**Upcoming Events**

**June**
- 02 Greenville Clemson Club Outing
- 5-6 Senior Club Championship
- 6-10 Clemson Golf Camp #1
- 13-14 Club Championship
- 13-17 Clemson Golf Camp #2
- 15 Blue Ridge Co-Op Tournament
- 20 Super Saturday #4
- 21 Last Day Course Open
- 22 Closed for Renovation

**July**
- Course Closed for Renovation

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**Course Renovation News**

June 22nd begins the first course close down in our history. More than $1 million dollars of course improvements will take place during the shutdown. Since there will be no access to the course for play until August 15th, we have identified “partners” that are offering our Walker Course members playing opportunities at “special” rates during our renovation.

**Cross Creek Plantation** in Seneca will be our “home away from home” during the renovation. Walker Course members will be able to call **Cross Creek** directly and make tee times any day after 11am. Also, **Oconee Country Club**, and the six AAG courses (**Boscobel, Brookstone Meadows, Pickens, CC, Cobbs Glenn, Anderson CC and Falcon’s Lair**) are also offering our members special rates to play.

Additionally, we have secured several “one-day” deals with many other area courses. Since most of these clubs also have members and priority tee times for those members, we are only able to book these trips within a 2 week time period. You will need to call the Walker Course to sign up and go on these one-day trips as they are arranged and announced. One of our staff members, **Brent Jessup, Garrett Chapman, or Josh Williams** will be travel coordinator/chaperone for each of these one-day trips.

Members will receive an e-mail with full details of pricing and procedures for each of the courses we have made arrangements in the next few days in time to take full advantage of our partnership agreements. If you have any questions or would like us to help make a special tee time for you during the close down, we are only a phone call away.

The golf shop, clubhouse grill, and swimming pool will remain open Tuesday through Sunday during the “closedown” period from 10am until 7pm. The DZ chipping green will also be available for your use during that time as well. The driving range will be closed for work June 22 through August 1st.

We will announce “look & see” project progress days when we will offer “guided tours” of the course during the shutdown period. Look for those announcements as we move through the summer. Thanks for your cooperation and support.

**Senior Club Championship**

Due to the course renovations, we are moving this years’ senior championship to Friday and Saturday, June 5 & 6. Entry fee is $10 per player. 18 hole stroke play, two rounds. Call the golf shop to sign up before the June 3rd deadline.

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**Membership by the Numbers**
- Individuals: 114
- Family: 117
- Non-Resident: 30
- Young Alumni: 13
- Inactive: 15
- Life: 27
- Total Membership: 316
20th Annual Club Championship

Also, we are moving the 20th annual Club Championship up this summer as well. Tournament dates are Saturday and Sunday, June 13 & 14. 18 holes stroke play, two rounds. Entry fee is $10 per player. This championship is for men and women. Participants will be “flighted” after the first round and compete in separate flights for Sunday’s final round.

Individuals wishing to compete in the championship flight must indicate their preference on the sign-up sheet since the “championship” will be determined from the orange tee markers for both rounds. Call the golf shop to sign up before June 12th.

Super Saturday # 4

This month’s competition date is June 20th and the next round will be held in August (22nd) after we re-open. With only a $30 entry fee, there is still plenty of time to get started and post three scores for the season. Our May tournament saw Cheryl Meadows take the Low Net Field prize with a scorching “59” over a field of 28 fellow competitors. Early season leaders so far are: Cheryl Meadows, Bob Ryerse, Ray Johnson, Jerry Walker, and Jim Kenworthy. Call the golf shop to sign up before the Thursday deadline.

Clemson University Golf Camps

It is time again for Coach Larry Penley’s annual Clemson University golf camps at The Walker Course. The course will close (no tee times after 3pm) each afternoon (Saturday-Tuesday) and on Wednesday morning during the camp weeks. Camp dates are: June 6-10 and June 13-17. Thanks for your understanding and cooperation.

Member Invitational Results

The 2nd annual Member Invitational team competition was held last month (May 15-17) with two teams comprised of ten, two-man teams competing over three days in a “Ryder Cup” style competition. Play began on Friday evening with a 9-hole alternate shot, team match play followed by a cookout on the Harris Terrace. The “Orange” team won Friday’s alternate shot competition 6-4. On Saturday, the teams battled it out for 18 holes of team, match play followed by the Pitch/Chip/Putt contest. Again, Team “Orange” won the competition with a 6-4 victory and Phil Shirley & Chuck Klaren took top honors in the P/C/P contest.

The final round was contested on Sunday with twenty, singles match play matches. Team “Purple” won Sunday’s singles matches by a score of 10.5 to 9.5. The comeback on Sunday however, was not enough to overtake the Team “Orange” lead as they captured the event with a final score of 21.5 to 18.5. Following the team matches, a sudden death playoff was held to determine the individual team champion and six, two-man teams teed it up together on hole #1 and fired 12 shots into the fairway. Two teams were eliminated on the first playoff hole and the Team of Tim Elrod & Ryan Burnette made a natural birdie on the second hole to capture the overall team championship. A great time was had by all the participants and the course was in fantastic shape for the entire event. Please plan to play in the fun event in 2016 if you missed this year.

First: Eagle 3

Congratulations to Fran Moseley for her recent eagle (3) on hole # 16 from 100 yards out. Witnessing the big bird were Kathy Hughes and Betty Padgett on May 20, 2015. The first of many more to come!

Ace for Andy!

Congratulations to Andy Walker for his recent hole-in-one at hole # 12 on Sunday, May 24th. Witnessing the perfect, Callaway pitching wedge, shot from 106 yards out were Kandace Schatz, Billy Rice, and Mary Anne Rice. The ball went into the hole “on the fly!” It was Mr. Walker’s third career ace. Congratulations! Unfortunately, Mr. Walker was NOT in the hole-in-one club. The jackpot for a hole-in-one club ace still stands at $175.00.

Demo Day Report

Our annual Demo Day took place on May 1 with representatives from Ping, Orange Whip Trainer, and Tour Edge participating. We had a great turnout despite missing several vendors that had committed to be here but did not show. For the record, we had associated gross sales of represented vendor equipment of more than $5,000.00. Thanks for your support of this opportunity to “try before you buy.” We look forward to an even larger event next spring.
DON GARRETT, CGCS

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

May Status
After a wet March and April, I was hoping for a drier May and was it ever dry. Virtually no rain for the first 25 days of the month had some areas showing some drought stress. Then we had an intense one inch downpour on the 26th that washed out all of the bunkers! The spring dead spot in the fairways has just about covered over. We have spread quite a bit of mulch this month as well.

June Goals
Normally June is the month when we aerify tees and fairways. This year we are scheduling most of this work during July and August when we are closed for the renovation project so as not to disrupt play. One exception will be #1 and lower #9 fairways. The flooding of the last two summers deposited a lot of silt on these fairways and I feel it is important to be aggressive in aerifying, removing the cores and topdressing with sand to correct this condition so that they are not any worse off than they already are. My plan is to aerify and topdress these fairways 3 times this summer. Therefore we aerified and topdressed lower #9 during the last week of May and plan to do number 1 in early June. This will allow us the time to get 2 more aerifications in before we reopen in August.

With the Club Championship June 13-14, we will be fine tuning things to be in top shape for this event. During the week of June 15th, the final week of play before the closing, we will begin to do some prep work for the renovation so that we can hit the ground running on June 22. You may see paint dots around greens indicating the greens cavity, paint lines on the fairways indicating areas for drain tile, silt fence being installed around catch basins, etc., etc. Nothing that will intrude on playability but things that will help speed us up so that we can get off to a quick start and insure we are open as scheduled on August 15th.

Thanks WCMA!
Thanks to the WCMA for the funds to purchase and install the six Legacy sugar maple trees on #13. These trees make quite an impact and I am looking forward to seeing their magnificent orange fall color later this year.

In addition, the WCMA Board approved the purchase of 3 new benches as well. Unfortunately, these had to be special ordered so they will not be here prior to closing, but just another thing to look forward to seeing once the course reopens.
Couples Twilight

Our first event of the season was finally played without a rainout! Eight couples battled until dark with the foursome of (Andy Walker & Julie Fletcher with Chuck Smith & Janna Smith) coming out on top with a six under par score for nine holes. Following play, everyone tracked over to Sardis for food, drinks, and game tales.

We are currently working with Cross Creek Plantation to establish a date for a “reciprocal” couple’s twilight event with their members during our summer shutdown. Once the date and details are confirmed, we will send an e-mail notice to all couples with the information to sign up and play at Cross Creek. Stay tuned!

Major General John T. Carley (1923-2015)

Please remember the family of Major General John Carley who passed away on May 15th. “General Carley” had been an active member of The Walker Course since moving here in 2002. He played golf with the “Hampton group” most Tuesday and Thursday mornings for all of those years. At the age of 91, he played 18 holes on Thursday, the day before his passing. As his rank and title indicate he was a highly decorated American hero and every bit as much a gentleman. He will be greatly missed by those who knew him.