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**April**

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5  Block C Lettermen Tournament
6  Alpha Delta Pi Tournament
8  Open Monday (10:00AM)
11  Clemson Construction Science Tournament (PM)
13  Super Saturday #2
16 Dabo’s FCA “All In” Tournament
22 Open Monday (10:00AM)
27 Beta Theta Pi Tournament (PM)
29 Keowee Key Men’s Outing

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**BRENT JESSUP**

**PGA HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL**

**LGA Opening Day**

Spring is just around the corner and it’s time to get back into the swing of things. The Walker Course Ladies Golf Association members will get their season started on Wednesday, March 6, at 9:30am with a business meeting in the Madren Conference Center. After the meeting, Brent Jessup and Garrett Chapman will present a short game clinic for everyone followed by lunch at Sole’ on the Green. If you have not signed up, please contact Anna Tollison or just come and join the fun!

**New Member Orientation Dinner**

Our Annual New Member Orientation Dinner will be held on Thursday evening, March 7, at the Madren Conference Center. All of the new members have received a special invitation for the 6:30pm event. We hope you are able to join us for an evening of food and fellowship. Please RSVP as soon as possible.

**Member Appreciation Breakfast**

We will kick off the golf season again this year with our Member Appreciation Breakfast on Saturday morning, March 9, at Seneca Family Restaurant located on Highway 123 in Seneca. All Walker Course members are invited to join us for a complimentary breakfast and lively conversation. Drop by anytime between 9:00-11:00am. Hope to see you there!

**Member Relations Committee Meeting**

Our first meeting of the year will take place on Thursday, March 14, at 6:00pm at the Madren Conference Center. Don Garrett and Brent Jessup will present reports and review their plans for 2019. If you are on the committee, we look forward to seeing you there. Please let us know if you are unable to attend. Members of the 2019 committee are as follows:

- Tom Beddoe
- Jerry Crabtree
- Dan Day
- Marti Duda
- Joe Hill
- Joe Kolis
- Jim LaRue
- Bob Reaser
- Billy Rice
- Carl Sitler
- Anna Tollison
- Steve Trojan
- Howie Roesch

**Rules Review Night**

Have those “low down dirty rotten scoundrels” you play golf with each week found a new way to cheat you? If so, maybe you should attend our upcoming USGA Rules of Golf Review Night. On Tuesday, March 19, beginning at 6:00pm at the Madren Conference Center, Brent Jessup will host a review session to update everyone on the golf rule changes for 2019. Fresh from a 3-day USGA-PGA Rules Workshop, Brent will present the most significant changes and help you better understand those changes. Everyone present will receive a new copy of the players edition of The Rules of Golf. Come prepared to learn. There just may be something new you can use to your benefit.

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Super Saturday Start

It’s that time of year. The Super Saturday season-long competition starts with our first event scheduled for Saturday, March 23rd. The entry fee is still $30 per golfer for the entire season with those fees going into a jackpot (golf shop credits) for the winners at the end of the season. This year we will have seven play dates for you to establish your three best scores (gross and net).

If you are new to The Walker Course, this monthly event is a great way to meet other new members. The golf staff makes the pairings the Friday before play begins. Call the golf shop to get additional details or to sign up for the first event before the Thursday deadline. Mark your calendar with the dates below so you don’t miss out.

2019 Super Saturday Dates

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Times, They Are Changing

On Sunday, March 10, Daylight Savings Time begins at which time we will extend our hours for the month of March. The practice range will close at 6:00pm and the golf shop will close at 6:30pm.

Our opening times will remain the same (8:30am golf shop and 8:45 practice range). Further adjustments will take place in April as the days get longer. Remember to “spring forward” on March 10th.

2019 “Preliminary” Schedule for Major Events

- Men’s Spring Trip: May 8-10
- Member Invitational: May 17-19
- Member-Member: June 22
- Course Maintenance: June 24-28
- Club Championship: July 27-28
- Men’s Fall Trip: November 6-8

The full calendar of member events will be available later this month. Magnet calendars may be picked up in the golf shop.

Bob Wall: Hole-In-One

Congratulations to Bob Wall for his recent hole-in-one on hole #8. Mr. Wall was playing with Dave Trinder, Bob Reaser, and Hubert Miller when his 172 yard Cleveland hybrid #3 shot jumped in the hole for “The Big One.” Unfortunately, he was not a member of the hole-in-one club so the jackpot remains intact and growing with more than $220 going to our next winner. Still, a very nice shot. Mr. Wall promptly joined the hole-in-one club for next time!

Peggy Kirk Bell Tour Results

Congratulations to the winners of the 2019 Orange Whip Classic held at The Walker Course on February 9-10th. Sixty-nine young ladies from nine different states competed in three division championships.

Kimberly Shen of Johns Creek, Georgia, won the Bell National division with a two-day total of 147, just one stroke under Chloe Holder and Sara Im. The Prep Preview division was won by Kallie Pavlish of Charlotte, North Carolina, with 155; a one-stroke victory as well. Abigail Cheny of Guyton, Georgia, shot 150 to win by six strokes in the Futures National division.

Saturday’s round was played under ideal conditions, while Sunday’s final round was a bit more of a winter survival challenge. This event would not have been possible without the generous help of our Walker Course volunteers driving shuttles from one location to another to help these young ladies get around on the golf course.

Special thanks goes out to the following folks who gave their time to promote The Walker Course and girls junior golf: Amparo & Tom Beddoe, Marti & Frank Duda, Veta & David Finch, Lyn & Rick Hamilton, Sandy & Rick Minder, Kandace & Dan Schatz, Anna Tollison, Dee Mango, Fran Moseley, Lewis Creel, Rick Long, Greg Vaughn, Terry Kozma, Mark Johnston, Ben Sullivan, Eddie Brown and Bob Wall. We couldn’t have done it without you. THANK YOU!
February Status

Each month while writing this report, I go back and review what I wrote one year ago. After looking at the March 2018 report, I could just about cut and paste what I wrote then, as it applies again this year. Like 2018, February was mild but wet. Although, it has been even wetter than last year with 8.5 inches of rain recorded last month. Again this year, the golf course is saturated and we could really use a long dry spell. The mild weather has caused the dormant turf to begin to green up and like last year, this will probably be a false start. A premature green-up is typically shocked back into dormancy by a late frost. This week’s forecast has some nighttime temps dipping down into the 20’s so a turf set-back is likely. The concern with these set-backs is the depletion of food reserves. The dormant turf uses these reserves, that are stored in underground stems known as rhizomes, to emerge in the spring. After a couple false starts, these reserves can become depleted causing the turf to be very slow to fully green and fill in once the weather warms up for good. Hopefully, after this cold snap, we will have a nice gradual warmup right into spring to allow the turf to green up on schedule.

In my opinion, the greens look the best they ever have for this time of year. Typically, they are at their worst as we exit winter because they have gone 4 months with no growth and no ability to recover from the traffic, ball marks, and cup plugs. Even with all of the rainfall this winter, play is only down about 180 rounds over the November - February time period so there has still been a good amount of traffic. We only painted one time in early December and with it now being March, we apparently won’t need to paint again. A few of the greens had a bit of poa annua mixed in with them which we have sprayed. Since treatment, it appears to be fading away. We also applied a penetrant type of wetting agent to assist in getting the abundant rain to move more rapidly through the rootzone and firm up the greens.

Winter Projects

Unfortunately, it was too wet in February to lay sod on the repairs we made to the stump pit on holes #14 and #15 and the drainage repair on the range in front of the teaching tee. We hope to get these areas patched in early March.

March Goals

On the greens, we will start with light fertilizer applications as the weather allows and begin to use fungicides as needed. Solid tine venting of the greens is scheduled for later in the month, but is minimally invasive with little impact on ball roll. The aerating process allows for better water movement and lets the greens breathe a bit.

Application of pre-emergent herbicide and fertilizer to the fairways is planned for the first dry Monday.

We will begin routine mowing as the weather and turf dictate. We also plan to underbrush the few remaining areas and mulch the remaining beds this month.
### Membership by the Numbers
- Individuals: 128
- Family: 104
- Non-Resident: 35
- Young Alumni: 7
- Inactive: 6
- Legacy Life: 10
- Life: 26
- Total Membership: 316

### Welcome New Members
- Stephen Cobb
- Wes Florence

### Membership Resignations
- Charlie Breece
- Mike Hembree
- Tom Federspiel
- Vince Piacenti
- Tiru Chabba

### Larry Bauer (1940-2019)
We are sad to announce the recent passing of long time golf member, Larry Bauer. Mr. Bauer was a well-respected and accomplished retired professor at Clemson University for more than 28 years. A member of Tiger Brotherhood, Mr. Bauer was also a charter member of The Walker Course and played golf with his regular foursome for many years. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

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