

THE FORD

An Uncommon Low Country Retreat



The Main House is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Overlooking the Ogeechee River, the refuge instantly staked a claim in Henry Ford's imagination more than a century ago. He and his wife, Clara, soon claimed it as their winter retreat.

RICHMOND HILL, GEORGIA: In the world of elite golf, the “Stimpmeter”—an instrument adopted by the USGA in 1976—is the ultimate arbiter of truth.

“We pride ourselves on conditions that rival the finest venues in the world,” said Brad Brookshire, President of the Board of Directors. “Our greens maintain an average of 12 on the Stimpmeter year-round and can reach a lightning-fast 15 during tournament play. It’s a testament to our agronomy team’s mastery—a team so talented that many of our former superintendents have transitioned to legendary roles at Augusta National and Seminole. We are truly in elite company.”

The Pete Dye-designed course is as peaceful as it is challenging. Averaging just 9,000 rounds per year, it stands as the least crowded course in the Low Country. For comparison, neighboring facilities often exceed 20,000 rounds.

“At The Ford, exclusivity isn’t just a buzzword; it’s a lifestyle,” explained Brookshire. “We don’t use tee times here. It’s a low-density environment that allows for total freedom.”

Beyond the fairways, the social calendar is anchored by a sense of community. While the ladies enjoy the Girls on the Green outings and the men gather for The Blitz, some of the most cherished moments happen off the course.

OH, THAT CHOCOLATE S’MORES COOKIE

“One of our most beloved traditions is Cookies and Cocktails at the Main House,” said Brookshire. “Our executive chef prepares fresh, gourmet selections daily—including our famous Lemon Blueberry cookie—that quite honestly



put the national chains to shame. It’s that small-town, family feel within a world-class estate.”

“DOING IT RIGHT”

The membership recently demonstrated its commitment to the club’s future by approving a \$24.5 million capital project. As a member-owned community with zero debt, this investment represents a bold “top-to-bottom” reimagining of the club’s amenities.

“This is a milestone for our community,” noted Brookshire. “A significant portion of these resources is dedicated to a complete transformation of the clubhouse. While many clubs offer simulators, we are taking it a step further by installing the PuttView System alongside our Foresight Sports simulators. With ceiling-mounted lasers

guiding your path on a synthetic green, it offers a level of realism that is simply unmatched in an indoor setting.”

As The Ford Field & River Club evolves, it remains anchored by its history and the quiet beauty of the Georgia coast—proving that when you have the right leadership and a dedicated membership, you can indeed “do it right.” ■

Residences feature charm in regional architectural styles (New Orleans French Colonials, grand Southern manors, or Charleston-style garden homes).

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