Upcoming Events

**June**

2  Super Saturday #4
4  Greenville Clemson Club
6  TWC Junior Golf Clinic (Week #1)
9-13 Clemson Golf Academy (Week #1)
13  TWC Junior Golf Clinic (Week #2)
14  Senior Interclub Match (Home)
16-20 Clemson Golf Academy (Week #2)
19  CGA Senior Interclub vs Cobbs Glenn
20  TWC Junior Golf Clinic (Week #3)
23-24 Member-Member
27  No TWC Junior Clinic
25-29 Course Closed

**July**

4  Holiday Rates
4  TWC Junior Golf Clinic (Week #4)
11  TWC Junior Golf Clinic (Week #5)
14  Super Saturday #5
18  TWC Junior Golf Clinic (Week #6)
23-24 Hurricane Junior Tour
25  TWC Junior Golf Clinic (Week #7)
28-29 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

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**BRENT JESSUP**  
PGA HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL

**Super Saturday**

June 2nd is the date for the fourth round of Super Saturday play. Please be sure to sign up in the golf shop by Thursday, May 31. There are still five rounds remaining, so if you still have not started the season, you have time to start and throw out a couple of scores before the end of the season.

Congratulations to **Sandy Minder** for her career round that gave her a net score of “59” in the May round of competition. Great playing!

**Member-Member Championship: June 23-24**

The tournament committee made a slight change for this year’s Member-Member championship. The event will be played on Saturday and Sunday with a modified shotgun start at 9am each morning.

The format will remain best ball and Texas scramble team competition on both days with alternating formats on the front and back.

Entry fee is $50 per team plus cart fees and an (optional) $20 ‘closest to the pin’ event will be available. Following Saturday’s round, we will have Solé snacks and drink coupons. Competition will take place from (4) tee divisions: purple/white hybrid tees, white tees, gold tees, and red tees. Please sign up by teams, from the tees your team wants to compete from. Both members of each team must play from the same color tee markers.

Our goal is (28) MEMBER-MEMBER teams. If you don’t have a partner, let us know and we will find you a partner. Call the golf shop to sign up now.

**Senior Interclub Matches**

The Walker Course SENIOR Interclub team has two home matches at The Walker Course this month on Thursday, June 14th (vs. Stony Point GC) and Tuesday, June 19th (vs. Cobbs Glenn GC). If you would like to play in one or both of these matches, please contact co-captains: **Rick Hamilton** or **Eddie Brown** for details.

**Closed Mondays**

It is again time of year to close the golf course all day on Mondays (June-July-August) to allow our staff to complete maintenance projects without interrupting our golfers. We will again open the golf course on Mondays at 11AM this fall in September and October.

Please note that the swimming pool and clubhouse are closed all day on Mondays through the summer months.

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Golf Pro News Continued:

Member Invitational Rescheduled
Due to the rain forecast and heavy downpours throughout the week prior, the tournament committee postponed the Member-Invitational which was originally scheduled for May 18 & 19. The new dates will be Saturday & Sunday, August 3 & 4. There will be no changes from the original plans. Everyone will need to sign up again to play in this fun weekend event. A sign-up poster will be in the golf shop in July. We hope the new dates fit your schedule even better!

Course Closed for Maintenance: June 25-29
The Walker Course will be closed Monday-Friday, June 25-29 for greens, fairways, and tee maintenance, and other contracted projects. Please see Mr. Garrett’s note about the work planned during the close-down week.

As for the golf shop, we will have reduced hours of coverage to answer phones and make tee times. We will also be planning a couple of “Go with the Pro” day trips on Wednesday and Friday of the week we are closed. Information will be posted in the golf shop if you would like to make one of those day trips.

The practice range will remain CLOSED Monday through Friday.

The swimming pool will be open Tuesday-Friday from 10am until 7pm as usual and the clubhouse grill will be open from 10:30 until 4:30 daily for swimming pool users.

Demo Day Success
Our annual Demo Day, held May 5th, was another huge success. We had six vendors showing their new wares. We placed orders for more than $6,000 worth of new equipment again this year from the Demo Day sales. Now that we are getting those orders in, it’s time to tune them up with practice and lessons. Big thanks to Garrett Chapman, our assistant professional, for organizing this fun day.

We do have a couple of other vendors that will be holding their own Demo Day later this summer. We will keep you posted once we get those days and dates.

Clemson Golf Academy Camps
The Clemson Golf Academy Camps (directed by Coach Larry Penley) will take place on two separate weeks: June 9-13 and June 16-20. Please be aware that course access will be restricted during the camp days to accommodate the campers.

Saturday-Tuesday of each camp week, we will stop tee times at 3pm each day in order to clear the course for late evening camper play. On Wednesday mornings of each camp week, the camp tournament is held with a shotgun start at 7:45am.

On those Wednesdays, regular play tee times will begin at 12:00 noon with the LGA group, Crabtree Group, and the Purple Haze Players time blocks. The first available “open” tee time on those Wednesdays will be after 2pm. Thanks for your understanding and cooperation.

Match Play Reminder
If you are competing in the Match Play Championship this year, you should have already played your first round match and, planning the second round match. We had a large number of matches that were late getting played due to weather or procrastination. Please don’t wait for your next opponent to call you, take the initiative and call them as soon as you know who your next opponent is. Remember, the Walker Course will be closed the last week of June for maintenance, so you need to get that next match scheduled and played before the greens are aerified.

Joe Sears: Hole-In-One
Congratulations to JOE SEARS for his first career hole-in-one, scored on Wednesday, May 2nd at the fourth hole. The 103 yard shot was made with his Ping 8 iron. Witnessing the ace were: Bob Foreman, Keith Grayson, and Jerry Crowder. Mr. Sears was a member of the hole-in-one club and won the jackpot of $185.00. It’s time for everyone to re-enter the HIO Club.

Pool News
The swimming pool opened as scheduled on Saturday, May 26th with a rainy morning. The new pool floor looks really nice and the new pool furniture is due to arrive soon. We hope you are able to get out and enjoy the pool during the hot days of summer. The pool is open Tuesday-Sunday from 10am until 7pm.

If you would like to schedule an “after hours” pool party, please contact: Brandon Cloer at (864-506-5745). If you are interested in private swim lessons, lifeguard Ally Emerson is the contact person.
May Status

May has been very wet, especially the second half of the month where we have experienced measurable rain 12 out of 15 days. We have had over 10 inches total, more than twice the normal amount for the month. Many people think all of this rain is good for the course, but this type of excessive rain is not and causes the turf to suffer. Saturated soils are not good for the root systems and make it difficult for the plant function without oxygen. Numerous cloudy days result in reduced sunlight, resulting in additional stress on the plant. And all the moisture can lead to high disease pressure as well. While I always appreciate a good soaking rain, I’d much rather have things a little on the dry side than too wet, and be able to better control the amount of water being applied.

The other issue with all the rain is cart and maintenance vehicle traffic. Our typical rule is that if it is too wet to allow carts on the fairways, then it is too wet to allow mowers on the fairways. But when we get in this type of rare extended wet period, we eventually have to break this rule. At some point we have get out with the mowers and try to get things mowed, while asking that carts stay on the paths. This was the case the week of May 28th. You can play golf without driving on the fairways but there comes a point when we must try to get the grass mowed. This is usually a rare occurrence and we appreciate your understanding. I will note that after the first week of baling hay on the fairways and when we saw that the weather forecast was to be for extended rain and the threat of a tropical system, we immediately got a growth regulator application on all but 2 of the fairways (1 & 7 were just too wet to drive the sprayer on) to help keep the turf in check and to not have to be in a rush to get out to mow.

While the rain has hampered our efforts, we were able to verticut and topdress the green twice this month. We had a third topdressing planned for the last week of the month but were rained out.

The rain also postponed the aeration of the tees which was scheduled for the week of May 21st. We will attempt to make this up the week of June 18th.

June Goals

June will see us aerifying the course. As you know, we will be closing the week of June 25th -29th to aerify greens and fairways. I am excited to have sufficient time to perform this work and hopefully not have to cut corners to get the work done when we usually have to have the course open the next day. We appreciate your willingness and understanding to allow us to close and do this important work.

The greens aeration will be aggressive. We plan to use 5/8 inch tines and topdress heavily to insure all holes are filled. We will also be rolling with a heavy roller to help smooth out some of the imperfections. Recovery time may take as much as 21 days. While they will be a little rough during this time, remember that there is no significant aeration in March and September with these greens like there was with the bentgrass. Green speeds will be slower as well during this time, as we push with some extra fertilizer to promote recovery.

We will core aerify the fairways, sweep up the plugs, blow the surface and closely mow, in order to remove as much thatch as possible. In addition, we will have a contractor verticut the fairways as well. Collars and approaches will be aerified Monday June 11th.

Project Work during Aerification Week

During the week we are closed to aerify, Environmental Landscaping will be here to perform some improvement work on the course. We will be renovating several bunkers and installing some drainage.

The bunkers that will be renovated include the three at #1 green, the three to the left of #7 fairway and the two at #9 green. These bunkers need new liners, a clean edge and fresh sand. In addition the Zoysia grass that was initially installed around them for ease of maintenance has been overrun with bermudagrass. This causes these bunkers to need edging much more frequently than those that still have a ring of Zoysia around them, since bermuda is a much faster lateral grower than Zoysia. So we will be spraying out and killing off the existing bermudagrass in a 6 foot ring around these bunkers 2-3 weeks prior to the work beginning. This will ensure that there will be no bermudagrass contamination once the Zoysia sod is laid. Just stripping the existing grass with a sod cutter would leave rhizomes in the soil that would put out new growth. Therefore, we will be looking at a dead, brown ring around these bunkers for about two weeks until the work commences. Additionally, for the first two days after herbicide is applied, we will ask that you not walk on these areas to avoid tracking. We will have stakes and twine around these areas. Should your ball enter one of these spots, please use your ball retriever to extricate it. In addition, we will be installing drainage on #2, #16 and #18 in wet areas along cart paths that hold water.

Finally, we will be grading out the area in front of #6 tee that currently holds water in order to install a wetland feature. This is a project that the WCMA is sponsoring. The area will be graded to hold water throughout the bottom portion of the low and wetland plants will be installed. This area will have a similar look to the area near the back tees on #3.

Please bear with us as we perform this work. I think you will be pleased with the final results.

New Addition

Please welcome Justin Beitz as our new second assistant. Justin graduated from Clemson in May with his BS in Turfgrass Management. Justin is no stranger to the Walker Course as he has been a part time employee for the last four years while he was a student.
FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Pro-Shop
Operating Hours: Monday
(April, May)
11:00 a.m.—7:00 p.m.
Tuesday—Sunday
8:30 a.m.—7:00 p.m.
Practice Range Hours: Monday
(April, May)
12:00 p.m.—6:30 p.m.
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

Membership by the Numbers
Individuals: 129  Family: 101
Non-Resident: 36
Young Alumni: 11
Inactive: 9 Legacy Life: 11
Life: 26
Total Membership: 323

Resigned Members
Sandy McKellar

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