

USA RICE MILLERS' ASSOCIATION

126th CONVENTION

**REGISTRATION
BROCHURE**

Sea Island, GA



June 23-25, 2026

This year's conference will be held at Sea Island in Georgia. Sea Island is part of a beautiful chain of barrier islands tucked into the Atlantic Coast of Georgia. With breathtaking landscapes, gold pristine marshlands, and stretches of gorgeous coastline, Sea Island has been an unforgettable resort destination since 1928. It is a sister property of The Broadmoor in Colorado Springs.

Contacts and Connections

The RMA Convention will provide excellent networking opportunities to strengthen business ties and pursue new relationships.



HOTEL AND TRAVEL INFORMATION

Hotel Information:

[Sea Island Resort](#)
 100 Cloister Drive
 Sea Island, GA 31561
 (866) 966-5983



Room Rates, Dates and Availability: Special RMA Convention rates are offered on a limited number of rooms for Tuesday, June 23, through Thursday, June 25, on a first-come, first-served basis. These rates are available up to three days prior and three days after the official convention dates, based on hotel availability.

Single/Double Room Rates (before tax and applicable fees):

Garden Wing Room:	\$459.00
Riverview Room:	\$499.00
Beach Club Room:	\$499.00
Main Building 1-bedroom Suite	\$565.00
Beach Club 1-bedroom Suite	\$595.00

This meeting is open to all persons regardless of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, or marital/family status. If you have special needs or require any assistance, please contact Jeanette Davis, (240) 682-0059, jdavis@usarice.com

Resort Fee: A \$38 resort fee plus tax will be added to your account daily.

Your daily resort fee includes:

- Wired and wireless high-speed internet access up to 4Mbps.
- Local and toll-free calls up to one hour.
- Unlimited access to the Fitness Center.
- Resort shuttle service between The Cloister, Lodge, and Retreat.
- In room Nespresso hot beverage program.
- Complimentary use of BMW Courtesy Car (based on availability).
- Beach chairs, towels, and umbrellas.
- Morning coffee and pastries and Afternoon tea and cookies at the Cloister.
- In room evening bottled water and ice delivery.
- Access to PressReader app offering more than 4,000 newspapers and magazines.

Hotel Reservations: Reservations may be made [online here](#) or by calling (855) 572-4975. Ask for the special RMA Convention rate. Hotel reservations must be made **no later than May 20, 2026**. Reservations made after May 20, 2026, and/or after the convention’s room block is full are subject to space and rate availability. Please make your reservations early and request a confirmation number.

Hotel Cancellations and/or Changes: A deposit of two (2) nights room charge will be required per reservation. The individual deposit is refundable until June 13, 2026. Cancellations received after this date will result in forfeiture of deposit.

Check-in/out Time: Check-in time is 4:00 p.m.; check-out time is noon. Guests arriving before 4:00 p.m. will be accommodated as rooms are available.

Airport: The closest commercial airport to Sea Island, Georgia is the [Brunswick Golden Isle Airport \(BQK\)](#) which is about 20 minutes, this airport is serviced by Delta Airlines and private Manning Aviation (KBQK). [McKinnon St. Simons Island Airport \(SSI\)](#) is a smaller airport right in Golden Isles



and only a 5-to-10-minute drive. For major hubs, **Jacksonville (JAX)** is a 1-hour drive and **Savannah/Hilton Head (SAV)** is about an hour and 15-minute drive to Sea Island.

Hotel Parking: Valet parking for hotel guests is \$30 per night based on availability. Valet parking is required for guests staying in the Cloister Main Building or Wings. Sea Island also offers overnight Self-Parking for hotel guests staying at the Lodge, in the Beach Club or Cloister Ocean Residence for \$25 per night with full in and out privileges.

Ground Transportation: Car rental is available at both Jacksonville and Savannah/Hilton Head Airports. Sea Island has paid transportation options from all airports. [Click here](#) for 2026 Transportation Rates. You can contact them directly at 912-638-5126 or email Transport@seaisland.com.

Weather: In June, the average daily temperature in Sea Island is 88 degrees with nighttime lows around 74 degrees. Average rainfall is 7 to 10 inches across the month. High humidity is common in Sea Island.

Photo Release: Any photographs taken by the RMA/USA Rice Federation may be used in publicizing RMA/USA Rice Federation events, including the annual convention.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION INFORMATION

RMA accepts MasterCard, Visa, American Express, and Discover credit cards. Checks must be payable to USA Rice Millers' Association (all checks must be payable in U.S. funds and drawn on U.S. banks).

Register for the 126th RMA Convention



Online: To register online with a credit card, visit the RMA Convention web page.
<https://www.usarice.com/rmaconvention>



Mail: Registration forms and payments may be sent to: RMA Convention, 2101 Wilson Blvd., Suite 610, Arlington, VA 22201.

Register Early and Save: Register by **May 20, 2026**, and save up to \$150 per person. You must list each person covered by your registration. Check payments must be postmarked no later than **May 20, 2026**, to ensure the early registration rate.

Late and Onsite Registration: After **May 20, 2026**, the member and non-member registration fee increases \$150 per person. Onsite registration will be available with payment by cash, check (in U.S. funds) or credit card.

Included: The registration fee provides admission to the General Session, receptions listed in the convention schedule, and the RMA Low Country Boil. Your registration fee does not cover optional events for which there is a separate participation fee (see registration form).

Name badges are required for admittance to all convention functions. Name badges are issued only to convention registrants and registered guests. Your name badge can be picked up at the convention registration desk onsite.

Fee Categories	Early Registration before May 20, 2026	Late and Onsite Registration after May 20, 2026
RMA Member*	\$700 per person	\$850 per person
Non-Member	\$950 per person	\$1,100 per person
Spouse/Guest (18+)	\$300 per person	\$300 per person
Child (under 18)	\$125 per person	\$125 per person

* For convention registration, RMA members are defined as mill members, associate members, or individuals who are registered and paid for by an RMA mill member or associate member.

Registration Refund Policy: To be eligible for a registration refund, cancellation notices must be received in writing. A full refund will be made for cancellation notices received on or before **May 31, 2026**. No refunds will be made for cancellation notices received after **May 31, 2026**.

BECOME A MEMBER TODAY



We invite you to consider membership in the USA Rice Millers' Association (RMA). Join now and receive membership registration rates for the 2026 RMA Convention. For RMA membership information, please contact Jeanette Davis, jdavis@usarice.com, (240) 682-0059.

SPECIAL EVENTS

In addition to the annual golf tournament, three special events are offered this year. Convention registration is required, as is sign-up and additional fees. Onsite registration for events will be subject to availability. An event may be cancelled if the minimum sign-up is not met.

Refund Policy: Cancellations must be received in writing. A full refund will be made for cancellations received on or before **May 31, 2026**. No refunds will be made for cancellations received after **May 31, 2026**. Full refunds will be issued if the event is cancelled.

Explore Sea Island on Your Own: Sea Island offers many unique activities for guests - from fishing, tennis, and sailing to biking, kayaking, horseback riding, and more. Check out the [Sea Island Experience Guide](#) for more information.

BREAKFAST WITH STEPHEN WILKES - AMERICA AT 250

Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2026
Location: Mizner Ballroom I & II
Time: 8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.
Price: \$50

Join us for an inspiring breakfast program with National Geographic photographer Stephen Wilkes. Over five remarkable decades, Stephen has photographed America's people, landscapes, culture, and history. As we approach our country's 250th birthday, Stephen will share some of his favorite moments, breathtaking photographs, and insights he's gained from his front row seat to history.



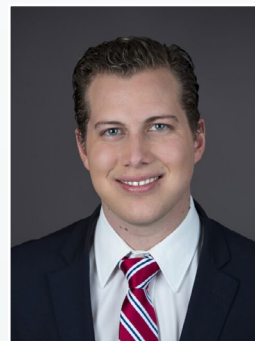
GENERAL SESSION

Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2026
Location: Mizner Ballroom I & II
Time: 10:00 a.m. to noon

Following a welcome from RMA Chair Rick Rhody, we will dive headfirst into important issues facing the industry.

Rice in a Restless World

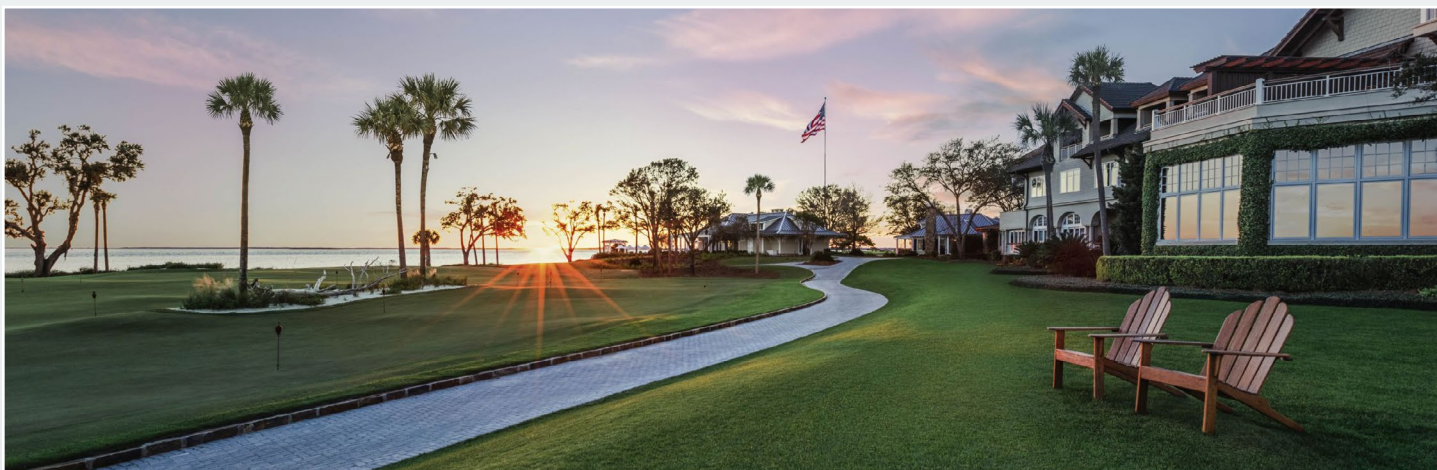
From shifting trade flows and currency pressure to climate volatility and evolving export competition, the global rice market has never been more complex – or more consequential for your business. Rabobank’s Andrick Payen brings the analytical depth of one of the world’s leading food and agribusiness research teams to break down the forces driving markets right now and what smart operators should be watching in the year ahead. This is the kind of frank, data-grounded market intelligence that doesn’t come in a free newsletter.



Andrick Payen
*VP, Grains & Oilseeds Analyst
RaboResearch Food & Agribusiness*

Beyond Automation: AI, Machine Learning, and the Future of Rice Processing

Artificial intelligence and machine learning are no longer distant concepts – they’re being deployed right now in food processing facilities to improve yield, catch quality defects before they become recalls, and strengthen food safety compliance. This panel discussion brings together leading experts from academia and industry to cut through the hype and show what these tools actually do, what they cost, and where the real ROI is. Whether you’re ready to invest or just starting to ask questions, this is the conversation you don’t want to miss.



RMA PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2026
Location: Retreat Pickleball and Tennis Center
Time: 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Meet at RMA Registration Desk at 1:30 p.m. for shuttle
Fee: \$50 (to reserve a spot)
Participants: 32 player maximum



Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the U.S., so channel your inner Hunter Johnson or Anna Leigh Waters and join us for the second RMA Pickleball Tournament! The Sea Island pros will conduct a brief “refresher” clinic to kick off the event and then the tourney gets under way with a “Fun Flight” and a “Competitive Flight” working your way to a spirited “Final.”

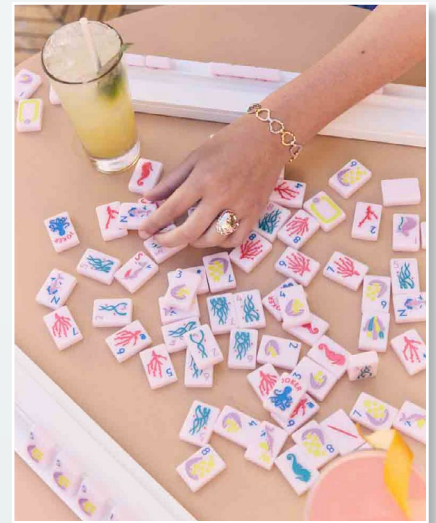
Dress Code: Court shoes are required. Jeans, cut-offs, and running shorts are not appropriate. Bathing suits, tank tops, and jogging bras are not appropriate. Sleeveless shirts are not permitted for men.

Participants receive:

- Commemorative Pickleball paddle (yours to keep)
- 30-minute warm up and instructions
- Beverages and snacks
- Transportation

TILES & TIDES MAHJONG SOCIAL

Date: Thursday, June 25, 2026
Time: 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Fee: \$50 (to reserve a seat)
Location: Spanish Lounge
Participants: 24 player minimum; 36 player maximum



The Mahjong Line

Mahjong is the most popular and colorful game to come out of the Yangtze River Delta, and whether you’re brand new to the game or a seasoned player, you won’t want to miss this event!

Beginner lessons will be offered at 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m., while open tables for intermediate and advanced players will be available throughout the event. Instructors will be onsite to offer guidance, tips, and game support. Guests can enjoy a relaxed, social atmosphere with opportunities to sharpen skills, meet fellow players, and join in lighthearted competition. Kids’ tables (ages 9+) will also be available, making this an inclusive event for all experience levels.

Tile sets and cards will be provided. Fun games and prizes will round out the afternoon - come play, learn, and enjoy!

Participants receive:

- Lessons
- Beverages and light refreshments
- Prizes

ANNUAL RMA GOLF TOURNAMENT

Date: Thursday, June 25, 2026
Location: Plantation Course
Time: 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Price: \$400
Club Rentals: \$110
Participants: 144 player maximum



RMA's annual golf tournament is a four-person scramble with a shotgun-start format. This year's tournament will be held at the [Plantation Course](#) on St. Simons Island. The Plantation Course is inspired by the traditional profile of Walter Travis' 1928 original nine-hole course, and redesigned by Davis and Mark Love of Love Golf Design in 2019. The result? A course you'll want to play again and again.

Along with neighboring Seaside Course, it is home of the PGA Tour's RSM Classic, a FedExCup event hosted by Love.

Participants receive:

- Transportation
- Golf bag pull
- Forecaddie fees (does not include gratuity)*
- Tournament, green, and cart fees
- Range balls and club cleaning
- Beverages and snacks on the course

*Suggested gratuity for the forecaddie is \$40 per person, this is not included in the golf price.

There will be no boxed lunch this year, so please plan to grab lunch before heading to the course - dining options are available at both the hotel and the golf club.

CLOSING CELEBRATION: RMA LOW COUNTRY BOIL

Date: Thursday, June 25, 2026
Location: Rainbow Island
Time: 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

As the sun dips over the salt marshes of Sea Island's Rainbow Island, join us for a memorable evening rooted in one of the South's most beloved traditions - a classic Low Country Boil. Enjoy delicious food, gather around firepits glowing against the evening sky, raise a glass with old friends and new ones, and let the music carry you onto the dance floor under the stars. This is Southern hospitality at its finest - casual, communal, and completely unforgettable.

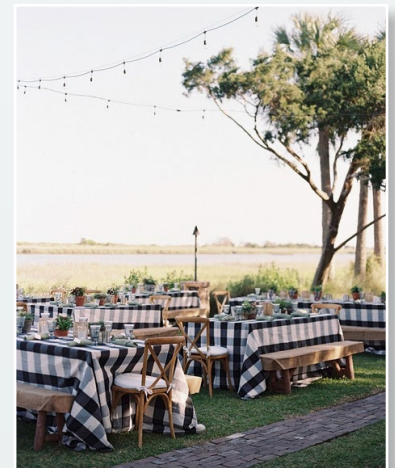
This event is open to all registered attendees including registered spouses and children. Sign-up is required.

Accessibility & Getting There

Rainbow Island is a waterfront venue nestled along the Black Banks River, accessible via a wooden boardwalk. The outdoor event space features a mix of surfaces, including grass, brick patio, and boardwalk. Guests are encouraged to wear comfortable, stable footwear.

All attendees will be transported to Rainbow Island by a quick shuttle from The Cloister. Shuttle details, including departure times and pickup location, will be provided.

If you require accessibility accommodations, or have any questions about navigating the venue, please contact Jeanette Davis, jdavis@usarice.com, (240) 682-0059.



Sea Island

SCHEDULE-AT-A-GLANCE

Tuesday, June 23, 2026

- 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. **Registration**
Cloister Foyer II
- 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. **RMA Board Strategy Session** (RMA Board +1 Alt only)
Mizner Ballroom II
- 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. **Satake's Welcome Dinner Reception**
Black Banks Terrace
- 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. **PAC After-Hours Party** (Ticketed Event)
North Patio

Wednesday, June 24, 2026

- 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. **Registration/Hospitality Desk**
Cloister Foyer II
- 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. **Visit Exhibitors**
Mizner Ballroom I & II
- 8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. **Special Event: Breakfast with Stephen Wilkes - America at 250** (Ticketed Event)
Mizner Ballroom I & II
- 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. **General Session**
Mizner Ballroom I & II
- 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. **Special Event: RMA Pickleball Tournament** (Ticketed Event)
Retreat Pickleball and Tennis Center
- 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. **Buhler Reception**
Ocean Room & Patio

Thursday, June 25, 2026

- 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. **RMA Board Meeting**
Mizner Ballroom I & II
- 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. **Special Event: Tiles & Tides Mahjong Social** (Ticketed Event)
Spanish Lounge
- 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. **Annual RMA Golf Tournament**
Plantation Course
- 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. **Closing Celebration: RMA Low Country Boil**
Rainbow Island

2026 RMA CONVENTION

REGISTRATION FORM

PRIMARY REGISTRANT

Contact Information

Full Name

Company

Street Address

City, State Zip Code

Email

Direct Phone

Mobile Phone

Registration Questions

Please check if you do not want to be listed on the registration list
Please list any dietary restrictions.

GUEST REGISTRANT(S)

Full Name

Badge Name (if different)

Please check if you do not want to be listed on the registration list
Please list any dietary restrictions.

Full Name

Badge Name (if different)

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REGISTRATION DETAILS

1 Registration Fees

Pricing On/Before May 20

Member – \$700

Non-Member – \$950

Spouse/Guest (18+) – \$300

Child (under 18) – \$125

Pricing After May 20

Member – \$850

Non-Member – \$1,100

Spouse/Guest (18+) – \$300

Child (under 18) – \$125

Quantity Total

2 Special Events

Breakfast with Stephen Wilkes – \$50

General Session – \$0
(sign-up required)

RMA Pickleball Tournament – \$50

Mahjong Social – \$50

Annual RMA Golf Tournament – \$400

Club Rental (Right Handed) – \$110

Club Rental (Left Handed) – \$110

RMA Low Country Boil – \$0
(sign-up required)

Quantity Total

SUMMARY & PAYMENT OPTIONS

Registration

Special Events

Grand Total

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Payment Methods

Let us know how you would like to remit payment and we will follow-up with next steps.

- ACH
- Check (payable to USA Rice Millers' Association)
- Credit Card