Upcoming Events

December

- 7-9 Golf Shop Christmas Sale
- 8 WCMA Annual Meeting/ Tough Day Tournament
- 23-25 Closed Christmas Holidays

January

- 1 Course Open: Holiday Rates

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PGA HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL

Annual Golf Shop Christmas Sale

For three days, (December 7-8-9) we will host our annual Golf Shop Christmas Sale. We have a large selection of merchandise that will be discounted to move! Again this year, we will feature our famous “Discount Double” Elf Putt for those whose luck in choosing discount balloons isn’t very good. In addition to the sale, we will have Christmas goodies to snack on while you shop. If you have tournament credits from this year, or gift certificates nearing expiration, this is the time to redeem them and save some bucks. Hope to see you all there!

Members’ Association Meeting

The annual Walker Course Member’s Association will hold their annual meeting Saturday, December 8th at 9:00am in the Madren Center. All members are encouraged to come and hear the 2018 report and plans for 2019. Following the meeting, the Member’s Association Tough Day golf event will take place. You must attend the WCMA meeting to sign up for the Tough Day competition.

Member’s Tough Day Competition

Immediately following the WCMA annual meeting, the Member’s Tough Day Competition will take place. This nine-hole event will feature some interesting pin placements and shots. You must attend the WCMA annual meeting to play in this event. The sign-up sheet will be passed around at the meeting and pairings will be made so we can shotgun start the event as soon as possible after the meeting. Don’t miss out on this morning of fun!

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**Holiday Bowl Pool Contest**
With the closing of the regular football season comes another chance for you to show your football prognostication skills in picking the winner of all the post-season holiday bowl games. Once the bowl games are announced, we will have the entry forms with each game listed. All you have to do is pick the winner of the most games to collect the nice (entry fee) jackpot. Last year’s winner *(Tyler LaPierre)* correctly picked 27 of 39 games to win $420.00. Make sure to drop by the golf shop to pick up your entry form and return it before the first game. Let’s build a nice jackpot for some lucky picker!

**Combined Newsletter**
As is tradition, we are combining the December & January newsletter with this edition. Our next newsletter will be published in February.

**Winter Operation Schedule (Dec – Feb)**
Now that we are welcomed with cold and frosty mornings in December, we will go to our winter operating schedule. The golf shop will open at 8:30am and close at 5:00pm Tuesday – Sunday. The range will open at 8:45 (frost permitting) and close daily at 4:00pm. We are closed on Mondays. This schedule of operation will be followed through the end of February.

**2019 SCGA Handicap Service Fee Billing**
January 1 is the *automatic renewal* date for SCGA handicap services. All members that are on the roster on December 31st will be billed for 2019 at the same rate as 2018. The SCGA did raise the annual fee for 2019, but we are going to absorb that increase for 2019. 

*If you no longer want to subscribe to this service, you MUST notify one of the golf shop staff before December 31st to be removed* from the automatic renewal process. January 15th is the last day to drop the service without us being allowed to reverse the billing fees for the handicap service.

If you have not joined this service or have been waiting for the new billing year, please let us know to add you to the billing list as a new member or transferring from another club. The member fee is $30.00 per person for 2019.

**2019 Range Club Renewal Sign Up**
January 1st also marks the beginning of a new year for Range Club renewals. *This service is NOT an automatic renewal billing.* You MUST notify the golf shop staff to renew your Range Club membership for 2019. The range balls will be IN THE GOLF SHOP during January and February to “remind” you to renew your membership for 2019. The rate remains $250.00 for individual members or the first member of each family membership and $125.00 for each additional member under a family membership. The billing will be added to your February 1 statement.

**Steve Trojan Scores Hole-In-One**
Congratulations to *Steve Trojan* for his recent ace back on October 7th at hole # 12. His 145 yard shot was made with a Mizuno 7 iron. Playing witnesses were: *Michael Braunsweiger, Glenn Loomer*, and *Tom Macau*. Mr. Trojan was not a current member of the hole-in-one club, so the building jackpot is still intact as we enter December at $175.00 for the next club ace. Nice shot!

**Winter Check Up: Need New Grips?**
If you are not ready for new clubs, now is the time to RE-GRIP your clubs and make them feel like new. Both *Brent Jessup* and *Garrett Chapman* offer offsite re-gripping services. Drop by the golf shop to see what options are available and let us re-grip your clubs during the off-season.

**Holiday Thanks**
As we reach the end of another great year for The Walker Course, we want to take this opportunity to thank each of you for your support of this facility and staff. 2018 has been a year of changes and we eagerly look forward to 2019 as we move forward to bigger and better things ahead. We are blessed to work at such a great facility and for such wonderful golf members. From our staff to each of you, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
November Status

November has really flown by and it took me a minute to remember what we accomplished this month. When you lose a week to rain and the better part of a week to the Thanksgiving holiday, it makes it tough to get a lot done!

We finally got the ryegrass going a bit on the overseeded tees. I can’t ever remember the rye being this slow to establish. The practice tee has gotten pretty beat up this month and we have been filling the divots with divot mix and seed. But again the seed has been slow to germinate.

While a few light frosts have turned the roughs brown, the fairways retained a lot of color right to the end of the month. The mid-20 degree nights during the last week should go ahead and turn everything dormant now, and that’s not a bad thing. Time for it to take its winter nap so we can get on to other things.

The natural areas that we converted to the various cool season grasses have really started to come on. We’ve got a great turnip patch on #5. Not sure why they have done so well, but hopefully the grains and clovers in that mix won’t be inhibited and will put on a nice show in the spring.

We were able to get nearly all of the bunkers edged this month as planned. We have also begun to do some under brushing and cleanup work done as well. Our new Ventrac mower, with its three interchangeable mowing decks, is really going to help us save time and get more accomplished this winter in this regard.

The drain repair on the driving range has been postponed due to the weather. We hope to get this work rescheduled in December or after the first of the year.

And finally, falling leaves have begun to keep us busy as well. The blowers run almost constantly every day.

Greens

In early December, we will begin placing the covers near the greens to be ready in case the weather gets very cold. While several factors are considered when determining when to cover the greens, we will typically cover when the nighttime temperatures fall into the lower 20’s or below with the daytime temps not forecast to get out of the low 40’s. Hopefully that won’t happen very often this winter, but if it does, we will be prepared.

The greens will be painted sometime in early December once they lose most of their color. Normally, it takes two applications of paint to get us through the winter. The paint is made specifically for use on turf and when used properly, does not damage the plant or the soil.

December Goals

During December, we will be continuing with winter project work such as under brushing, raising sprinklers and replenishing sand in bunkers.

We will also be making some repairs this winter to the walk bridges on holes 1, 6 and 9. We plan to completely re-deck the bridge on 9. It is the oldest and in the worst shape. On 1 & 6, we will only be replacing deck boards as needed. In addition, we will be removing the anti-slip matting on these bridges. Sand and debris is being trapped between the mat and the wooden decking when the creek rises, causing the boards to rot prematurely. In addition, this creates a hazard to walk on. I’m not sure that the matting did much to prevent slipping anyhow. We are looking at an anti-skin stain that we can apply to the deck boards to provide better traction.

And finally, beginning Monday December 10th, our friends from Environmental Landscaping Inc., the contractor who has been doing most of our renovation and improvement work for the last 4 years, will be here to start several small jobs. The first and most important of which is the excavation and repair of the sinkhole that has developed near and under the white tee on 16. This sinkhole appears to be one of our famous bury pits for stumps that were cleared during the construction of the course. While this work is performed, we will place the orange, purple and white tees on the lower tee down near the lake to allow the crew to work without golf balls flying over their heads. We underbrushed along the lake bed earlier this month in anticipation, so this lower tee is usable. Other work that will be performed includes some drainage and irrigation improvements and bunker renovations.

The maintenance staff and I would like to thank you for all of your support in 2018. We wish you all a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year, and a great 2019!
### Membership by the Numbers

- **Individuals:** 134
- **Family:** 104
- **Non-Resident:** 36
- **Young Alumni:** 9
- **Inactive:** 5
- **Legacy Life:** 10
- **Life:** 26

**Total Membership:** 324

### Welcome New Members

**John Barry**

### Membership Resignations

**Bobby Wald**

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