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**Super Saturday: July 15**

Congratulations to **Sandy Minder** for winning the June Low Net Field award with a net (64), her 2\textsuperscript{nd} low net field award of the season! The July competition (Round 5) is scheduled for July 15\textsuperscript{th}. Due to the heat, we will begin play at 8:30 this month. Call the golf shop to sign up before the July 14\textsuperscript{th} deadline. There is still time to START this competition and post three scores for the season. Don’t delay, sign up today.

**Hurricane Junior Tour Volunteers**

Again this year, we will host the **Hurricane Junior Golf Tour** on July 17th & 18\textsuperscript{th}. More than 80 junior golfers from across the country are scheduled to compete. And, as always, we need a host of volunteers to drive shuttle carts around the course to keep play moving. If you can volunteer a couple of hours on either Monday or Tuesday, please call the golf shop and we will give you an assignment. The sign-up sheet is posted on the golf shop door. Thanks in advance for your cooperation and support of junior golf at The Walker Course.

**Couples Twilight**

Our July couples twilight event will be held on Friday, July 21\textsuperscript{st}. Member couples are encouraged to invite either a non-Walker Course member couple or a member couple that has NOT played in a twilight couples event this season. The cost is $60 per foursome (includes guest fees, cart fees, and prize fund). The format will be “step away” scramble for nine holes beginning at 6pm. Call the golf shop to sign up for this fun chance to share your golf course with another couple.

**Club Championship July 29 & 30**

The 22\textsuperscript{nd} annual stroke play Club Championship will be held on Saturday and Sunday, July 29 & 30. Entry fee is only $10 per player. This is a gross score only competition. The men’s championship flight will be played from the orange tee markers for both rounds, and you must specify if you wish to compete in this division. All other players will play round one from the white tee markers and then the final round will be played from either the purple or white depending on which flight your score lands you! Women will play both rounds from the red markers. The winner of each flight will receive golf shop credit. Note, there is no senior division since the seniors’ championship will be held later in September. Four-time winner, **Dan Day**, is the defending men’s champion and five-time champion, **Cheryll Meadows** is the defending women’s champion. Deadline for entries is Thursday, July 27\textsuperscript{th}.

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Junior Club Championship
The annual Junior Club Championship will be held on the evenings of Wednesday and Thursday, July 26 & 27th. Each evening beginning at 5:30pm juniors will play 3, 6, or 9 holes depending on their age division. Following Thursday’s round, players and parents will enjoy a pizza party at Clemson’s Pizza Hut. There is NO entry fee for this event (thanks to the member’s association), but you must sign up in advance. The deadline for entries is Tuesday, July 25th. Call the golf shop to sign up now.

Match Play
All but one of the June matches was played on time and we are continuing to move along. We are down to the final match in each flight to determine this year’s winners. Please be sure to contact your opponent and get your match played by the July 31st deadline. Good luck everyone and thanks for competing!

Senior Interclub Update
The Walker Course senior interclub team stepped up on June 15th and posted their 2nd victory of the season against The Links at Stoney Point. Team Walker scored (22) team points versus only (2) points by the visiting Stoney Point Team. Everyone played well for Team Walker including Ron Thomas scoring a (69) with five handicap strokes leading his partner Jerry Handegan in a 6-0 match sweep.

With only one more regular season match remaining, Team Walker will need to turn the tables at The Preserve at Verdae on July 19th to make the playoffs. Play hard fellows!

Guest Pass Cards
Your annual 2017-2018 Member Guest Pass Card is included with your July dues statement mailing. Those who have automatic deductions should have also received your card under a separate mailing. If you did not receive your card, please contact Brent Jessup before the end of July for a free replacement. Cards that are lost or misplaced after August 1st will not be replaced.

Remember this card is valid for three accompanied guest green fees with some time restrictions (weekends, football weekends, and holidays) and is valid through June 30, 2018. You must accompany your guests to use the pass card. Thank you for your continued compliance with these simple guidelines.

Extra Cart Note
We are experiencing a significant increase in the number of groups that are using more golf carts than necessary per tee time. This causes additional cart traffic on the fairways and additional wear and tear on the carts as well. We are asking our starters to begin encouraging/enforcing the maximum carts per group policy to reduce the wear and tear on the golf course and the carts. If you want to ride alone in a golf cart, you will be asked to pay the entire cart fee $36 as opposed to the regular $18 to “ride double.”

We do understand if there are only three players in a group, one person will be riding single, and we will only charge for the one rider. If there are only two golfers in a tee time slot, only ONE golf cart is necessary. Please help us reduce the wear and tear by riding “double.” Your cooperation is appreciated.

Another Ace
Congratulations to Tim Wilson for scoring his first career hole-in-one on hole # 17 on June 3rd. His 127 yard 9-iron shot was witnessed by John & Boo Wilson (his parents). His ace was the third ace during a five day period. Our “member’s hole-in-one” club jackpot remains untouched at $315.00. It’s getting about time for someone to collect that jackpot. Take dead aim!

Membership by the Numbers
Individuals: 125  Family: 98
Non-Resident: 33  Young Alumni: 16
Inactive: 11 Legacy: 10 Life: 26
Total Membership: 319

Welcome New Members
Perry Farr
Charles A. Barron

Resigned Members
Dave Smith
June Status

It’s been a busy June as we have had lots of play, 2 weeks of golf camp and aerified all collars, approaches, fairways and greens.

We backed off a little on our fairway aerification, using a machine that punches fewer holes and we did not verticut. I hope to slice the fairways and scalp mow them in early August to help compensate. We were able to topdress lower 9 fairway in our continuing efforts to improve the drainage of this area. We planned to topdress #1 as well but were rained out and have it rescheduled for early July.

We also had the project on holes 14 and 15 going on the last two weeks of the month. Rain the first week slowed things down a bit, but we were able to complete everything except for a little cleanup and mulch work by months end. These areas will be marked as ground under repair until the sod establishes.

Doing all this aerification and project work has us a little bit behind on some of our trim work, but we will be working hard to catch up on this in early July. Weeds in mulch beds and along the perimeter of the course have been especially bad this year. I am guessing that the mild winter, followed by a wet April and May have caused the weeds to flourish.

The newly re-sodded white tee on #1 was reopened for play on June 22 and looks great. We hope to aerify it soon to break up any layering between the sod and the underlying soil.

Greens

The greens were aerified as scheduled on Monday & Tuesday June 26-27. We used a ½ inch coring tine and topdressed to fill the holes, then the greens were rolled. Full recovery will take 21 days. An application of quick release nitrogen was made 7 days prior to aerification to promote recovery. This fertilizer will provide rapid growth then be gone, allowing us to regain control of the growth rate and the green speed. Following recovery, we will be spoon feeding small quantities of plant food, applying growth regulator, lightly and frequently verticutting, brushing, and topdressing.

I am also considering the possibility of some type of aerification in early August. I am just not sure that one aerification is enough. Rest assured it won’t be anything as aggressive as what we just did. It will likely be a ¼ inch solid tine, quad coring tine, or a sand injection machine.
To Walker Course Members,

For the past 10+ years, I have been blessed to have the opportunity to serve you in multiple capacities. With this, I am writing to inform you that I will be leaving my position here at The Walker Course, effective later in the month. I have recently been offered and accepted a position in another field in the Charleston area. After much prayer, thought, and deliberation, I feel that this is an opportunity that I could not turn down and will give me the opportunity to grow professionally in the future. I want to thank each and every one of you for your hospitality and friendships towards me over the years. The Walker Course is truly a special place filled with many incredible people, and I have thoroughly enjoyed my time here. I will be back frequently to visit, and hope to continue to see all of you around Clemson and The Walker Course in the future.

Regards,

Josh Williams