Upcoming Events

December

7       ACC Championship Game
14      Member’s Tough Day Event
13-15   Christmas Sale
23-25   Christmas Holidays (Closed)

January

1       Open - Holiday Rates

February

8-9     Peggy Kirk Bell Girls Tournament

Christmas Sale Dates: December 13-15

Our annual three-day golf shop Christmas Sale will be held December 13-15. We will have plenty of Tiger Paw merchandise for your favorite tiger and some Walker Course items as well! Our discount balloons will be flying again. Ron Shealy, last year’s 100% discount balloon winner is not eligible! (LOL) We will also feature our famous Discount Double Elf Putt for those who are balloon picking challenged. Drop by and snack and sip some Christmas cheer as you look for that special gift. This is also a great time to redeem any outstanding tournament winning credits you have accumulated over the past couple years. Hope to see you there!

Shop, Course, and Range Winter Hours

December through February we operate on a “winter hours” schedule. The golf shop will be open 8:30am - 5:00pm Tuesday through Sunday, closed all day on Mondays. The range (frost permitting) will be open 8:45am - 4:00pm daily and the first tee time will go out at 9:00am.

Holiday Closings

The Walker Course will be closed for the Christmas holidays: Monday-Wednesday, December 23-25. We will re-open on Thursday, December 26. We will be open all day Wednesday, January 1, to start the new year. Please make your plans accordingly.

Annual Member Meeting

Come join us Saturday morning December 14, at 9:00am for a year-in-review membership meeting. Don Garrett and Brent Jessup will review the course accomplishments and discuss what lies ahead for 2020. Following the meeting, we will host our annual 9 Hole “Tough Day” challenge for those members who attend the meeting. Hope to see everyone there.

Winter Month Newsletter Combination

We will continue our traditional break from publishing a January newsletter. Our next newsletter will be dated February 2020. Stay tuned.

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Jim Kenworthy Captures Senior Club Championship

As seems to always be the pattern, it took a rain date to finish the Senior Club Championship for the second straight year. Following the second round delay, Jim Kenworthy won the overall championship by three strokes with a two-round total of 150. Jack Mansmann was runner up.

In the first flight division, Jim Leuck survived the attrition and took first place honors. In the super senior division, Mike Wallace won over Carl Ford in an extra hole playoff to capture the super senior crown. Thanks to everyone who patiently endured the two-week delayed final round.

2020 Handicap System Fee Billing

On January 6, the new World Handicap System will go into effect and your 2020 annual-service-fee billing will be included on your February dues statements. If you do not wish to be billed for 2020 services, you must notify the golf shop staff before December 31. Handicap fees will remain the same as last year, $30 for members / $40 for non-members.

If you are a new member or were encouraged to wait until 2020 to join (to prevent double billing), now is the time to notify the staff to add your name to the handicap service. Please see the notes below about new changes coming with the World Handicap System.

New World Handicap System (WHS)

Effective January 1, 2020, the USGA and the rest of the world will convert to the new “World Handicap System”. There are major changes coming with this conversion that will require re-training for our staff as well as instruction for the individual golfer. The transition period will begin January 1-5. During that time, you will not be able to access handicap information (clubhouse or phone) or post scores to your handicap record. You will need to save all scorecards and scores during that period and post them on January 6.

We will discuss more of the transition issues and new features at the member’s meeting December 14. If you have utilized the “eGolfer Program” on-line through your phone app, you will need to save/print any eGolfer statistics before December 31. Current stats will NOT carry over to the new WHS and you will not be able to access that information after December 31.

Member Guest Pass Card Bonus Period**

If you have not used your 2019-2020 member-guest pass card yet, please be aware of this “bonus time period” we are testing. For the months of December, January, and February only, we are lifting all use-time restrictions (weekends and holidays) to monitor the possibility of making these bonus time periods a permanent part of the member-guest pass card benefit in the future. The more use we record of pass cards during these trial months, the more likely we will consider making them a permanent addition.

2020 Range Club

January 1 also begins a new year for Range Club Membership renewals. For the fourth year in a row, we are not increasing the range club fees. They will remain $250 for the first household member and $125 for each additional member. Renewals are NOT automatic. You must notify the golf shop staff of your plans to renew. Range balls will be available INSIDE the golf shop for the next few months as we remind everyone of the renewal period. Thank you for your cooperation.

Grip Check

Now that winter is approaching, it may be time to invest in new grips for your clubs. If you would like us to check the status of your clubs, drop by the shop and let us inspect them and offer some options while the weather is cool.

Holiday Bowl Pool Contest

It is time again for the annual Holiday Bowl Contest. Drop by the golf shop and pick up an entry sheet and submit it before the first game begins. Whoever picks the most winners collects the jackpot! Last year’s winner was Walker Course employee, Duke Craft. He picked 28 winners and collected the $385 jackpot. Good luck and happy bowling to everyone!

Season’s Greetings!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you for your support in 2019. Our staff is very blessed to work at such a great facility and enjoy such wonderful and appreciative golfers. We look forward to continuing our service to you in 2020. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

C.J. Elfont (1939-2019)

Sadly, we are reporting the recent passing of Walker Course member C.J. Elfont on November 14. Mr. Elfont was a retired pediatric dentist and an accomplished photographic artist. He loved golf and was a golf equipment aficionado, always looking for and acquiring the next “best” golf club to add to his arsenal. He is survived by his wife Edna Elfont and daughter Dayna Elfont-Caradonna. He will be greatly missed by those who knew him.
November Status

November seems to just fly by every year. I guess it’s because I usually attend the Carolinas GCSA Conference and Show the third week of November which is then followed by a short week due to Thanksgiving. The month is always gone before I know it!

We had a bit of a cold snap mid-month where the lows dipped down to 24 degrees one night, but based on the warmer soil temps and good soil moisture we felt it wasn’t necessary to cover the greens. We will be getting the covers out in early December so we are ready when the cold weather does come.

The ryegrass overseeding of the Par 3’s and practice tees looks good. A starter fertilizer was applied in early November and another shot of complete fertilizer will be applied in December. We have been busy filling divots on the practice tees with a seed/soil/sand blend to replace turf as it is removed. Maintaining good turf is quite a challenge for us this time of year when the growth rate slows due to the cold weather and the bermudagrass enters dormancy. In addition, our practice tees are only about half the recommended size to provide for proper use and turf recovery.

We have begun edging bunkers this month. This winter, rather than just cleaning up the edge, we have been taking a more thorough look at each bunker, repairing the liner and adding/re-distributing the sand as needed. Obviously the bunkers that we have renovated the last several summers don’t need much more than a quick edge, but those that were renovated 20 years ago need a little more work.

We have also begun tree work and under brushing with the onset of colder weather. We removed an oak near the 16th tee that was damaging the cart path. Later this winter, we are planning to repave the section of cartpath at 16 near the white tee that is in bad shape and we decided to get this tree out of the way first. We have also been doing some pruning and thinning on holes 4 & 5.

Finally, falling leaves have kept us busy as well. The blowers run almost constantly every day.

December Goals

In December, we will continue with winter project work such as under brushing, tree pruning, raising sprinklers, and replenishing sand in bunkers.

The greens will be painted in early December now that they are turning dormant and off color.

Schneider Tree Care is scheduled to be here on December 9, to remove 2 dead trees that are a little out of our expertise, a dead pine on 12 and a dead oak on 14.

Environmental Landscaping Inc., the contractor who has been doing most of our renovation and improvement work for the last 5 years, will be here to start several small jobs later this month and into January. Notice I said small jobs, not large gaping holes like we dealt with last winter. They will be adding some sprinkler heads in several spots, addressing a few small drainage issues, and renovating a couple bunkers.

Goodbye To Brandon and Silas

We have two student employees graduating in December, Brandon Welch and Silas Ledford. Brandon has worked for the Walker Course for the last 3½ years while completing his BS degree in Turfgrass Science. He will be starting an assistant superintendent’s position at the TPC Piper Glen in Charlotte in January.

Silas has worked for the Walker Course the last two years while pursuing his MS degree in Plant & Environmental Science. He was responsible for the little orange dots on the chipping green the last two years, as he has looked at the effects of various growth regulators on zoysiagrass seed-head control. Silas has accepted an assistant’s position at Pinehurst.

Please join me in thanking them both for their service and wishing them the very best as they start a new chapter in their careers.

The maintenance staff and I would like to thank you for all of your support in 2019. We wish you all a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year, and a great 2020!
FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**Pro-Shop**
Operating Hours: Tuesday—Sunday 7:30 a.m.—5:30 p.m.
Practice Range Hours: Tuesday—Sunday 7:45 a.m.—5:45 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: 147
- Family: 95  Life: 26
- Non-Resident: 36
- Young Alumni: 12
- Inactive: 3  Legacy Life: 8
- Total Membership: 327

Resignations
- Henry & Patty Stanley
- John & Sally Martin
- Edna Elfont
- Carol Kozma
- Don & Cynthia Davis
- Chris Hawks

Welcome New Members
- Rick Miller

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