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Membership by the Numbers
Individuals: 125 Family: 122
Non-Resident: 29
Young Alumni: 12
Inactive: 12 Life: 27
Total Membership: 327

TOP TEN!
Your Walker Course is now ranked the #10 university golf course in the country by Golfweek Magazine. Golfweek annually rates all classifications of courses (private, public, resort, university, and municipal) and then ranks them in their weekly magazine based on the surveys completed by their official course raters. Last year, The Walker Course debuted on the list for the first time at #14, and now we have moved up four positions into the Top Ten! Congratulations to all of our members, staff, course raters, and local supporters for their part in recognizing The Walker Course as one of the best in the country. Time to celebrate!

Busy Month
This month we have three home football game weekends, a couple shotgun start outings, and the final Super Saturday of the season on the calendar. As you can imagine, it will be quite busy in addition to the perfect time of year for great golf. Please remember it is it very important that you make your advance tee times with accurate names and numbers of players to prevent overbooking and keeping others from being able to enjoy The Walker Course.

Couples Scramble Picnic Report
Congratulations to Dan & Kandace Schatz and Randy & Cherryl Meadows for capturing the annual couples scramble/picnic on the patio competition. Team Schatz/Meadows won the scorecard playoff on the second hole, after posting 10 under par (62) along with the team of Eddie & Lynda Brown with Tim & Kay Leaumont. Twelve couples took part in this late-season event and followed it up with a perfect weather picnic on the patio of Season’s Restaurant (without ants!). Both teams that were tied at 62 won nice golf shop tournament credits to be used later this year. Thanks to everyone that participated in any of our couples events this season. We will start again in April.

Match Play Championship Final Results
Ladies Championship A: Cherryl Meadows defeated Lynda Brown (2 up)
Ladies Championship B: Mary Anne Rice defeated Betty Padgett (5 & 4)

Super Saturday Homestretch
Congratulations to Lynda Brown for posting a low net field score of (64) to capture the September edition of Super Saturday. With only one event left
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on Halloween, October 31, you have one more chance to lower your season scores. Call the golf shop to sign up for the season finale.

**Current Leaders Going into the Finale Round**

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**WCMA Bridge Tournament**

Don’t forget to register for the 3rd annual WCMA Bridge Tournament, scheduled for Sunday, November 8th at 12 noon. The Finance Corp Board made a substantial investment this summer in the new greens and course improvements and we need to show our appreciation with a big turnout for the tournament. ALL of the net proceeds from this tournament go toward course improvements specified by the WCMA and the proceeds are significant because the Walker Course does not charge for either greens or cart fees for this tournament and the food is donated by Clemson Catering. We obviously would like to have a big turnout again this year. This is a great opportunity for us members to contribute to the course we get to enjoy day in and day out…now ranked as the 10th best college course in the country.

Last year more than $4000 was raised and those funds were used to place trees on the right of the 13th fairway and new benches near the practice tee and 6th and 13th tees. The water/ice machine near the restrooms in the clubhouse were paid for by the 2013 tournament. Some of the projects being considered for the future include: new water cooler holders to replace the old ones now in use on the course, practice tee yardage signs and mats, and a compressed air shoe cleaner station near the golf shop. We welcome your suggestions for other ideas. The intent is for the board and management to agree on a list of projects, and then have the members vote for their preference(s).

The entry fee again this year is only $100 and in addition to the golf and cart, entry also includes a box lunch, a nice shirt/vest, other tee gifts, a post-tournament party, and a $10 raffle ticket for items to be given away. If you cannot play, we welcome your donation as well. The sign-up sheet for this tournament will be in the golf shop soon. Let’s all pull together to support and further enhance the beautiful course we play.

Thanks, MICHAEL HEMBREE, Tournament Chair

**Fall Golf Trip**

The date is set, November 1-2-3. The location is still up in the air. We are heading east toward the coast to avoid falling leaves. We will either be heading to Hilton Head / Bluffton or Myrtle Beach. Stay tuned as the sign up sheet will go up in the golf shop once the trip destination is finalized. Hope you can join this group of seasoned travelers!

**Shorter Days= Early Closing Time for Range**

As we begin our decent into the shorter days of fall, we will adjust the practice range closing time to 6:00pm this month to allow our staff ample time to retrieve the range balls before darkness. Your cooperation is appreciated.
September Status

September has been a busy month and has really flown by. It has been a little on the wet side as well, which has hampered us in getting some of the loose ends from construction tied up. The work on the right side of the cart path on hole 17 was finished on the 22nd. I know this work is not an ‘in play’ area, but I hope you will agree that it really dresses up our signature hole. We also finished up some of the drainage work at the beginning of the fairway on #6. Thank you for working with us by playing the hole as a par 3 for a couple of days while this work was performed. Some of the cart path tie in work remains and we should get this work done in October.

Greens

The greens continue to come along and establish. We have been topdressing every 7-14 days to continue to promote smoothing of the surface. Much of the scalping we were experiencing, especially on holes 14&16, has begun to improve and heal. While some spots remain, our plan is to just give them time and see if they will heal and repair themselves. While there are some that may need to be plugged out with new grass from the nursery green, I believe it would be best to wait until the spring and the beginning of a new growing season to perform this work. Doing so this late in the season may not allow the new plugs to root and we may end up having to re-do them in the spring anyway.

One thing you may not have considered or thought of this month is aerification. With bentgrass, we were always performing a major aerification in September, just about the time the weather started to cool a bit. That is no more. With the zoysiagrass, aerification will be done in the heat of the summer.

Overseeding

The par 3 tees (4, 8, 12, & 17) and the driving range tees will be overseeded the week of October 19-23. Keep in mind that the overseeded tees will be soggy as we water light and frequently to promote rapid germination and establishment. Once the seed begins to sprout, the tees will be shaggy until the ryegrass begins to mature and the mowers can make a clean cut.

Please note that to allow the seed on the practice tees to get off to a good start, we will restrict practice to the mat for a couple of weeks. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding.

October Goals

Also during October, we will be applying a product to control spring dead spot on the non-overseeded tees, treating for fire ants, edging bunkers, blowing leaves and hopefully starting to catch up on other work as the temperatures cool down and the grass slows down a little. We will also continue to lightly topdress the greens as temperature and growth rate allow.

Pro News Cont’d...

Resident Membership Promotion Report

Our current resident membership promotion got off to a great start this month with 19 new members joining and taking full advantage of the offer. The promotion continues on through February, but the “deal” gets less each month. If you know of anyone still thinking about joining, give them a call. The sooner they act, the more they save. Please see the list below and welcome all of our new members!

Welcome New Members
Alex & Sharon Scott
Louis “Jim” Gizoli
Larry & Melissa Whitfield
“Smiley” & Becky Sanders
Robert Reaser
Ben Sullivan
Hal Blackwell
Denzil “Denny” Dillon
Fynn DeHay
Charles “Gene” Smith

Rhyne Jones, Jr.
Jesse & Marcia Buchanan
Matthew & Chelsea Anderson
Rus & Sharon Kingman
John Coakley
Jim Abercrombie
Thomas & Joyce Doss
Frank & Pam Lamson-Scribner
“Chip” Browning**

Membership Resignations
Brandon Smith
Fred & Neoma Brinson
Jim & Nancy Payne

Charles "Gene" Smith
FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Pro-Shop Operating Hours:
Tuesday—Sunday
7:30 a.m.—7:00 p.m.
Practice Range Hours:
Tuesday—Sunday
7:45 a.m.—6:00 p.m.
(Weather Permitting)

Brent Jessup
Head Golf Professional
656-7516

Don Garrett
Course Superintendent
656-1814

Azenda Thompson
Accounting
656-0595

Golf Pro-Shop
656-6236

Club House Grill
656-7518

Joe’s Place
656-7517

Season’s Restaurant
656-7444

The Martin Inn
654-9020

The Madren Center
656-7165

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Pace of Play (from the USGA Rules of Golf: Section I: Etiquette; Behavior on the Course)

Players should play at a good pace. The Committee may establish pace of play guidelines that ALL players should follow.

It is the group’s responsibility to keep up with the group in front. If it loses a clear hole and it is delaying the group behind, it should invite the group behind to play through, irrespective of the number of players in that group. Where a group has not lost a clear hole, but it is apparent that the group behind can play faster, it should invite the faster moving group to play through.

It is the policy of The Walker Course that ALL players should play without delay. Our starters and rangers are instructed to inform each group before they tee off of the expected “pace of play” and post that pace of play card in each golf cart. The pace of play is 2 hours and 12 minutes per nine holes. It is based on four players in each time slot. If a group has less than four golfers, their pace of play time remains the same as if they were four golfers. Our mission is to have four golfers in every tee time slot to encourage camaraderie and full utilization.

Our starters and staff will not address slow play issues for groups that are “on pace” regardless of the number of players in the group. If a group has a clear hole in front of them, our staff will:

- Encourage the group to speed up.
- Check on their progress one hole later.
- Ask the group to allow the group behind them to play through and remain with that group until the group behind passes and it is safe to resume play.

It is the responsibility of each individual group to play at a pace that does not impede the enjoyment of others on the golf course. We will remove any group that continues to disrupt the pace of play and issue them “rain-checks” for any remaining un-played holes.