Upcoming Events

August
06  Golf Channel Tour (PM)
13  Super Saturday #6
19  Couples Twilight
27  Kappa Sigma (PM)

September
02  Couples Twilight
05  Labor Day: Open (8am)
05  Last Day for Swimming Pool
08  March of Dimes (AM)
09  Home Football Friday
10  Troy at Clemson (12:30)
12  Open Monday (11am)
16  Clemson Alumni Acura Challenge
17  SC State at Clemson (12:30)
19  Open (11am)
24  CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP (1st Round)
25  CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP (2nd Round)
26  Open Monday (11am)
29  SR CLUB CHAMP (1st Round)
30  SR CLUB CHAMP (2nd Round)

Membership by the Numbers
Individuals: 129  Family: 117
Non-Resident: 28  Young Alumni: 16
Inactive: 8  Life: 26
Total Membership: 324

BRENT JESSUP
PGA HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL

Member Guest Champions: Jordan Fiedler & Fletcher Anderson
The rescheduled Member Guest Championship took place the last weekend of July in the scorching heat. When all was said and done, it came down to a scorecard playoff to determine the overall winners. Taking the championship was the team of Jordan Fiedler & Fletcher Anderson with a total score of (118). Frank Eskridge & Joey Eskridge finished second.

An exciting first round included a “record team net score” of (49) by Frank Eskridge and son, Joey. Also Jordan Fiedler scored a natural (2) “albatross” on the par five, 14th hole. Following play on Saturday, everyone gathered at Sole on the Green for drinks, snacks, and tales of the day!

Twenty-three teams were divided into four flights as Sunday held another hot day of golf and a charging comeback by the Fiedler/Anderson team. When the cards were tallied at The Esso Club, a scorecard playoff was necessary to break the tie. The card playoff went to the third playoff hole to determine the overall winners.

Other flight winning teams were as follows:
“B” flight  Eddie Brown & Keith Berg (127)
“C” flight  Raymond Wooten & Jason Anthony (122)
“D” flight  Billy Rice & Ken Rector (135).

First through fourth in each flight received gift cards for their efforts. Closest to Pin winners on Saturday were: Rita Rector, Bill Harley, Andy Walker, and Bob Kelly. Closest to Pin winner on Sunday were: Wayne Hagins, Ken Rector, Bill Harley, and Jim Hill.

Thanks to everyone that played in this years’ event! A good time was had by all.
Couples Twilight August
This month our Friday Twilight event will take place on August 19th. The format will be “regular” captain’s choice, two couples paired to form one team. This is a nine hole event beginning with a 6pm shotgun start. Entry fee is $30 per team and includes golf and “dinner for the winners” at Sole following play. Call the golf shop now to sign up.

Summer Heat
The blazing heat from the last month has reduced the amount of activity on both the golf course and the swimming pool. As we prepare for the return of the Clemson student population, please remember to utilize your 2-week reservation window for tee times. Once the students return, last-minute walk-in golf will disappear.

WCMA President Jim Kenworthy recently sent an e-blast to the membership announcing the postponement of the WCMA Fund Raiser/College-Am. We are still awaiting a later date to be determined for this event. We will keep you posted on the new date.

Football season is right around the corner and we want to remind everyone as you make tee time reservations, it is important that you only reserve tee time slots for the exact number of players you expect. If your numbers reduce, please let us know as soon as possible so we can fill those empty slots with revenue generating rounds. Thanks for your cooperation.

Hurricane Tour Report
Last month the Hurricane Junior Tour stopped in for their annual 2-day event at The Walker Course. In blistering heat, fifty-three young folks experienced Clemson at its’ best. Preston Wagaman of Martinez, Georgia won the boys 16-18 age division with scores of 72-74 = 146. Jay Spivey of Macon, Georgia won the 14-15 boys with a total score of 150. Stephanie Carras of Midland, Michigan won the girls 14-18 division championship with scores of 72-73 = 145 and Savannah Hylton of Hilton Head, South Carolina won the 13-under division with rounds of 72 & 77 for a 149 total.

We would like to thank the membership for allowing these young people access to the course. We also want to especially thank the following volunteers for driving shuttles and making this event a “special” time for the players and their families. The following volunteers make this event possible: Bill Clayton, Bob Ryerse, Fran Moseley, Marty Duda, Archie Gentry, Eddie Brown, Mike Hembree, Bob Wall, Dave Trinder, Susan G. Hehir, Mike Hehir, Jack Jackson, Dwight Vines, Terry Kozma, Veta Finch, Preston Cooley, and Bob Reaser. Thanks!

Super Saturday
This month’s competition is scheduled for August 13th. Round Six, means we have reached the final three dates for the season. This is your LAST chance to start and still post three scores for the season. If you have already been playing in these events, it’s time to get those scores reduced by posting “better” scores to reduce your three-round totals. Again this month, we will start play at 8:30am to “beat the heat.”

Congratulations to Susan G. Hehir for winning the July “Low Net Field” with a net score of (66). Below are your leaders after five rounds.

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Katie Whitfield Junior Club Champion
Congratulations to Katie Whitfield for winning this month’s junior club championship. Her win makes her eligible for the regular women’s club championship to be held in September. Way to go Katie!

Match Play Results
There are still two flight championship matches to be played by August 10th to complete this year’s championship. Congratulations to following flight winners:

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July Status

July has been a scorcher with nearly every day in the mid-nineties or better. However we have had a little more rain than in June so some areas outside of irrigation coverage did perk back up. Unfortunately, some of the rain was accompanied by strong winds which took out a few trees and limbs and trashed the course on three separate occasions. These storms took numerous man-hours to clean up, in addition to having a contractor to come in and remove some broken, hanging limbs.

The greens healed as expected and were all but back to normal in 21 days. The test plots we did on the nursery green to determine fertility rates and tine spacing really paid off. During the latter part of the month, we were able to begin grooming and verticutting the greens to promote smoothness and ball roll and began to apply growth regulator to increase green speed. Another technique that we have found beneficial is double cutting and we are doing this almost daily.

We have also made a little more progress in renovating the slope in front of the tees on #1 where the junipers had become overgrown. On the less steep area where we can mow, bermudagrass sod has been planted. We have decided for the steeper part of the slope, where a mower cannot go, to plant a cool season blend of turf such as fine fescue and let this area become natural. We will finish dressing the slope up in August and be ready to plant in later in the month so that the seed can mature throughout the fall.

Also during July, growth regulator was applied to tees, approaches and fairways.

August Goals

During August, we will be focused on grooming the greens for smoothness and ball roll. We will be lightly topdressing on Mondays, lightly verticutting 1-2 times a week, applying growth regulator, and grooming and double cutting daily. Around mid-month, we will also vent the greens with a 1/4inch solid tines, which will have little, if any, negative effect on putting.

During the first week of the month, we are planning to brush and closely mow the fairways to remove excess growth and grain. They will look a little brown for a few days but will bounce right back and be even better.

On Monday August 1st, we will be aerifying and topdressing the first portion of #1 fairway and the lower portion of #9 fairway in our continuing efforts to try to dry up and firm up these fairways. We were able to perform this work 3 times in 2015 and this will be the second time this season, so hopefully we will begin to see some results.

Other work planned for the month include:

- Mulching beds throughout the course
- Application of fall fertilizer to tees and fairways on August 1.
- Post emergent weed control in the roughs as needed
- Third application of growth regulator to the fairways and tees.
Senior Interclub Report

Last month we reported the details of our first four matches, and our record coming into July was two wins and two losses, with two matches yet to be played against Preserve at Verdae. We played them here on July 15 and did well, winning the overall match 18-6. The teams of Jim Kenworthy & Ron Thomas, Lewis Creel & Jerry Crabtree, and Tom Beddoe & Mark Bouchard all won their matches 4-2 while Mike Hembree & Bill Banton won their match 6-0. So all we had to do to gain a spot in the playoffs was go to their course on July 29th and beat them again.

Turns out that was not such an easy task. Their course played only about 5,500 yards and all four of our teams gave their opponents from three to five shots “at home.” So our #1 team (Jim LaRue & Ron Thomas) lost 6-0, as did our #4 team (Lewis Creel & Tom Beddoe). The #3 team (Mike Hembree & Jim Graham) won it’s match 6-0 while the #2 team (Steve Finger & Bill Banton) garnered only one point. Overall we lost 17-7.

Our overall results for the season were three wins and three losses, but that was good enough to get us into the playoffs, which begin in mid-August. We’ll let you know how we fared in the playoffs in next month’s report.

Submitted by Team Captain, Mike Hembree

Welcome New Members
Jack Braswell, Jr
Matt & Jessica Hulsey

Resigned Members
Keith & Tricia Arndt
Hal Blackwell
Chip Browning

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