Upcoming Events

**July**
- 3 Walker Junior Golf Camp Week #4
- 4 Fourth of July (Holiday Rates)
- 10 Walker Junior Golf Camp Week #5
- 13 Super Saturday #5
- 17 Walker Junior Golf Camp Week #6
- 22-23 Hurricane Junior Tour
- 24 Walker Junior Golf Camp Week #7
- 27-28 Club Championship
- 31 Walker Junior Golf Camp Week #8

**August**
- 9 Duke Energy Outing
- 17 Super Saturday #6
- 24 Kappa Sigma Tournament (PM)
- 29 GA Tech @Clemson (7PM)
- 30 Home Football Friday

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**BRENT JESSUP**
PGA HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL

**24th Annual Club Championship: July 27-28.**

The entry flyer for the 24th Annual Club Championship is now posted in the golf shop. Due to the increased interest and play of the purple/white hybrid course set-up this year, we are adding the purple/white hybrid division as an additional option for members to compete for a division championship.

The entry fee remains only $10 and is paid out in golf shop credit to the winners of each division and flights within. This year, you may sign up to play from orange, purple/white hybrid, white, or red tees. All players will play both rounds (Saturday & Sunday), regardless of flight, from the same set of tees.

In order to compete for the men’s overall championship from the orange tees, you must have a current handicap index of 9.0 or less. The women’s club champion will be determined from the red tees. The overall champions (men and women) will receive a trophy in addition to golf shop credit flight prizes. Please make plans to play. The more the merrier!

**Super Saturday #5: July 13**

Congratulations to Cindy Starnes. Mrs. Starnes took “low net field” honors for the June competition round with a net 61. We had twenty-three players compete in the fourth round last month. Round #5 is scheduled for July 13. This is the last chance to join and still be able to post three scores for the season. Sign-up deadline is Thursday, July 11, at 5pm. Hope you are able to make this round. Listed below are the current leaders in each division.

Leaders after Round # 4
- Red Tee Gross: 253
- Red Tee Net: 209
- Gold Tee Gross: 246
- Gold Tee Net: 200
- White Tee Gross: 234
- White Tee Net: 215
- P/W Hybrid Tee Gross: 238
- P/W Hybrid Tee Net: 214

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**Volunteers Needed for Hurricane Junior Tour**

Our annual dates for the Hurricane Junior Golf Tournament are set for Monday and Tuesday, July 22 and 23. As always, we will need volunteer shuttle drivers to help move the players around the long walk areas. If you are able to spare a few hours either day (morning or afternoon shifts available), please call the golf shop or stop by and sign up on the volunteer board.

We have been very fortunate to have such great support of junior golf events through the years and we thank you for making a great impression for The Walker Course and Clemson University. You do make a difference!

**Senior Interclub Report**

Throughout the season, our Walker Course team has taken advantage of the home course matches by competing well and even winning a couple. Captain Jim Kenworthy has done an outstanding job of organizing and encouraging the team. We are now waiting on the other clubs in our pod to finish their final season matches to see if Team Walker will make the post season playoffs. Either way, thanks to everyone who was able to play in at least one match. We hope to be able to continue this competition in 2020.

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Member-Member Results

Congratulations to Eddie Brown & TJ Grove for taking the gross division championship and to Cindy Starnes & Yvonne Birchmore for their net division championship in our Annual Member-Member Tournament held last month. The format for the tournament was six holes each of best ball, captain’s choice, and alternate shot. Eleven teams competed in three tee divisions (hybrid, white, and red). Following play, everyone enjoyed drinks and snacks at Sole’. A great time was had by all. We hope to have a larger field next year. Thanks for playing!

Dues Increase

At the most recent Finance Corporation Board meeting held in June, the 2019-20 budget was approved including a monthly membership dues increase scheduled to take effect on August 1. Public greens fees were increased last year and in keeping with our operating pattern, we are now passing along a dues increase to our members one year later. Thank you for your understanding.

Friday = Weekend Day

As we were preparing our 2019-20 budget proposal, we were asked to survey a “competitive set” of university golf courses for rates and other innovative operational methods being utilized. We discovered that The Walker Course was the only course that did not charge weekend rates on Fridays. With that said, rather than raise public greens fee rates across the board again in consecutive years, we have decided to define Fridays as an additional “weekend rate” day. This operational change will generate additional revenues on those Fridays by eliminating the senior rate and increasing the standard greens fee rate on Fridays before 2pm. We will also adjust the use of the Member-Guest Pass Card to reflect those changes as well. The Finance Corporation Board approved these changes and they will go into effect on August 1. Thank you for understanding the need to cover costs beyond our control.

Member Guest Pass Cards

Hopefully by now you have received your new 2019-20 Member Guest Pass Card in the mail. Please note that due to the recently approved change to our fee schedules as mentioned above (**Friday is now considered a weekend day**), your Member Guest Pass Cards may now only be used on “regular Fridays” after 2pm in addition to the regular 2pm times on Saturdays and Sundays. The pass card may be used at any time on Monday through Thursday. There are also certain dates that are considered “black out” dates. To prevent misunderstandings, always alert the golf staff when making a tee time to be certain your pass card may be used. As always, your cooperation is appreciated!

New Golf Cart Fleet

While we were closed for the golf course maintenance week, we also traded out our golf cart fleet. We received 70 new E-Z-Go RXV lithium battery-charged cars and returned the 18-month old fleet. There had been several electrical control and wiring issues with the old fleet that predicated the switch. Please make us aware of any issues you may notice with the new fleet. Enjoy!

Garrett Chapman

It is with mixed emotions that we are announcing that Garrett Chapman has accepted the head golf professional position at Keowee Key Golf & Country Club. Garrett will be leaving The Walker Course later this month to take over the top spot at Keowee Key. This is an exciting opportunity for Garrett to move into the management side of golf operations and yet stay close to home.

Garrett joined our operation in the fall of 2013 and has done an outstanding job of handling the extreme amount of activity in our golf shop. He also mastered the art of student employment scheduling for our outside service staff and developed a loyal following of young students on the lesson tee. He will be greatly missed, but we wish him the best in this new position. Please join me in thanking Garrett for his service at The Walker Course before he begins his new position.

Garrett Chapman Appreciation Party Saturday, July 13

In honor of Garrett Chapman’s nearly six years of service to the golfers at The Walker Course, please join us on Saturday, July 13, for an appreciation farewell gathering at Sole on the Green. Please drop by between 3-5pm to say goodbye and wish Garrett all the best in his new position.
DON GARRETT, CGCS

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT – JULY 2019
DON GARRETT, CGCS

June Status
Where did June go? Busy play, 2 weeks of golf camp, and a week of aerification really made it fly by. Aerification went well as you will read below. The weather was much more cooperative this year.

Greens
We started the aerification process on the greens to give them maximum healing time prior to re-opening. We began on Sunday night and were finished by the end of the day on Monday. We used a 5/8 inch coring tine and top-dressed to fill the holes. The greens were then rolled aggressively. Full recovery will take 21-24 days. An application of quick release nitrogen was made 7 days prior to aerification to promote recovery. This fertilizer will provide rapid growth and then be gone, allowing us to regain control of the growth rate and the green speed. Following recovery, we will be spoon feeding small quantities of plant food, applying growth regulator, and lightly and frequently verti-cutting, brushing, and top-dressing. For now, we will mow on an every-other-day basis until we are no longer picking up sand with the reels. We will also be rolling regularly.

Fairways
We performed an aggressive aerification and verti-cutting of the fairways. The fairways were aerified first, then the cores were drag in. This dragging process breaks up the cores distributing the soil as a topdressing leaving the thatch on the surface. Next, we verticut the fairways removing more thatch and bringing it to the surface. All of this remaining material was swept up. The fairways were then aggressively brushed to stand up the turf, followed by a close mowing to remove as much material as possible. Once mowed, the remaining loose material was blown off.

The only downside to this process was that we didn’t generate the plugs that some members like to use in their yards at home since they were broken up in the dragging process.

Project Work
The project work we had scheduled for the last week of June went well. Bunkers on #3, #11 & #16 were renovated to restore their original shape by removing sand that had been blasted out and built on the face. The liner was replaced to improve drainage and appearance, the sand was replaced, and Zoysia sod was re-established on the perimeters. Since it will take a while for the sod to tack down and begin growing, please avoid stepping on the upper face of these bunkers and treat the area as ground under repair. I hope that we can continue to do a few bunkers each year.

Three drainage projects were also completed: one at #1 forward tee to try to firm up the area where you walk to the tee from the path, one at #4 tee where standing water damaged the cart path, and one near the practice bunker where poor grade allowed water to pond up then run into the bunker. While regrading this area to allow for better drainage, we were able to increase the target area above the bunker about fourfold. We plan to put two flags on the target green when it re-opens allowing two players to practice from the bunker at the same time.

July
Doing all this aerification and project work has us a little bit behind on some of our trim work, but we will be working hard to catch up on this in early July to prepare for several events scheduled at the end of the month including the Club Championship. Spraying mulch beds and weeds in the rough will be a priority. Fence lines, creeks, and ponds will be trimmed back as well.

Thank You
Thank you for your support and understanding as we closed the course the last week of June to perform aerification and project work. I believe that performing all the aerification work at once is better than spreading it out over an entire month. It gives us a chance to have contractors come in and do the project work while there is no play to interfere, which benefits all.

Q & A
The question and answer format from last month was well received so I thought I would include a couple this month as well.

Question: What is the name of the plant growing at the front entrance and near the clubhouse that has the pretty purple flowers every June?
Answer: That plant is Chaste Tree, Latin name Vitex agnus-castus.

Question: I see that you sprayed out about 6 feet around some bunkers on #3, #11 & #16. Why are you making these bunkers so much bigger?
Answer: We are not making them any bigger. We are just killing off the 6 foot ring of Bermuda grass around them prior to renovating in order to re-establish Zoysia grass around them as was done at original construction. Zoysia grows slower laterally so we don’t have to edge around the bunkers quite as often. Over time, the Bermuda grass slowly overtakes the Zoysia so it must be re-established. When it’s time for new sand and a new liner, we go ahead and make this change as well.
### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**Pro-Shop**
- Operating Hours: Tuesday—Sunday 7:30 a.m.—7:00 p.m.
- Practice Range Hours: Tuesday—Sunday 7:45 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

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### Membership by the Numbers
- Individuals: 136
- Family: 105
- Non-Resident: 35
- Young Alumni: 10
- Inactive: 7
- Legacy Life: 9
- Life: 26
- Total Membership: 328

### Welcome New Members
- Christopher & Paige Griffith

### Resignations
- Davis & Anne Babb
- David Cookson