Upcoming Events

**October**

01  Louisville AT Clemson  
03  PGA Playing Ability Test  
05  LGA Member Guest  
08  Super Saturday # 7  
09  College-Am / Bridge Fundraiser Tournament  
10  Girls High School Golf District Tournament  
13  NHC Tournament  
14  Home Football Friday  
15  NC State AT Clemson  
22  Super Saturday # 8  
28  Clinkscales Memorial Scholarship Outing  
30,31  Fall Golf Excursion

**November**

01  Fall Golf Excursion  
02  LGA Finale  
04  Home Football Friday  
05  Syracuse AT Clemson  
11  Home Football Friday  
12  Pitt AT Clemson  
25  Home Football Friday  
26  S.Carolina AT Clemson

BRENT JESSUP  
PGA HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL

**WCMA College-Am Scramble Fundraiser**

This year the tournament committee decided to combine the College-Am with the WCMA Fundraiser to increase participation and to take advantage of a better weather date. On Sunday, October 9th we will begin with a 12:30 shotgun start with all players being paired with a member of either the Clemson University (men’s or women’s) golf team members as their team captain. The format is captain’s choice for 18 holes. Golf, cart fees, tee prizes, box lunches, tournament prizes, and post-golf social are all included for only $100 per player. Net proceeds will go to the WCMA for course improvement project funding.

*Note: this event is open to ALL golfers. You do not have to be a member of the Walker Course to play in this event. Call the golf shop now to sign up now.*

**Super Saturday Double Down Finish!**

Due to football schedule conflicts we did not have a Super Saturday during September, but we do finish strong in October with the final two dates of competition on Saturdays, October 8th and October 22nd. If you do not have the required three scores for the season, this is your last opportunity to post. Following the final event on the 22nd, winners will be determined and shop credits awarded. Please call the golf shop by the prior Thursday to sign up for these last two dates. (If you have a score that needs to “disappear,” this month is the month to make it “go away”!)

**Fall Golf Excursion**

Our Fall Golf Excursion is scheduled for Sunday through Tuesday, October 30, 31, and November 1st. We will travel to Aiken, South Carolina to play three days at Aiken Golf Club, The River Club @ North Augusta, and Woodside Plantation Jones Course. Inclusive cost for the entire trip is only $300 per person. Everything is included except your evening meals. This trip is limited to the first (20) players to sign up and pay. Hope you can make it!

**Pace of Play Reminder**

We continue to have conversations educating golfers about “group priority and pace of play” on the course. In order for everyone to enjoy their rounds and to fully utilize our golf tee times, we would like to remind everyone that our 18-hole pace of play “standard” is (4:12) four hours and 12 minutes per group, regardless of the number of players in your group.

For many years, the Rules of Golf etiquette section gave first priority on the course to foursomes, then threesomes, then twosomes, then singles. We continue to honor that priority when we evaluate pace of play issues.

If you are a twosome, you need to be prepared to “wait” behind larger size groups, or hope the larger group will exercise good golf etiquette and “invite” you to play through, IF there is space ahead. We receive several comments each month about foursomes “holding up” two-some or threesomes, even though the foursome is playing “on pace.” Our staff will not force a foursome to let a smaller size group “play through” unless they are behind the “standard” pace of play. Golf is a “social” game, so if you are only a twosome, pair up with other players to fill out your complete tee time slot. You will be surprised who you might meet and how quickly your round will move along!
Golf Pro News Continued:

**Repeat Winners of Club Championship**

Congratulations to **Dan Day** for capturing his fourth club championship title with rounds of 68-67 = 135 and also to **Cherryl Meadows** for capturing her fifth club championship title since 1999! **Eddie Brown** won the men’s regular division flight by one stroke over **Andy Walker**.

A smaller than normal field teed it up for 2-days for annual “bragging rights” with some familiar faces making back to the winners circle.

**Senior Club Champion**

Congratulations to **Eddie Brown** for capturing the recent Senior Club Championship with a 2-day total of (153). **Mr. Brown** came from four shots down after round one to defeat runner-up **Greg Scarbrough**.

**Jerry Crabtree** defeated **Stan Childers** in a three- hole sudden death playoff to win the first flight division. Great weather was enjoyed by all who played. Thanks for your participation!
September Status

Weather wise, September seemed a lot like August. Very hot and dry. We kept waiting for things to cool off but the heat persisted until the last couple of days of the month. We recorded less than 2” of rain so there are numerous dry spots here and there. Overall, I feel like the golf course is in good condition.

The greens performed well as we continued to topdress and lightly verticut early in the month, but then backed off on these practices as we anticipated cooler temps. We did continue with growth regulator applications until months end when the extended forecast showed temperatures staying up. Two fungicide treatments were made to protect against fall diseases such as leaf spot and large patch, as well as preventative for spring dead spot. We do have a few patches of black algae and we will be treating for this in early October.

One thing that we didn’t have to do last month on the greens was perform a core aerification, as was annually done in September when we had bentgrass.

We also seeded the front slope of #1 tee where the junipers were removed earlier this year. A couple of other bare spots on 1 & 2 were seeded as well. Fire ant bait was applied course wide, and a pre-emergent herbicide was applied around the overseeded tees.

Overseeding
The par 3 tees (4, 8, 12, & 17) will be overseeded the week of October 17-21. 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, edging bunkers, blowing leaves and hopefully starting to catch up on other work project work as the temperatures cool down and the grass slows down a little.

On the greens, we will continue to make our fall fungicide applications as scheduled. As the nights cool down, we will begin to raise the mowing height on the greens to allow for some growth prior to the onset of winter dormancy. This increased mowing height will be offset by the slower growth due to the cooler weather, so greens speeds should remain the same or increase slightly.

Welcome New Members
Ronald Brank
Lee & Mary Margaret Allman
David Cookson
John & Nancy Young
Steven F. Trojan

Resigned Members
Anush Showghi
Don & Rae Ann Ham
Greg Clodfelter
Ted & Susie Swann
Thomas Federspiel
Senior Interclub Report

After winning a very close match in our first playoff round, which was decided by a sudden death playoff, our second playoff round was played against Olde Sycamore Golf Plantation in Charlotte. For the playoffs, half of our team traveled to their course and half of their team traveled to our course for the match. Our home teams played great, each winning six points. Andy Walker fired a cool (71) to lead his team, so we only needed one point from the two matches at Olde Sycamore in order to advance to the next round. The teams traveling to Charlotte won their match despite one of the opposing team members with a 17 handicap shooting a cool (78), and they were giving him seven shots!

So, we won the overall match and now advance to the “round of eight.” Our next opponent is Bermuda Run CC, which is located just west of Winston-Salem, NC. The match is not yet scheduled but must be played during the first three weeks of October. After we beat them, we advance to the semi-finals, which will be held at Pinewilde Country Club in Pinehurst on October 26 with the finals being on October 27. Stay tuned!

Submitted by team captain, Mike Hembree

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