Upcoming Events

**March**
02  LGA Meeting & Clinic
05  Member Appreciation Breakfast
08  WCMA Officers Meeting
09  LGA Season Begins
13  Daylight Savings Time Begins
19  Super Saturday # 1
20-22  Spring Trip: Alabama
24  New Member Orientation Dinner
27  Easter Sunday
31  Educating All Outing (AM)

**April**
01  Couples Twilight
04  PGA Playing Ability Test
08  Clemson Block “C” Letter Winners
09  Super Saturday # 2
11  CPGA Mountains Tour
12  WCMA Officers Meeting
16-17  Member-Member Championship
22  Couples Twilight
23  JLF Memorial Tournament (PM)
30  Beta Theta Pi Tournament (PM)

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**BRENT JESSUP**  
PGA HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL

**Member Appreciation Breakfast**
Saturday, March 5th officially kicks off the 2016 season for Walker Course members with your annual “Member Appreciation Breakfast.” Again this year, we will gather at Seneca Family Restaurant in Seneca for a warm, hearty, and complimentary breakfast for our members. Be sure to RSVP to the golf shop by Friday and then drop by the restaurant anytime between 9am and 11am to enjoy. See you there!

**Super Saturday XV**
It’s hard to believe this will be the 15th season of our Super Saturday competitions, but it is. The tournament committee has a great schedule of events for all members to enjoy and Super Saturday is no exception. There are no format changes for this year, everything remains the same! We will play one round per month through October. Keep your best three scores (gross and net) and toss out any additional high score rounds you play. Tee color divisions will compete “within” for the season, and against all of the other tee divisions for the monthly LOW NET FIELD winner prize.

The entry fee for the season is still only $30 whether you play in one event, or all eight. The entry fee dollars build the season-long “golf shop tournament credit” prize fund awarded to the top finishers in each division at the end of the season. Deadline for entries is 5pm on the Thursday prior to the Saturday play date. You must sign up for each monthly event separately in the golf shop.

The tournament committee strongly encourages you to participate in this fun way to get to know your fellow members. Our new members are especially “invited” to join the fun! Don’t be left out.

**New Member Orientation Dinner**
The annual new member orientation dinner will be held on Thursday evening, March 24th at 6:30pm in the Madren Conference Center. All new members that have joined since last spring will receive a separate invitation in the mail. Please be sure to RSVP to facilitate our planning.

**Daylight Savings Time Adjustments**
Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 13th. We will expand our hours of operation to accommodate those extended evening hours. We will continue to open the golf shop at 8:30am each day and close at 6:30pm during March. The practice range will be open from 8:45am until 6:00pm as well. Enjoy the longer days and coming spring weather!

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Membership by the Numbers
- Individuals: 127
- Family: 119
- Non-Resident: 28
- Young Alumni: 11
- Inactive: 10
- Life: 27
- Total Membership: 322
**Golf Pro News Continued:**

**Spring Golf Trip: Alabama**

The annual Spring Golf Trip destination this month will be the Birmingham, Alabama area. We will drive to Birmingham on Sunday, March 20 and play golf that afternoon at the Highland Park Golf Club. On Monday, we play at Ballantrae Golf Club just south of town and then Tuesday, we head back east and stop for 18 holes at Cider Ridge Golf Club in Oxford. After Tuesday's round, we drive back to Clemson.

The cost is only $320 per person for three rounds of golf and 2 nights of shared hotel expenses at the Highland Hotel in downtown Birmingham. Only a couple of spots remain open for this trip. If you are interested, call the golf shop now to sign up.

**2016 Member Event Calendar**

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**Welcome New Members**

Sam & Jean Spangler Hamrick
February Status

The weather continues to be an issue this month with more rain and a cold snap. The cold weather during the week of the 8th-13th saw us covering greens twice for 2 days at a time. The rain, while not excessive for the month, continued to keep the course saturated after all of above normal rain the previous 4 months. The good news is spring is right around the corner and the El Nino weather pattern by all accounts is on the decline. Right now I wouldn’t mind a little drought. After all, it’s easier to add a little water to the course than to get too much of and we have a very good irrigation system with a good supply of water in Lake Hartwell.

We applied a second application of turf paint to the greens on February the 15th. Because the greens had a little color to them, we decided to apply just a half rate to enhance the color and get us by until the Zoysia reaches full green up.

The course did dry up long enough that we were able to get out and get the winter weed control applied to all but about 3 holes, which we hope to get treated in early March. Nothing like a clean dormant course, well maybe a clean dormant dry course.

GIS

I had the opportunity to attend the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America’s (GCSAA) Golf Industry Show (GIS) this month in San Diego where over 12,600 attendees partook of over numerous education opportunities and seminars as well as visiting 550 exhibitors spread over 250,000 square feet of exhibit space. I attended several good sessions where I picked up some good ideas and looked at some new equipment that will assist us in managing the new greens.

Water Use

Speaking of water, the GCSAA released data from the most recent survey on water use and conservation practices in golf, and the news is good. Some of the trends included:

- A 21.8% reduction in water use since 2006
- Golf uses only 1.44% of all irrigated water in the US
- Irrigated areas on golf courses have decreased by 14,000 acres
- Golf’s use of recycled water has increased by 32.7% since 2006 and accounts for 25% of all water used on golf courses.

As for the Walker Course, we have taken some steps to better use water as well. Last year, we upgraded our Irrigation Control Software to Toro’s new LYNX operating system which gives us more control over programming our system to apply just what we need. And just recently, we installed Toro’s Turfguard system of in ground, wireless sensors that monitor soil moisture, temperature and salinity at the 2 and 7 inch depths. This provides us with real time data to show us exactly what is going on in the soil and assisting in making irrigation decisions. I even have an app on my phone that lets me access the data in real time wherever I am. I feel these sensors will take some of the guess work out of when and how much to irrigate.

March Goals

One thing that we won’t be doing in March is a major aerification of the greens like we used to in the past with bentgrass which disrupted the putting surfaces for 2-3 weeks. We may do a solid tine venting of the greens late in the month, but that is minimally invasive with little impact on ball roll.

Also on Monday March 21st, we will be applying a spring fertilizer product to the tees, fairways and roughs.

Water coolers will also return to the course this month. We will have one cooler in each station at 7, 11 and the putting green for the time being. And don’t forget, there is a water fountain at each restroom on holes 4 & 14.

See below for the major maintenance schedule. As I mentioned above greens aerification dates have changed. Now that we have a warm season grass on the greens, most aerification will be performed in the summer, with no disruption planned during the popular spring and fall seasons.
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