Upcoming Events

**August**

1  TWC Junior Golf Clinic (Week #8)
3-4 Member Invitational
6  Closed Monday
11  Super Saturday #6
13  Closed Monday
20  Closed Monday
25  Kappa Sigma (PM)
27  Closed Monday
31  Home Football Friday

**September**

1  Furman at Clemson
3  Labor Day: Open Holiday Rates
8  Super Saturday #7
10  Open Monday
12  LGA Member Guest
14  Home Football Friday Clemson Alumni Challenge
15  GA Southern at Clemson
17  Open Monday
24  Open Monday
28  Home Football Friday
29  Syracuse at Clemson

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**BRENT JESSUP**

PGA HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL

**Member Invitational**

The rain postponed Member-Invitational is rescheduled for August 3 & 4. Hopefully, you are participating in this great event the first weekend of this month. The tournament kicks off Friday evening with a “Players Cookout” on the Solé Patio and then 9 holes of twilight team golf. On Saturday morning at 9am, we shotgun start the tournament and finish up with a Skills Challenge following play on Saturday afternoon. Tournament results will be posted in the September newsletter.

**Super Saturday # 6**

Super Saturday round # 6 will take place on August 11th. Please sign up in the golf shop by August 9th to be included in this round of competition.

Congratulations to Ray Johnson for winning the low net field for the July competition with a low net field score of (62)! Thirty-two members competed in last month’s fifth round of the season. With only three rounds left in the season, it is time to start improving those posted scores little-by-little to get to the “pay” window.

After round five, here are your leaders:

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**Home Football Friday**

Football season is right around the corner with the first Home Game Friday on August 31st. Don’t forget MEMBERS have a 2-week window to make advance tee times (limited to one tee time per member). Please be aware that due to the high demand for tee times it is imperative that you make tee time reservations for the exact number of players you intend to have. If you need to cancel your time or reduce the number of players, please do so 24 hours prior so we can fill the empty spaces.

The first home game against Furman is Saturday, September 1st and it is a mid-day kickoff, so there should be plenty of tee times available on game day IF you don’t plan to go to the games. Also, don’t forget our practice range is used for game day parking and will be closed all day on the first two game days due to early kickoffs.

**Club Championship drought ends for Raymond Wooten & Julie Walker**

The 23rd annual club championship held this past weekend ended with two past winners returning to the champions winner circle. Raymond Wooten and Julie Walker both won their respective championships after a seven year drought since their last stroke play championships.

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Raymond Wooten edged out Dan Day, and defending champion, Mickey Plyler with a 2-day total of (144). Jason Sharpe won the O/P flight, and Jack Mansmann shot (145) to capture the white tee championship. Rick Hamilton won the white tee “B” division.

Julie Walker won her fourth club championship after a seven year break as well. Congratulations to all of the winners and also thanks to all of this year’s competitors. We do it for you!

Hurricane Tour Report
53 juniors, 9 states, 5 foreign countries, 2 days, and 1 great golf course = Hurricane Junior Golf Tournament week. The weather cooperated with us and we were able to host our 9th annual Collegiate Prep Series Hurricane Junior Golf Tour event last month.

Age Division Winners:
- Boys 16-18 (142) Jirapon Kluaymaingarm
- Boys 14-15 (150) Ashita Piamkulvanich
- Boys 11-13 (158) Jake Dalton
- Boys 10-U (167) William Sanders
- Girls 14-18 (148) Karly Falanga

Without the help of the outstanding volunteers mentioned below, we would not be able to showcase Clemson University and your Walker Golf Course to this group of potential students and collegiate golfers. Thanks to each of you for spending a few hours driving these young folks around The Walker Course:


Match Play Championship
As of printing day for this newsletter, we are still waiting on ONE championship match for the completion and announcement of the winners of each flight. We hope to have that information in the September newsletter. Stay tuned!

Paws@ the Cafe
Open Monday–Sunday
6:30am–11:30am

Enjoy freshly brewed We Proudly Serve Starbucks coffee and snacks before your meeting starts.

We’re located just inside the Madren Conference Center near the main desk.

Call in your order ahead of time at 864.656.6751.
SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT  
August 2018

July Status

The greens healed up as expected in about 21-28 days from the aerification in late June. Then it was time to quickly transition them into tournament shape for the club championship on the 28th and 29th. 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. 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.

The par 3 tees which transitioned poorly are back in good shape now. The tees on 12 & 17 that were re-sodded were back in play in 18 days. After giving the white tee on #4 a little extra time to recover, it was decided to re-sod about half of this tee and it has come in nicely as well. To help remove thatch and improve future transitions, all Par 3 tees were aerified again at the end of the month. To remove more thatch, we plan to verticut them in mid-August.

Project Completed

Thanks to the generous support of the WCMA, we were able to install a Rain Shower wetland on hole #6. This has been a project on our radar for a long time that was needed to improve the eyesore where water stands after heavy rains. It was installed on July 16 after the grading was completed the week before. A group of Water Quality specialists and extension agents from the University did the installation as a training exercise. Following the install, the maintenance staff mulched the area to help keep down weeds. Then we ran a hose off of a nearby sprinkler head to get the area wet. Five days later, we received 1.65 inches of rain that really filled the area up. Another inch of rain on the 26th has kept the plants in the water. All of the plants appear to be doing well, except for one species in the far back corner. If they don’t make it, we will replant the area with one of the species that appears to be better adapted.

From previous experience, growing this area in to full coverage will likely be a slow process. It won’t be full coverage by this fall, and it may not even be full coverage after the next growing season. But one day we will look down there and we will have a fully grown in area that I think will be very attractive that will attract butterflies and birds and also improve water quality.

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.

The fairways will be brushed and mowed closely to remove excess growth and grain this month as well. This helps the fairways from becoming so puffy in the fall. The fairways will look brown for a few days but will bounce right back. We will also attempt to perform another aerification and topdressing of the first section of #1 and the lower section of #9 in our ongoing process to try to firm and dry these areas up.

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

Early in August we will be killing off the bermudagrass in some of our “natural” areas in preparation of converting these areas to fescue and native species. These areas are currently just grown up bermuda and when converted will provide a better look and texture and reduce maintenance. After spraying them out we will wait a few weeks and then mow the areas close, aerify to create a seedbed, then seed in early September. The seed will establish throughout the fall and should look really good next spring. Keep in mind that these areas will be brown for several weeks after spraying and before establishment.

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.
**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

*Pro-Shop*
Operating Hours: Tuesday—Sunday 8:30 a.m.—7:00 p.m.

*Practice Range Hours:*
Tuesday—Sunday 8:45 a.m.—6:30 p.m.
(Weather Permitting)

*Brent Jessup*
Head Golf Professional
656-7516

*Don Garrett*
Course Superintendent
656-1814

*Azenda Thompson*
Accounting
656-0595

*Golf Pro-Shop*
656-0236

*Club House Grill*
656-7518

*Sole On The Green*
656-7444

*The Martin Inn*
654-9020

*The Madren Center*
656-7155

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**Membership by the Numbers**

- Individuals: 130
- Family: 103
- Non-Resident: 35
- Young Alumni: 9
- Inactive: 7
- Legacy Life: 11
- Life: 26
- Total Membership: 321

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**Membership Resignations**

- Debbie Abu-Eideh
- Steven & Jennifer Capps
- Gary Moss
- Lynn & Terrie Mann
- Jordan Fiedler
- Jeffrey May

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**Welcome New Members**

- Van Riley

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