New Cart Fleet
We received our new fleet of E-Z-Go Elite RXV golf cars in December. The new cars have a five year guaranteed lithium battery package. Our normal cart leases have been 48 months, but the additional year’s lease required us to upgrade to more durable tires on this fleet. You may notice a slightly more bumpy ride during the colder weather since these tires are 6-ply, rather than 4-ply. Once the weather warms the tires, they will ride much smoother. We hope you also enjoy the new USB ports to utilize your cellular phone devices (GPS, music, fans, heat, etc.) while you are playing.

WCMA Tough Day
Wow! What a great day for the annual WCMA Tough Day Event. The weather was fantastic and we had our largest field of participation ever (44 members). Following the annual meeting held in the Madren Center, eleven teams were created and headed out for quite the adventure. The format for this year’s event was PAR THREE, 2 Best-Ball Gross Team. Every hole on the back nine was played as a Par three hole with yardages ranging from 76 yards to 135 yards. Additionally, we awarded INDIVIDUAL “SKINS” for single-hole birdies.

The winning team of T.J. Grove, Frank Duda, Marti Duda, and Gregg Meyers shot even par (54) for nine holes. They were each awarded a dozen Titleist Pro V1 golf balls for their performance. Closest to the pin winners were: Frank Duda, Clint Carlson (2), Jack Mansmann, and Rudy Powell. “Skins” winners were Jim Hill and Charlie Breece. Thanks to everyone who participated in the golf and for attending the annual meeting as well. 2018 looks to be a great year ahead.

Holiday Bowl Pool Contest
Congratulations to Tyler LaPierre for winning this year’s holiday bowl contest. Mr. LaPierre correctly picked the winner of 27 of the 39 games to edge out Denny Dillon by just one game. There were 84 participants this year creating a jackpot for the winner of $420.00 for Mr. LaPierre, a Clemson student employee of The Walker Course. That’s a nice way to begin the spring semester. Thanks to everyone that entered. Only 11 more months and we’ll do it again!

Peggy Kirk Bell Junior Girls Tour
On February 10th & 11th the PKB Girls Tour rolls into Clemson for a winter weekend golf event. As always, we are looking for volunteer shuttle drivers to help move these young ladies around the course between the large walking gaps. If you are able to help out on either Saturday or Sunday for a few hours, please call the golf shop and we will be glad to assign you a shift and location. Thanks in advance for your help in making this a successful event that showcases Clemson University to these young ladies!
TPI Encore Seminar
For those of you who missed the TPI (Titleist Performance Institute) seminar in December, Elisa & Jeremy Turner agreed to do an “encore” presentation on Saturday morning, February 17th. The meeting will take place at 9:00am in Seminar Room II of the Madren Center. There is no cost to attend and you will enjoy learning more about what you can do physically to improve your game. Hope to see you there!

Ladies Golf Association Season Begins
The Walker Course “LGA” kicks off their playing season early next month with “opening day” festivities on Wednesday, March 7th. Plans are for a short meeting at 9:30, followed by a golf clinic at 10:30 with the Clemson Women’s Golf coaches. After the clinic, lunch will be held at Sole’. Contact Anna Tollison, (LGA President), for more information.

Employee Christmas Fund Thank You!
All of the Walker Course employees that shared in the Christmas fund would like to extend their sincere thanks for remembering them during the holidays. We really appreciate the Member’s Association spearheading this project. It made many Christmases much merrier!

Eagle # 10
Congratulations to John Guest for holing out an “eagle” (2) on the tenth hole on December 22nd. The big bird was made with a 9 iron shot from 120 yards out. Witnesses were Glenn Cantrell and Frank Baughman. Nice shot!

Nita Brunson (1930-2018)
The Walker Course lost our first “Legacy Life” member last month. Mrs. Nita Brunson passed away on January 1st. Mrs. Brunson was an active member of the Walker Course Ladies Golf Association and played golf until recently. She and her husband (Jack Brunson) joined the Walker Course as non-resident members in May of 1996. Upon their retirement, they moved to the area and became active golfers on a weekly basis with their respective golf groups. She will be greatly missed by all of her family and golf friends.
Course Update

January has been a cold one. We had to cover the greens twice, Dec 30-Jan 8 and Jan 16-19. The first cold snap was pretty severe, barely getting above freezing for 72 hours, with lows in the mid-teens. Hopefully the covers did their job and we won’t see any damage this spring. Fortunately, when the cold temperatures came, the greens were already dormant and hardened off and soil moisture levels were good which provides a buffer. I would expect some heavily shaded areas on tees, fairways and in the rough to see delayed green up, if not significant thinning, come spring due to the cold temperatures and staying frozen for long periods. Hopefully we have a nice, steady green up this spring without any late cold snaps and any yo-yoing of very warm and very cool temperatures.

I would point out that this is the time of the year that the greens really appear to be “beat up”. Since they haven’t really grown any since late October, you have 3 months of traffic, ball marks, and cup cutting wear that are unable to recover until we resume regular growth in the spring and are able to begin cultural practices such as topdressing and vertical mowing. In the meantime, please help us by doing your part by fixing your ball mark and one other.

We are a little behind in completing our winter weed control as the cold weather and occasional rains have made it difficult to find suitable days to get out and spray. We are almost finished with the roughs and have the fairways left to complete. So far, we are looking very clean.

Over the slow period of the holidays, we accomplished the renovation of the fairways bunkers on the left of #18 and the practice bunker as planned. #18 took a bit longer than initially scheduled as the settling in the face of the bunker turned out to be another very deep stump pit, where stumps from the original clearing of the course were buried. So it was necessary to excavate and remove the stumps, haul them off and haul back in fill dirt, which took about 3 full days.

In addition, we completed a couple of small projects this month, have done a good bit of under brushing work, and removed a couple of dead trees. #2 fairway bunker was refurbished by repairing a torn, exposed liner and adding sand back to the proper depth. And finally, the small stone wall at #7 tee was removed. This wall has claimed too many tires and rims that have been damaged by running into the wall, either trying to avoid a passing vehicle or an inexperienced employee unfamiliar with the tight turning radius on our turf vehicles and mowers.

February Goals

We will continue with some more under brushing in February, add sand to a couple of more bunkers, spread mulch and cut back all the lovegrass around the course. All of our winter weed control should be completed by mid-month as well.

Maintenance Schedule

Below is the 2018 Major Maintenance Schedule. Please remember that we will be closing the course during the last week in June to aerify greens and fairways in an effort to make this work more efficient and to avoid having the work spread out over a longer time frame.

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**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

**Pro Shop**
Operating Hours:
Tuesday—Sunday
8:30 a.m.—5:30 p.m.

Practice Range Hours:
Tuesday—Sunday
8:45 a.m.—5:00 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: 125
- Family: 100
- Non-Resident: 32
- Young Alumni: 11
- Inactive: 14
- Legacy Life: 10
- Life: 26
- Total Membership: 318

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**Resigned Members**

- Matthew & Chelsea Anderson
- Adrienne Hennes
- Chris & Rachel Webb
- Carl (Ben)& Janice Lawrimore
- Robert Boozer
- Ben Sullivan
- Louis Hapeshis III
- Patricia Peterson

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**New Legacy Life Member**

- B.R. Skelton

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**Welcome New Members**

- Nathan & Kendall Snyder
- Rick & Cheryl McRae
- Charles & Mary Catherine Edwards
- Tony & Sandy Alford

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