

COUNTY OF AIKEN

Dale Theesfeld and Marilyn Theesfeld,

Plaintiff(s)

vs.

Woodside Golf, LLC,, d/b/a The Reserve Club at
Woodside Plantation, and Sidewood Development,
LLC,

Defendant(s)

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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

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2015-CP - 02- 01605

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Submitting Party Signature:

William C. Dillard

Date: July 6, 2015

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
COUNTY OF AIKEN)

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Case Number 2015-CP-02- 01605

Dale Theesfeld and Marilyn Theesfeld,)
Plaintiffs,)
v.)

SUMMONS

Woodside Golf, LLC, d/b/a The)
Reserve Club at Woodside Plantation,)
and Sidewood Development, LLC,)
Defendants.)

TO THE DEFENDANTS ABOVE NAMED:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint herein, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer to said Complaint upon the Subscriber at his office, 1901 Main Street, Suite 1550, Columbia, South Carolina, within thirty (30) days after service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, the Plaintiff herein will apply to the Court for default judgment for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

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COMPLAINT
(Jury Trial Demanded)

The plaintiffs, complaining of the defendants, hereby allege as follows:

1. Plaintiffs Dale and Marilyn Theesfeld own and reside at a home located at 196 Highland Reserve Court in Aiken, South Carolina ("the home").
2. On information and belief, Woodside Golf, LLC ("the Club") is a South Carolina limited liability company doing business under the name of The Reserve Club at Woodside Plantation.
3. On information and belief, the Club owns a tract of real property in Aiken County (Tax Map No. 107-14-11-001) on which it operates a clubhouse, golf course, pool, and various recreational amenities for its members ("the Club property").
4. On information and belief, Sidewood Development, LLC ("the Developer") is a South Carolina limited liability company.
5. On information and belief, the Developer owns a tract of real property in Aiken County (Tax Map No. 107-14-11-002) which serves as common area property for the Woodside Plantation community ("the common area property").
6. On information and belief, the Club property and common area property sit adjacent to one another, and some of the recreational amenities operated by the Club, such as the pool and tennis courts, are located entirely or in part on the common area property.
7. The plaintiffs' home sits on a lot, approximately 0.28 acres in area, just south of the first tee of the golf course on the Club property. Beyond the golf course fairway sits the Club's clubhouse and the aforementioned Club recreational

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amenities located on the Club property and common area property.

8. The plaintiffs purchased their newly constructed custom home on January 29, 2008, from Woodside Venture, LLC, a South Carolina limited liability company.
9. On information and belief, Woodside Venture, LLC, the Developer, and the Club are amalgamated in interests so as to blur the distinction between these entities and their activities.
10. At the time the plaintiffs agreed to purchase the home, Woodside Venture, LLC, the Developer, and one or more other amalgamated entities advertised the home and lot in a sales brochure as being in a location where a resident could “[s]ettle in and enjoy the outdoor living area.” The plaintiffs relied on this representation in agreeing to purchase the home.
11. Since purchasing the home, the plaintiffs have gone to considerable efforts to maintain and improve the outdoor areas of the property with flower gardens and other landscaping, benefiting not only themselves but also users of the Club property and common area property.
12. At all times relevant hereto, the plaintiffs have understood that their home is nearby to a clubhouse, a golf course, golf cart paths, tennis courts, a pool, areas used for croquette and bocce ball, and other recreational and social amenities, and have not complained about the reasonable noise levels associated with normal use and maintenance of these amenities.
13. Between January 2008 and December 2014, the plaintiffs enjoyed daily use of the indoor and outdoor living areas of their home. While the plaintiffs made occasional reasonable complaints to the Club about isolated incidents of excessive noise during this period, these issues were always resolved.
14. Between January 2008 and December 2014, the plaintiffs found great peace and relaxation in spending time in their back patio area and back yard, and in fact had purchased the home as a retirement home with this specific purpose in mind.
15. On or about December 18, 2014, the defendants opened up three new recreational courts, immediately south of the existing tennis courts and north of the first tee of the Club’s golf course, to be used for a sport known as pickleball (“the pickleball courts”).
16. On information and belief, the pickleball courts are operated and maintained by the Club and are located in part on the Club property, but are also located in part on the common area property owned by the Developer.
17. On information and belief, pickleball is a sport in which two to four players use solid wood or composite paddles to hit a perforated polymer ball over a net.

18. On information and belief, the sound of a pickleball paddle strike is less like the low-frequency strike of a tennis racket and, instead, more like the high-frequency strike of a ping pong paddle.
19. In December 2014, the paddleball courts were opened for play seven days per week from 10:00am until 10:00pm, and these hours have since been expanded to allow play to begin at 8:00am on Monday and at 9:00am on Tuesday through Sunday. The courts are frequently and consistently used during such hours.
20. During nighttime hours, the pickleball courts are lit with bright lights that also shine light on the plaintiffs' property and home.
21. Unlike typical tennis courts, including the Club tennis courts near the plaintiffs' home, the pickleball courts attract boisterous, noisy crowds of players and spectators.
22. On information and belief, the pickleball courts are approximately 250 feet from the plaintiffs' property.
23. The sound of the abrupt, high-frequency and irritating sound of paddle strikes on the pickleball courts can be heard on the plaintiffs' property both inside and outside of their home.
24. The ongoing use of the pickleball courts has resulted in unreasonable interference with the plaintiffs' use and enjoyment of their property and home, including the irritating noise of paddle strikes, the noise of boisterous players and spectators, and the light emanating from the courts at night.
25. As the use of the pickleball courts has become increasingly popular since December 2014, the occurrences of excessive noise from the courts have become more frequent.
26. In spite of being aware of the disturbance to the plaintiffs' use and enjoyment of the home, the Club has continued to operate the pickleball courts and has actively promoted the increased use of the courts by new players, and the Developer has continued to allow the pickleball courts to operate on its property.
27. As a direct and proximate result of the aforementioned actions and omissions on the part of the defendants, the plaintiffs' property has diminished in value, and the plaintiffs have suffered and continue to suffer the loss of use and enjoyment of their property and home.
28. Accordingly, the plaintiffs are entitled to an award of injunctive relief to the extent the Court deems appropriate, as well as an award of direct, consequential special and punitive damages, costs, expenses and prejudgment interest.

FOR A FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION
Private Nuisance

29. The plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference the allegations of the above paragraphs.
30. On information and belief, by and through the actions and omissions described hereinabove, the defendants have willfully, wantonly, recklessly and intentionally caused an unreasonable interference with the plaintiffs' use and enjoyment of their property and home.
31. As a direct and proximate result of said interference, the plaintiffs' property has been and continues to be diminished in value, and the plaintiffs have suffered and will continue to suffer the loss of full use and enjoyment of their property and home.
32. On information and belief, there is no adequate remedy at law for the aforementioned unreasonable interference with the plaintiffs' use and enjoyment of their property.
33. Consequently, the defendants' actions constitute a private nuisance, and the plaintiffs are entitled to equitable relief to the extent the Court deems appropriate or, in the alternative, an award of direct, consequential, special and punitive damages in the amount to be determined by the jury, costs, expenses and prejudgment interest.

WHEREFORE, the plaintiffs pray that this Court:

- A. Grant the plaintiffs judgment on their cause of action against the defendants;
- B. Issue preliminary and permanent injunctions prohibiting the defendants from continuing to operate and allow operation of the pickleball courts on their properties;
- C. Grant the plaintiffs an award of direct, consequential, special and punitive damages, prejudgment interest, expenses and costs; and
- D. Grant the plaintiffs such other and further relief as may be proper.

[Attorney signature to follow]

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The Honorable Liz Godard
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Re: *Dale Theesfeld and Marilyn Theesfeld v. Woodside Golf, LLC, d/b/a the Reserve Club and Woodside Plantation, and Sidewood Development, LLC* (Civil Action No. 2015-CP-02-____)

Dear Ms. Godard:

Please find enclosed the original and one copy of the following documents in the above referenced matter:

- 1.) Summons;
- 2.) Complaint; and
- 3.) Civil Action Coversheet.

Please file the original and return a clocked copy to me in the enclosed stamped self-addressed envelope. I have also enclosed a check for the \$150 filing fee.

Thank you very much for your assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,

William C. Dillard, Jr.

WCD/sra

Enclosures

cc: Dale and Marilyn Theesfeld (via email)

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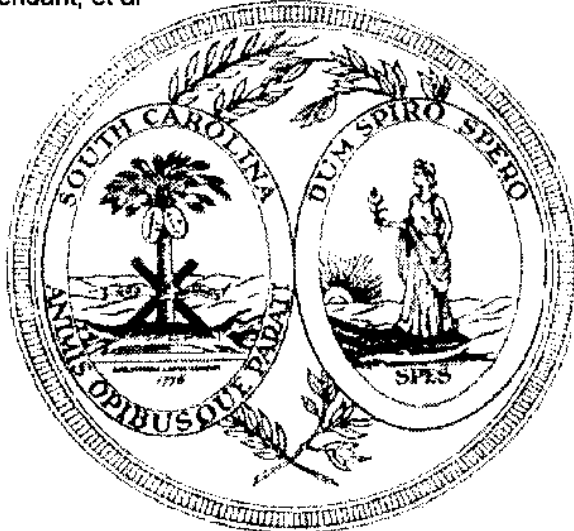
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