complete or a complete overhaul of your swing, Cat Island Club offers golf instruction programs for all ages and skill levels. We offer a comfortable learning atmosphere, with a special emphasis on learning the fundamentals of the game in a casual, non-intimidating environment.



Watch us on YouTube

#### youtube.com/@CatIslandClub

#### CAT ISLAND CLUB YOUTUBE CHANNEL

Don't forget to visit our Cat Island Club YouTube channel. There, you can find videos on swing tips, golf course conditions, promotions, and everything that has to do with Cat Island Club!

#### HOLE-IN-ONE CLUB

Cat Island Club members are invited to participate in the "Hole-in-One" Club. Participants will contribute \$10 each to the Club. When a Hole-in-One is made, said member wil receive the collected sum in Pro Shop credit.

#### **GUIDELINES:**

Participation in the Hole-in-One club is optional. Participants will receive a \$10 charge on their member account for the Hole-in-One Club.

Cat Island Club members must be in good standing and must be a member of the Hole-in-One Club.

A complete 18-hole round must be played from regulation tees at Cat Island Club.

The hole-in-one must be witnessed by at least one other player who is playing in the same group. The winner will receive Pro Shop credit in the amount equal to the fund.

Once someone wins the Hole-in-One fund, all interested members will automatically be charged \$10 and entered into the next drawing.

The Hole-in-One Club does not include Par-3 tournaments.

#### **CUSTOM CLUB FITTING & DEMO DAYS**

We are currently finalizing a custom fitting schedule for the spring. Below are a couple of reasons on just how important custom club fitting can be in order to maximize your potential and enjoyment of the game.

Custom club fitting entails first measuring a golfer's physical characteristics and then, using high-tech, computerized equipment, capturing all of their important swing data. Both steps are done for the purpose of then designing or modifying golf clubs so that they will be an ideal match for that player's unique attributes.

When your clubs have been customized for you, you're able to make a smooth, biomechanical proper motion, the result of which will be a balanced, powerful, and efficient golf swing.

On the other hand, when your clubs are not properly matched to you and your swing, the mismatch can result in detrimental compensations that could lead to swing flaws and bad habits.

For example, consider the golfer who doesn't have a lot of strength trying to swing a club that is far too heavy for them, or which has a shaft flex that is

too stiff. The effort needed to swing that poorly matched club could cause all kinds of swing faults that unfortunately could become ingrained in their swing for a long time, not to mention the immediate negative effects it could have on consistency and performance.

#### MEMBER TRIPS & DESTINATIONS

Wanna Get Away!? There's nothing better than breaking up the off-season monotony then getting a few friends together and heading to a golf destination. It's a wonderful time experiencing a new destination and getting to know your fellow members and golf professionals. Details are currently being finalized for a February or March Trip.



**SAGUARO POINT** Scottsdale, Arizona





**STEAMSONG RESORT** Bowling Green, Florida

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#### Greetings Members,

We hope 2024 is treating you all well and that the holidays were kind to you and your family.

Here in the Grounds Department, we thoroughly enjoyed the holidays and have kept the "pedal down" as we look to continue momentum in this first part of the year. It's hard to believe that around this time last year we hadn't cut cups in the greens, placed tee markers, or even raked the bunkers. Now we are performing these tasks regularly while also continuing to improve our golf course through an ever-growing maintenance operation. 2024 will be a year of maturation and continued evaluation as we see the course react and improve to a year's worth of maintenance practices.

As a part of our membership, there are several ways you can help us improve in the coming year. If your approach shot creates a ball mark, please fix it. This will ensure that golfers playing after you will have as good a surface to play on as you did. Also, please rake behind yourself whenever you play a shot from a greenside bunker. Raking bunkers, along with fixing ball marks, is part of the common courtesy which makes golf such a unique and awesome game.

Thank you all for your support and we look forward to seeing you on the golf course this season! Sincerely,

BEN MCNAIR Golf Course Superintendent 843-524-2000 ben@catislandclub.com

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### WITH BEN MCNAIR

## JANUARY 2024

SUN	MON	ΤUΕ	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	] Bloody's & Bagels	2	3	4 Senior League	5	6 Tips and Sips
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## FEBRUARY 2024

SUN	MON	T U E	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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Super Bowl Shuffle Super Bowl Party	12 CLUBHOUSE CLOSED	13 dining & bar closed	14 Valentine's Massacre Valentine's Day Prefixe	15 Senior League	16	17
18	9 Clubhouse closed	20 dining & bar closed	21	22 Senior League	23	24
25	26 CLUBHOUSE CLOSED	27 dining & bar closed	28	29 Senior League		

## MARCH 2024

SUN	MON	T U E	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3	4 CLUBHOUSE CLOSED	5	6 Ladies' League	7 Senior League	8	9
10	]] Clubhouse closed	12	13 Ladies' League	14 Senior League	15	16
17	18 Clubhouse closed	19	20 Ladies' League	21 Senior League	22	23 Spring Fling
24	25 CLUBHOUSE CLOSED	26	27 Ladies' League	28 Senior League	29	30
31 Easter Brunch						



#### SEASON-LONG MATCH PLAY Survive and Advance Register by 5:00PM on 03/03/2024

#### Register by Email

Register by Phone

\$25 per person. Cart not included. Tournament will be played using 100% of each competitors handicap. Each match will be 18 holes, and strokes will be dotted off of the low player.

Seedings will be done at random. All matches will be scheduled by the competitors and must be completed by end dates of each round set, prior to the start of competition.



#### **MEN'S SENIOR LEAGUE**

Every Thursday in January, February & March 10:00AM Start

Register by Email

Register by Phone

Format of play decided day-of.



#### LADIES' TIPS AND SIPS

Saturday, January 6 3:00PM-4:30PM

Register by Email

*Register by Phone* 

\$30 per person. Limited to 12 spots. Join us at the driving range for an afternoon of learning and laughter! Wine and crudités will be available.



#### SUPER BOWL SHUFFLE

Sunday, February 11 12:00PM Shotgun Start

Register by Email

Register by Phone

\$20 per player. Cart not included. Cross-Country Golf Tournament. 2-person Scramble.



Details coming soon. Stay up-to-date on Clubster.

#### SUPER BOWL PARTY

Sunday, February 11 TIME TBD

Reserve by Email

Reserve by Phone



\$20 per player. Cart not included. Alternate Shot Format.

#### VALENTINE'S DAY MASSACRE

Wednesday, February 14 TIME TBD

Register by Email

Register by Phone



Details coming soon. Stay up-to-date on Clubster.

#### VALENTINE'S DAY PREFIXE

Wednesday, February 14 TIME TBD

Reserve by Email

Reserve by Phone



Details coming soon. Stay up-to-date on Clubster.

#### CAT ISLAND CLUB SPRING FLING

Saturday, March 23 TIME TBD

Reserve by Email

Reserve by Phone



Details coming soon. Stay up-to-date on Clubster.

#### **EASTER BRUNCH**

Sunday, March 31 TIME TBD

Reserve by Email

Reserve by Phone

## GOLF SHOP

**TUESDAY – FRIDAY** 8:00AM – 6:00PM SATURDAY & SUNDAY 7:30AM-5:00PM











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