Upcoming Events

**June**

01  Sr. Interclub vs. Patriot Tournament
05  Greenville Clemson Club Tournament
10-14 Tiger Golf Academy (Week #1)
12  Closed
14  Junior Golf #1
15  Sr. Interclub vs. Stoney Point
17  Super Saturday #4
17-21 Tiger Golf Academy (Week #2)
19  Closed
21  Junior Golf #2
23  Couples Twilight
26-27 GREENS AERIFY
27  Nine Holes Open Only
28  Junior Golf #3

**July**

03  Closed Monday
04  Open Holiday Rates
05  Junior Golf #4
12  Junior Golf #5
15  Super Saturday #5
17-18 Hurricane Junior Golf Tour
19  Junior Golf #6
19  Sr. Interclub @ The Preserve
21  Couples Twilight
26  Junior Golf #7
26-27 Junior Club Champ.
29-30 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

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**Junior Golf Clinics**

Our annual summer junior golf program begins Wednesday, June 14th. Every Wednesday morning (10AM-Noon) for seven weeks (through July 26), our golf professional staff will conduct beginner clinics for kids ages 10-15. Each week we will learn a different skill needed to play the game. Focus areas will include: putting, chipping, pitching, sand shots, irons, woods, tee shots, etiquette, and rules. After the instruction session, we will host a skills contest each week with prizes for the winners. The cost is $100 for Walker Course MEMBER juniors and $150 for non-member juniors. Call the golf shop to sign up for this fun way to learn the game.

**Clemson Golf Academy**

This month we host two separate weeks of Coach Larry Penley’s Tiger Golf Academy, June 10-14 and June 17-21. Both camps begin on Saturday afternoon and end at lunch on Wednesday for both weeks. Please be aware that we close the first tee each afternoon at 3pm to allow space for the campers to play their evening rounds. Also, on Wednesday morning, the camp tournament starts at 7:45am. With a full slate of juniors on the course, we will not start our normal play until 12 noon. If you play in the Ladies Group, the Crabtree Group, or the Purple Haze Group, be sure to check for your later starting times on those two Wednesdays.

**Couples Twilight**

Our June edition of Couples Twilight is scheduled for Friday, June 23rd. Since our May twilight event was rained out, we will again plan the “step away” captain’s choice team format. Sign up as a couple and we will pair you with another couple to complete your “team.” We begin with a shotgun start at 6 pm with drinks and dining afterward at Sole’. Entry deadline is Thursday, June 22nd.

**Super Saturday**

Round three was contested on May 6th. Scott Schoedel had the low net field score, with an impressive net (66). The June competition is scheduled for Saturday, June 17th. This will be the fourth round of the season. There is still time to join in the fun and be able to post the minimum three rounds and still have time to “dump” one of your bad scores. The entry fee is only $30 for the season. We encourage our NEW MEMBERS to join in the fun. This is a great way to meet other members and play golf on the weekend. Deadline for June entry is Thursday, June 15th.

**Match Play Update**

First round matches should now be completed as we move into June. Please be sure to contact your next match opponent to set the date for your June matches. A total of forty-eight members are signed up for this year’s competition. Good luck to all and keep those matches moving!

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**Member Invitational Report**

Although Sunday’s final round was rained out, the rest of the weekend was a huge success. This year’s event began with practice rounds on Friday. A combined teams evening “skins” game followed a great Sole’ meal on the patio. When the team scores were returned, there were only (2) outstanding skins on holes # 11 and # 14. The winning teams split a nice cash jackpot for their efforts.

On Saturday, twenty-three teams competed in nine holes of best ball net and nine holes of Texas Scramble golf. Teams were flighted based on their Saturday 18-hole net score and as it turned out, the final outcome was the actual flight standings from Saturday’s round since Sunday was a wash out.

Winning the gross championship was the team of Phil Shirley & Chuck Klaren with a first round score of (66). Championship Flight “A” winners were Ray Carter & Mike Hembree with a net score of (59). Three teams tied for first flight honors with scores of (63): Billy Rice & Billy Dillard, Dave Finch & Dave Eldridge, and Jim Kenworthy & Dave Kenworthy. The second flight was won by Jerry Handegan & Jack Handegan, and the third flight was won by Rick Hamilton & Dave Gartshore.

Following Saturday’s round, everyone moved to the “Bulls Eye” Short Game Contest with Bill Harley (guest of Jim Hill) winning a Ping Sigma putter for scoring the most “Bulls-Eye” points. Eddie Brown and Brad LaRue won Saturday’s closest to the pin prizes from Foot Joy.

Hopefully next year we can increase participation to 36 teams and place an order for better weather!

**Senior Interclub Report**

The Walker Course senior Interclub team played their first match of the season on May 12th at The Patriot at Grand Harbor and were defeated (18-6). The second match of the season was held on May 16th at Cobbs Glenn in Anderson and we suffered our second loss of the season (20-4).

The Walker Course team then played their third match (at Walker) on May 25th against The Preserve at Verdae team winning their first match of the season by a (16-8) margin. The teams of Billy Rice & Steve Finger and Bill Banton & Jerry Crabtree swept their opponents (6-0) each.

Team Walker lost again at home against The Patriot team on the return home (match #4) by a score of (16-8). Lewis Creel & Jerry Crabtree were the only Walker Course team to score all six points for Team Walker! The next home match is scheduled for June 15th against the team from The Links at Stoney Point. We will need to step it up a notch to make the playoffs. Stay tuned!

**Demo Day Report**

We had a good turnout for our annual Demo Day on the range last month. Several of our members found at least one club they needed to add to their bag. Our thanks to our vendors for taking time to join us for Demo Day: Wilson, Ping, Titleist, Cobra, Cleveland, Rife Putters, and Orange Whip Swing Trainers. We will do it again next year!

**Swimming Pool**

The pool is now open for the season. Hours are 10am until 7pm Tuesday through Sunday. The pool is closed on Mondays. Hope you get the opportunity to get wet this season! Be safe! Brandon Cloer is our pool manager. Contact him about swim lessons or private afterhours swim parties.

**ACE Report**

June 1st was a great day for golf. We hosted (2) holes-in-one. Walker Course member Richard “Judge” Mattox scored his first career hole-in-one on hole #12 at the tender age of 86! Witnessing his 98-yard, 8-iron shot were playing companions Mike Hehir and Jack McCormac. Judge Mattox was NOT in the member hole-in-one club, so he left the jackpot of $320 intact for the next winner, but he was happy none the less! And, he didn’t even have to buy drinks!

Also on the same day, our friends from Cross Creek Plantation were visiting during their course renovation closing and Debbie Hassell scored her first career hole-in-one on Tiger Paw hole #17. Mrs. Hassell’s perfect shot was struck with a Callaway 8-iron and witnessed by Cheryl Kelly and Kathy Kircher.

With all that skill and luck going around, we hope they both bought lottery tickets! Congratulations to both golfers. A great way to start the summer!
May Status

We have spent a good portion of the month catching up on numerous things. We have spread a lot of mulch, edged bunkers and cleaned up a number of areas. In addition, the tees were aerified.

The White tee on #1 was re-sodded at the end of the month due to some winterkill/traffic damage. Rather than wait for it to grow back in like we did last year, we just decided to replace the sod. I hope this is a long term solution, however, since we leveled this tee in 2015, the resulting grade has funneled all foot traffic into the same path to walk onto the tee. We will keep an eye on it and see if another approach may be needed.

The hillside to the left of #2 fairway, where the junipers were removed, has been planted to lantana. We installed 150 one gallon plants on May 31. The space doesn’t look great just yet, but give them some time to grow and I think it will be really pretty.

We have not been able to topdress the greens as regularly as we would have liked. It seems like every Monday for the past 6 weeks it is either raining or we have had an outing. Otherwise, I think the greens have performed well. They are ready to have a hole poked in them though.

June Goals

During the month of June, our emphasis will shift to aerifying the entire course. The temperatures are warming up and the grass is green and growing so it is time to remove some thatch and relieve some compaction. Our current schedule is to do the front nine fairways the week of the 12th, the back nine fairways the week of the 19th and the greens the week of the 26th. Obviously this schedule is very weather dependent and could change.

We will core aerify the fairways, sweep up the plugs, blow the surface and closely mow, in order to remove as much thatch as possible.

The greens aerification will be aggressive. We plan to use 5/8 inch tines and topdress heavily to insure all holes are filled. We will also be rolling with a heavy roller to help smooth out some of the imperfections. Recovery time may take as much as 21 days. While they will be a little rough during this time, remember that there is no significant aerification in March and September with these greens like there was with the bentgrass. Green speeds will be slower as well during this time, as we push with some extra fertilizer to promote recovery. Please bear with us as we perform this important work.

Project Work on #14 & 15

During June, Environmental Landscaping will be here to perform some improvement work on holes 14 & 15. This is work remaining from the 2015 renovation plan and was a priority request of the WCMA. This work involves grading, irrigation and drainage additions, and the laying of sod and mulch. It should take about two weeks to complete. Work is scheduled to begin on June 19 and should be completed by June 30. We have scheduled this work to coincide with aerification such that the back nine will already be closed on 4 of the days the work is taking place. As this work is in close proximity to the greens on both holes, we will need to utilize a temporary green on these holes during the remaining weekdays. We will make every effort to utilize the regular green on the weekends. Please bear with us as we perform this work. I think you will be pleased with the final product.

New Addition

Congratulations to assistant superintendent Ben Wood, and his wife Brittany, on the birth of their son, Beau, on May 22! Beau weighed in at 9 pounds, six ounces.

New Addition, Part 2

Please welcome Ryan Epperly as our new second assistant. Ryan graduated from Clemson in May with his BS in Ag Mechanization. Ryan also holds an Associate’s Degree in Turfgrass Management from Horry Georgetown Technical College. Ryan has been a part time employee of the Walker Course for the last two years while he was a student, and fills the vacancy Chris Jordan left last October.
**Plyler / Wooten win South Carolina 4-Ball Championship**

Walker Course members Mickey Plyler & Raymond Wooten teamed up last month to win the 54th Annual South Carolina 4-Ball Championship at *Musgrove Mill Golf Club* in Clinton. **Plyler & Wooten** defeated the number 2 seed team of Connor Bruns & Bryce Howell (3 & 2) in the championship match over a field of 60 teams to win their first state team championship. Congratulations gentlemen! Thanks for representing Clemson and *The Walker Course* so impressively. Well done!

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**Welcome New Members**

Brian & Anna Johnson  
Hannah & Bert Epting, Jr.

**Resigned Members**

Frank & Kathy Gentry  
Rhyne Jones  
Victor & Christine Barda  
Joseph Dorsch

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**Membership by the Numbers**

- **Individuals**: 125  
- **Family**: 98  
- **Non-Resident**: 34  
- **Young Alumni**: 16  
- **Inactive**: 9  
- **Legacy**: 10  
- **Life**: 26  
- **Total Membership**: 318

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