August 2017

Upcoming Events

August
07 Closed
08 Women’s State Golf Association Tourn.
12 Super Saturday #6
14 Closed
18 Couples Twilight
21 Closed
26 Kappa Sigma (2 PM)
28 Closed

September
01 Home Football Friday
02 Kent St at Clemson (12 noon)
04 Open/Holiday Rates
08 Home Football Friday
08 Clemson Alumni Acura Challenge
09 Auburn at Clemson (7 PM)
11 Open Monday (11 AM)
16 Super Saturday #7
18 Open Monday (11 AM)
22 Home Football Friday
23 Boston College at Clemson
25 Open Monday (11 AM)
27 LGA Member Guest
28-29 Senior Club Championship

Membership by the Numbers
Individuals: 125 Family: 101
Non-Resident: 34
Young Alumni: 13
Inactive: 11 Legacy: 10
Life: 26
Total Membership: 320

BRENT JESSUP
PGA HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL

Super Saturday
August 12th is the date for round six of Super Saturday Season. This is your last opportunity to begin your Super Saturday competition and still be able to post three scores by the end of the season. Deadline for entry this month is Thursday, August 10th at 5pm.

Congratulations to Frank Duda for his low net field score of (62) for the July competition.

(Error Correction Note: The June low net field winner was reported last month as Sandy Minder. Unfortunately, upon posting scores to the season standings chart we discovered there was a lower net score. The actual low net field winner was Pete Santora with a low net score of (63). Sandy Minder, please accept our apology for misreporting the results, however, that net (64) WILL definitely pay off at the end of the season!

Couples Twilight
The July twilight event was cancelled due to lack of entries. The last twilight couples event of the season takes place this month on Friday the 18th. This is your last chance to play this season as we begin to run out of evening daylight later in the year.

The format for August will be a new format: “LADIES FIRST.” Two couples will be paired together to form a four-person team. The lady team members will tee off on each hole and select the better tee shot. From that spot, the men team members will hit the second shots; then all four players will play the third and any additional shots to complete each hole. Following play, we will gather at Sole for drinks and laughs.

Entry fee is $30 per couple (carts and prizes). Deadline for entries is August 17th. Call the golf shop to sign up now!

Match Play Results
The final matches have all been played and here are the results of the 2017 Match Play Championship. Congratulations to all of the flight winners. Each received shop credits for their win.

We hope everyone enjoyed the tournament and will sign up next year:

Men’s Champion:

Men’s Champion B:

Men’s 1st Flight:

Men’s 2nd Flight:

Men’s 3rd Flight:

Women’s Champion

Forfeit

Women’s 1st Flight:

Dan Day defeated Raymond Wooten 1 Up

Eddie Brown defeated Russ Roark 3 & 1

Rick Hamilton defeated Jerry Crabtree 1 Up

Mark Bouchard defeated Mike Hembree 3 & 2

Jacob Dean defeated Dave Trinder 9 & 8

Margie LaRue defeated Cherryl Meadows

Sandy Minder defeated Lyn Hamilton 1 Up

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New First Time Club Champions

Congratulations to all division winners in the 22nd annual club championship which was held last month. Mickey Plyler and Katie Whitfield both succeeded in capturing their first stroke play championships. Other division winners were Jason Sharpe and Frank Duda. Thanks to everyone that competed. The senior club championship will be held later in September.

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Home Football Weekend Reminders

As we approach another football season it is important to remember your major member benefit of the 2-week advance tee time reservation policy. Due to the high demand for tee times, we strongly request you reserve only ONE tee time per membership. If you have multiple groups, you do need a MEMBER name for each tee time slot. Also, please be sure to call and cancel any un-needed tee times or individual player times. We have a large waiting list and would like to be able to fully utilize the golf course on these weekends.

Welcome New Members

Glenn McCants
Roger Owens

Resigned Members

James Quarles
Superintendents Report, August 2017
Don Garrett, CGCS

July Status

The greens healed up as expected in about 21 days from the aerification in late June. Then it was time to quickly transition them into tournament shape for the club championship on the 29th and 30th. Going from aerifying to a club championship in 33 days is a difficult task. Quickly switching from managing for rapid growth and recovery to ball roll and speed is challenging as it is two ends of the agronomic/playability spectrum. To remove excess grass, we verticut aggressively on Monday the 24th. This caused some scalping in a number of areas that are spots that were left high from the conversion process. Some of the worst areas we may patch up with plugs and sod. Others we can spot aerify and roll out. Others will heal up on their own with a little time. We also determined just how low we can mow the Zoysia now that we have received our new greens mowers from Toro. As we move into August, we will be continuing to groom the surface, apply light topdressing and utilize growth regulators to keep the surface smooth.

On Monday July 31, we brushed and closely mowed the fairways to remove excess growth and grain, a practice we do every year about this time. This keeps the turf from getting thick and puffy later in the season where they would scalp during regular mowing. It was even more important this year as we did a less aggressive aerification of the fairways in June and were unable to verticulate then due to some scheduling conflicts. With the early spring and all of the rain in April and May, the fairways were very thick. They will look a little brown for a few days but will bounce right back, green up and be even better. In addition, we aerified and topdressed the first section of #1 and the lower section of #9 in our ongoing process to try to firm and dry these areas up.

Projects

We were able to complete a couple of projects this month. First, we added a sprinkler head and sodded the area at the end of the first section of #1 before the bridge. This area, sodded twice in the past, suffered from shade and lack of irrigation coverage. We’ve improved the sunlight situation some over the years and now with the added sprinkler, we feel like the new turf will be successful. Since the area is still quite shady, we used Zoysia.

At the bag drop area we renovated two beds that had become overgrown. We utilized some more Zoysia sod and some pink muhly grass that should look nice in the fall.

Fence on #1

The fence on number one that restricts cart entry onto the fairway has been removed. The fence had fallen into disrepair and was a maintenance nightmare. Over the last 18 years, we have done a number of things to try to improve the drainage of this fairway with some success. While it is still one of the “wetter” fairways, I feel like during the growing season we can allow cart traffic. Should we have excess rain and it becomes too wet for traffic, we will put up signs and restrict access like we do on other holes under these conditions.

My biggest concern is during the winter months. I think the traffic entering and exiting the fairway will be an issue. The right third of the hole doesn’t see any sun during the winter and the bermudagrass in this shaded area is 2-3 weeks behind the rest of the hole when it comes time for spring green up. Add cart traffic to that equation and it could be ugly. So don’t be surprised if we do have to restrict carts again during the winter. But for now, enjoy.

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 aerify the greens with a 1/4inch solid tines, which will have little, if any, negative effect on putting. Spot aerification of thin spots, as mentioned above, will be done as well.

We will be applying our fall feed fertilizer to the course around mid-month. This fertilizer includes significant potassium to help the turf harden off before dormancy.

Our third application of growth regulator will be made to tees and fairways, and we will also be applying it to the roughs as well.

August is also the time when we have a major transition in our staff as some students leave, some return and new students are hired to replace those who graduated last year. This is always a hectic time as there is usually a lag between employees leaving and returning, causing us to be short staffed for a couple of weeks in August. Bear with us as we work through this transition.
Hurricane Junior Tour Results

Sixty-two young golfers from across the southeast competed in last month’s Hurricane Junior Tour event at The Walker Course. Congratulations to the following age division winners:

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Thank You Hurricane Tour Volunteers

Thank you: Bob Ryerse, Maurice Lopez, Bill Clayton, Frank Duda, Marti Duda, Dave Trinder, Bob Wall, Carol Kozma, Mike Wallace, Terry Kozma, Jack Jackson, Tom Shealy, and Ray Carter. Without the volunteer assistance of these fine folks, our event would not be possible. Thanks to all of you for your great help!

Josh Williams Reception

Thanks to everyone that was able to stop by Sole’ and say good-bye to Josh Williams on July 29th. We had approximately 75 folks attend his farewell reception. Josh received many nice cards, gifts, and tokens of appreciation. We wish him well as he moves into a position in his field of expertise. (Bet you see him at a football game near you soon!)