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BRENT JESSUP

PGA HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL

Peggy Kirk Bell Girls Junior Tour Volunteer Call

Our annual call for shuttle driver volunteers is now underway. The PKB Tour will be here on Saturday and Sunday, February 9 & 10. We need several volunteers to help move these talented young ladies around the walking gaps on the golf course. If you are able to spare a few hours either Saturday or Sunday, please call the golf shop and request an assignment. Thank you for helping make this tournament a Clemson University showcase event!

Range Club Reminder

For those of you looking for the range balls, they are currently located inside the golf shop for the next few weeks as we use that as our subtle reminder that it is time to renew your Range Club Membership for 2019. The fees have remained the same for the last three years at $250 for the first member and $125 for each additional member of your immediate family on the plan. Many of you were billed this past month, but there remain quite a few who have not yet renewed. Please let us know if we need to bill your account and we will get you back on the list. Once we get the majority of our normal range club members renewed, we will move the range balls back outside to the gazebo.

LGA Season Kick-Off Clinic

The Walker Course Ladies Golf Association will begin the 2019 season on Wednesday, March 6, with a short business meeting at 9:30am in the Madren Center followed by a short game clinic presented by PGA professionals: Brent Jessup and Garrett Chapman. If you are not a member of the association, contact Anna Tollison LGA President for more information or call the golf shop, and we will put you in touch with the group.

New Member Orientation Dinner

On March 7, we will host our Annual New Member Orientation Dinner. If you joined The Walker Course since March of last year, you will be receiving a separate invitation by mail. The purpose of the dinner is to get to know each of you better and review some services and opportunities that you may not be fully utilizing as a new member. Be looking in your mail box for your invitation. We hope to see all of our new members there!

Save the Date: Super Saturday #1

Our first round of Super Saturday for 2019 will be played on March 23. More details and the full season schedule will be released in the March newsletter. Stay tuned.

Member Appreciation Breakfast

On Saturday, March 9, we will host our Annual Member Appreciation Breakfast at the Seneca Family Restaurant on Highway 123 from 9:00am until 11:00am. There is no charge for this event, and all of our Walker Course members are invited to stop in, enjoy a warm breakfast, and fellowship with other members as we kick off the Continued on pg. 2
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2019 season. A reminder flyer will be posted in the golf shop. We would appreciate you signing up if you plan to attend, but this not mandatory.

Rules of Golf 2019 Seminar
Later this month, Brent Jessup will be attending the USGA Rules School for certification in the new rules of golf. As many of you are aware of, there are a few minor changes and a few major changes you need to know. On Tuesday, March 19, we will hold an evening seminar for you to come and brush up on those changes so you will be ready for tournament competition. More details will follow in the March newsletter but go ahead, and mark your calendars for Tuesday evening, March 19. In the meantime, play by the rules!

Member Relations Committee
As presented at the annual meeting, the structure of the members’ association for 2019 will be a member relations committee. This new committee will meet with Don Garrett and Brent Jessup a few times throughout the year to hear and discuss items of interest to the membership. If you have a question or concern, please let one of the committee members know so they can present it at the meeting. The following members below have agreed to serve for 2019. If you are interested in serving in the future, please express this to one of the current committee members.
Tom Beddoe, Jerry Crabtree, Dan Day, Marti Duda, Joe Hill, Joe Kolis, Jim LaRue, Bob Reaser, Billy Rice, Howie Roesch, Carl Sitler, Anna Tollison, and Steve Trojan

Employee Christmas Fund Thank You
We would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you who donated to the 2018 Employee Christmas Fund. Don and Brent were able to distribute over $4,600 to their employees as a Christmas thank you for their service this past year. Thanks also go to Billy Rice for being the point man on this project. Our staff is truly grateful for your generosity.

Holiday Bowl Contest Winner
Congratulations to Duke Craft, Walker Course maintenance staff member, for winning our Annual Holiday Bowl Contest. Mr. Craft correctly picked 28 winners and had those picks locked in before the National Championship game. The jackpot purse was worth $385. Congratulations Duke! To the rest of you, good luck this year. We hope everyone enjoyed the contest last season.

WCMA Tough Day Results
After postponing this event in December due to bad weather, we had more bad weather in January but decided to go ahead with the Tough Day Competition. Twenty-one members participated in our nine-hole “cross country” competition. Players were teamed up in pairs and played in a captain’s choice format. Only one hole, #4, was played as it was designed. The other eight holes were combinations of a tee from one hole to the green of another hole.

The winning team: T.J. Grove, Rick Hamilton, Rick Minder, and Anna Tollison, turned in a score of 25. Fittingly, each member of the team received a new Foot Joy golf umbrella for their accomplishments!
Thanks to everyone who played. A great time was had by all!
Course Update

The wet weather continued through December and January. December saw 11.85 inches of rain to bring us to a yearly total of 72.5 inches which was 140% of the normal rainfall. January was a little over normal with just over 6 inches. We haven’t had bitter cold weather yet, but we did cover the greens the last 3 days of the month of January as temperatures dipped down into the low 20’s for a couple nights. While these temperatures were borderline, my thought was that it is better to disrupt play for 3 days in January when the highs are in the low 40’s than risk damage and disrupting play for an extended period of time come spring when the course is busy.

Even with all of the rain and cool weather, we have had a couple of good dry Mondays to get out and get our winter weed control down. We only lack a few acres and hope to be done soon.

We have also been busy underbrushing, adding sand, and repairing liners on a few bunkers this month.

Four Big Holes

In mid-December, we had an irrigation leak in #9 fairway that was caused by a collapsed 15 inch drain line that ran directly underneath it. Fortunately, Environmental Landscapes, our golf construction contractor, was already scheduled to come the next week to begin some project work, and they were able to make the repairs for us. That was our first big hole.

The second big hole we opened up was under #16 white tee. We had seen evidence of a sink hole developing and suspected another stump pit there. We thought it was going to be fairly small, but it turned out to be quite large. It required nearly the entire tee to be excavated to remove all of the stump. The frequent rains did not help. We finally got everything buttoned up and sodded on January 23. Please note that since it is cold, this sod will not take hold anytime soon. Therefore, it will be necessary to utilize the lower white tee until spring.

The next big hole we tackled was another stump pit behind #15 orange tee. This area had settled to the point that we were afraid that the water line that feeds the restrooms, which runs directly through this sunken spot, was going to break. A drain in this area was collapsing as well. We tackled this one in-house and found that the water line had a 2 foot dip in it and was in fact under a great amount of pressure. The line was replaced after the soil was compacted and the drain rebuilt. All that remains to do is a little bit of grading and laying sod.

Finally, Hutch-N-Son Construction, contracted by the university, repaired a broken drainage line that runs from Lake Drive into the driving range. This area remains to be sodded as well. We plan to get a truckload of sod and patch both of these spots up in a couple of weeks.

February Goals

We will continue with some more underbrushing in February, add sand to a couple 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 2019 major maintenance schedule. Please remember that we will be closing the course the last week of June to aerate the greens and fairways in an effort to work more efficiently and to avoid having the work spread out over a longer period of time.

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* Note: This is an overview of the most disruptive maintenance practices. Other less disruptive procedures will be scheduled around play as time and weather permit.
# Membership by the Numbers

**Individually:** 127  
**Family:** 103  
**Non-Resident:** 35  
**Young Alumni:** 9  
**Inactive:** 6  
**Legacy Life:** 10  
**Life:** 26  
**Total Membership:** 324

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**Welcome New Members**  
M. Louise Rozendale

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**Membership Resignations**  
Jimmy Addison  
Greg Scarbrough  
Larry Bauer  
Troy Reese  
Chuck & Sandy Perry

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