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20  CAFLS Tourn.(PM)
22  JLF Memorial Tournament (PM)
29  Beta Theta Pi Tournament (PM)

BRENT JESSUP  PGA HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL

New Member Orientation Dinner
On Thursday evening, March 9th, we will host the annual new member orientation dinner in the Madren Center. If you have joined The Walker Course in the last 12 months, you should have received a special invitation by private mail. Please be sure to RSVP by March 3rd to help us plan properly.

March 11: Member Appreciation Breakfast
Saturday, March 11 is the date for our annual Member Appreciation Breakfast. Again this year, we will gather at the Seneca Family Restaurant in Seneca for a warm, hearty, and complimentary breakfast on us. Drop in anytime between 9am and 11am. If you are planning to come, please RSVP to the golf shop by Friday, March 10th.
Hope to see you there!

March 18: Super Saturday XVI Season Begins
It’s time to start another new season. Again this year, we will host eight monthly Super Saturday events. You can play in one or eight, but we will keep your best three gross scores and your best three net scores to get a season long total. Entry fee is again only $30 for the season, play one or eight; plus cart fees if you ride. We will also have the same tee divisions (purple, white, red).
The first event is scheduled for Saturday, March 18. Call the golf shop to sign up now. If you have never played in Super Saturday, PLEASE try it this year. You will love the golf and comradery.

Legacy Life Membership Category
At last month’s quarterly Finance Corporation Board meeting, the board of directors approved the creation of a new membership classification called “Legacy Life Member.” This new category will recognize current members of The Walker Course that meet two criteria for reclassification: (1.) Must be 85 years of age, and (2.) Must have been a dues-paying member of the Walker Course for a minimum of 20 years. The new Legacy Life Member classification will honor those members by granting them no monthly dues for the remainder of their lives.
There are (10) current members that meet those qualifications and are now classified as Legacy Life Members: Williams Alexander, Nita Brunson, Claire Caskey, Walter B. Cook, William Clayton, Cliff Fain, Fred Hoover, Joe K. Jones, Richard Mattox, and John Rogers. Congratulations to all of them for their long-term support of The Walker Course! We look forward to them playing golf for many years to come.

Membership by the Numbers
Individuals: 124  Family: 98  Non-Resident: 30  Inactive: 9  Young Alumni: 16  Life: 26  Legacy: 10  Total Membership: 313
**Longer and Lighter!**

Daylight Savings Time is right around the corner. Beginning Sunday, March 12\textsuperscript{th} we revert back to good old “long afternoons!” Our hours of operation will extend to accommodate more sun in the evenings. We will continue to open the golf shop at 8:30am each day and close at 6:30pm during March. The practice range will be open from 8:45am until 6:00pm for March. Now that winter is nearly over, come on out later in the afternoon and get in some practice!

**Rules Night!**

The WCMA would like to invite you to a special presentation on Thursday, March 16\textsuperscript{th} in Seminar Room II of the Madren Center. South Carolina Golf Association Director of Competitions, Biff Lathrop will be presenting “Golf Rules Simplified” power-point seminar from 7:00pm until 8:30pm. All members are invited to attend and review your knowledge of the Rules of Golf. Light snacks will be provided in the North Lobby beginning at 6:30pm. Please call the golf shop to sign up for this exciting program

**Member-Member Scheduled for early April**

The Member-Member team championship will take place on April 1 & 2. The format this year will be nine holes of Best Ball & nine holes of Texas Scramble each day. The event is open to all team combinations men, women or mixed. Entry fee is $50.00 per team, plus cart fees. Fee will include Sole drink coupons and snacks following play on Saturday and golf shop credits for the division winners on Sunday. There will be a separate closest to the pin cash jackpot contest for those interested. Golfers will play from their NORMAL tees and receive appropriate FULL HANDICAP allocations. Call the golf shop to sign up before the deadline (March 30).
**February Status**

What a warm, dry February we have had. I can’t ever remember the course having this many rounds during February. With less than 2 inches of rain for the month, the course has been on the dry side and played fairly firm, with carts out on the fairways nearly every day.

We have been able to get the winter weed spraying completed and, in my opinion, the course has never been cleaner. With the bermuda grass trying to green up due to the warm weather, things may look a little spotty as far as green versus brown, but at least we aren’t looking at weeds.

The heavy play has certainly put a lot of traffic on the greens. As I mentioned last month, the greens haven’t been growing for nearly 4 months now, so ball marks, cup plugs and traffic are showing up. The Zoysia does get ball marks, so please be sure to repair them. I mentioned last month that some had commented that a single prong ball mark tool works better. After some testing I’m not sure there is much difference between a single prong or a double prong tool. Use whichever you prefer, just please be sure to use it!

Speaking of the greens, I had someone ask me the other day what the funny looking spots on 9 green were caused by. The spots are the result of the Great Blue Heron that hangs out around 9 pond ‘relieving’ himself as he takes flight. The spots are about 8-12 inches in size, have a brown spot in the center where the uric acid is concentrated, which is surrounded by dark green turf where the concentration is less and acts as a high rate of fertilizer. He’s obviously a male as he has little discretion as to when and where he relieves himself on the course.

**March Goals**

One thing that we won’t be doing in March is a major aerification of the greens, like we did in the past with bent-grass, which disrupted the putting surfaces for 2-3 weeks. We may do a solid tine venting of the greens late in the month, but that is minimally invasive with little impact on ball roll. Also on Monday March 13th, we will be applying a spring fertilizer product to the tees, fairways and roughs.

**2017 Maintenance Schedule**

See below for the major maintenance schedule. For the most part, we are following the same schedule that has been successful in the past.

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* Note: This is an overview of the most disruptive maintenance practices. Other less disruptive procedures will be scheduled around play as time and weather permit.
Peggy Kirk Bell Junior Girls Tour Results

Another successful tournament last month was made possible by the 25 member volunteers that drove shuttle to get (83) young ladies from 12 states around the Walker Course on Saturday and Sunday. Thanks to the following member volunteers: David & Veta Finch, Tom & Amparo Beddoe, Rick & Sandy Minder, Randy & Cherryl Meadows, Mike & Susan Hehir, Bill Alexander, Eddie Brown, Bill Clayton, Jerry Crabtree, Lewis Creel, Denny Dillon, Chuck Rawlins, Bob Ryerse, Allen Smith, Bill Stevenson, Anna Tollison, Steve Trojan, and Bob Wall.

While our member volunteers were insuring that everyone made it around the course, the following young ladies won their respective divisions:

Futures Series winner: Sara Im (Duluth, Ga) 73+75=148
Prep Series winner: Mallory Fobes (East Bend, NC) 81+77=156
Bell Series winner: Caroline Wrigley (Wexford, PA) 74+70=144

Welcome Returning Member
Thomas Federspiel

Member Resignations
Nathan & Shelly Wilson
Brian & Kitty Chivers

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