Upcoming Events

**May**

2  CAFLS Tournament
4  Super Saturday #3
5  Demo Day
6  Mulligans for Maggie Tournament
6-8  Spring Golf Trip
13  Blue Ridge Co-Op Tournament
15  LGA Bring a Friend Tournament
17-19  Member Invitational
20  Course Open (11am)
25  Pool Opens
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**June**

3  Greenville Clemson Club
5  Walker Junior Golf Camp Week #1
8-12  Clemson Golf Camp Week #1
12  Walker Junior Golf Camp Week #2
13  Senior Interclub Home Match (The Preserve)
15  Super Saturday #4
15-19  Clemson Golf Camp Week #2
19  Walker Junior Golf Camp Week #3
20  Senior Interclub Home Match (The Patriot)
22  Member-Member (27 Holes)
24-28  Course Closed Maintenance

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BRENT JESSUP  
PGA HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL

Don Garrett and Brent Jessup hold recent Walker Course Recognition Award

The Walker Course at Clemson University has again been recognized with the 2019 Best You Can Play in the Upstate award by the South Carolina Golf Course Rating Panel. This award is presented biennially to the course deemed “best” you can play (public/resort) for this area. Never taken lightly, our fourth consecutive award solidifies our recognition by upstate golfers for the consistently excellent conditions and operation of your home course.

Don Garrett and Brent Jessup both recently completed their 20th year as senior management team members of The Walker Course. They began their service here in the spring of 1999 and have diligently and consistently worked to improve this facility each season. This recognition (tip of the hat) by local golfers is well deserved. Thank you Don and Brent for your continued leadership and service to our facility.

Member Invitational

Scheduled for May 17-19, this year’s Member Invitational features two new twists for competing teams. First, our Friday evening skins game will feature our cross country nine-hole course set-up with two teams paired together to form a 4-person team for the evening. The second twist for the tournament is Sunday’s format. Following Saturday’s regular best ball format, Sunday teams will compete in the normal team best-ball competition but will only be able to improve their score in this “ringer” type scoring.

The explanation is too lengthy to fully explain here, but the on course experience will be much better. Please stop by the golf shop for a detailed explanation of how it will all work. We guarantee you will catch on quickly and enjoy the opportunity to “only improve” your base score from Saturday’s round.

We will start the event with practice rounds prior to the Friday evening players’ cookout on the Sole’ patio at 5:30pm and then round out the evening with the cross country skins game. On Saturday and Sunday, both team rounds will be played as team best-ball (gross & net).

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Member Invitational Cont.
We will have daily tee gifts for each team member, numerous closest-to-pin contests, and a team drive-chip-putt challenge. Flight winners will receive shop credits and each member of our “gross” championship team will win a new pair of Foot Joy Fury golf shoes.

The entry fee is only $220 per team plus a $20 cash team entry fee for Friday evening’s skins game. Teams will only compete against other teams playing from the same color tee markers throughout the weekend. Call to sign up!

2019 Match Play Championship Underway
Flights and match pairings are now posted in the golf shop. Each player’s contact information is also posted. Be sure to contact your first round opponent and schedule your first match to be played before May 31. Please keep the matches moving along by scheduling them as soon as possible. Second round matches should be completed by June 30, third round matches by July 30, and championship matches by August 30. Thanks for playing and good luck!

Super Saturday
Our April competition had 27 participants. Congratulations are in order to Dwight Vines for winning the low net field honors with a net score of 64. This month’s competition is scheduled for Saturday, May 4. Call the golf shop to sign up before the Thursday evening deadline. Since this is only the third round of the year, it’s time for many of you to get started. There is still plenty of time to get three rounds in for the season. Entry fee is only $30. Come on out and play.

Demo Day
Our annual Demo Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 4, on our practice range. Vendors from several companies including Titleist, Ping, Mizuno, Wilson, Cleveland, and Cobra are scheduled to be here for you to try their new equipment. Demo Day will run from 12 noon until 5pm, so you can come before or after you play golf on Saturday. There will be plenty of new toys to choose from. This is the time to try before you buy! Hope to see you there.

Spring Golf Trip
The annual spring golf trip is scheduled for May 6-8 (Monday-Wednesday). We will be venturing into the Piedmont Triad area of North Carolina. We will be playing two rounds at Tanglewood Park, a 54-hole facility located in Clemmons and site of the 1974 PGA Championship, and one round at Arnold Palmer designed Oak Valley Golf Club in Advance. We have reserved space for 16 players. The cost is $325 which includes golf and lodging (evening meals are extra). Please call the golf shop if you are interested. There is never a dull moment on these trips. Join us if you can.

Swimmers to Your Mark!
The Walker Course swimming pool is scheduled to open this month on Memorial Day weekend. The first day of swimming is Saturday, May 25. The pool will be open from 10am until 7pm Tuesday through Sunday, and closed each Monday throughout the season. Our new pool manager this season is Ally Emerson. Many of you will remember her as one of our weekend lifeguards the past few seasons. Please contact her for information regarding swim lessons or private pool parties. Safe swimming to all.

Couples Twilight
On Friday, May 31, we will host our members’ “Twilight On the Links” couples golf event. Play will begin at 6:15pm with a shotgun start; and drinks and food at Sole’ will follow. The golf staff will make team pairings based on the entries received before noon on Thursday, May 30 (deadline to sign up). Entry fee is only $20 per couple, plus cart fees. Sign up now for an evening of fun!

Senior Interclub
The senior interclub match season is now underway. The Walker Course team hosted the team from The Links at Stony Point for their first home match of the season last month. Unfortunately, “Team Walker” was edged out by a score of 38-34. Each match consists of four, two-man teams playing club vs. club for 18 match points. Since each hole is worth one point, there are 18 points available for each match. The next three matches are away at Cobbs Glenn, Patriot Golf Links, and The Preserve at Verdae. If you have an interest in playing in any of these matches, please contact team captain: Jim Kenworthy.
Ace!

Congratulations to Cynthia DeCosta for her recent hole-in-one on April 3. Mrs. DeCosta recently joined the Walker Course and immediately made her presence known by acing hole #17. Witnesses of the feat were, Marti Duda and Bonnie Bachman. Mrs. DeCosta had joined the members’ hole-in-one club and promptly wiped out the jackpot of $250. Great shot, and welcome to The Walker Course!

Time for everyone to re-join the hole-in-one club. Drop by the shop and pay in.

Another Ace!

Veteran member Blair Stanicek scored his fourth career hole-in-one on April 9. Mr. Stanicek’s ace was on hole #17. Witnesses of his perfect 115 yard Ping 8 iron shot were, Bob Grulich, Frank Carbee, and Ron Liddle. Despite his propensity for aces, Mr. Stanicek was not a current member of the hole-in-one jackpot club. Lots of folks are hoping he will soon share his secret to all those aces so they can get their own “ONE”! Congratulations!

Walker Junior Golf Camp

We will be starting up our Walker Junior Golf Camp again this summer on Wednesday, June 5, with PGA instructor Garrett Chapman. The camp will take place on Wednesday mornings in June and July from 10:00AM to 12:00PM (excluding Wednesday, June 26, when the golf course will be closed for aerification). The age range for the camp is 6-15. The cost for the 8-week program is $200 per child for members and $250 per child for non-members. Accommodations can be made for those wanting to pay by the week if the junior cannot attend all 8 weeks. The camp is loads of fun, covering the basics of chipping, pitching, full swing, putting, and bunker play with some on course play as well. It is open to all skill levels from beginner to scratch. To sign up, bring your junior to the first camp on June 5, with either check or cash for their entry fee. We hope to see you then!

DON GARRETT, CGCS

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT, May 2019

Don Garrett, CGCS

April Status

The rain has finally slowed up a bit but only after some heavy rain earlier in the month. The course is really starting to green up and grow, and we are almost in full mowing mode. The spring dead spot in the fairways should start to heal pretty quickly now that the night time temperatures are staring to warm up. Warmer nights are what really make the bermuda-grass start to take off.

The white tee on #16 is coming along slowly. We hope to put it in play sometime around the middle part of May.

The greens were topdressed lightly on the 21st. We plan to topdress lightly every 10-14 days.

All of the bunkers were edged during the last week of the month as well.

Silver Tees

You may have noticed the set of silver tee markers placed on the course. This was a suggestion that came through the members advisory committee. These tees are placed with or in front of the red tees (where possible) to create a more manageable course for super seniors, juniors, or anyone desiring to play the course a little shorter. We are going to leave them out for a while and see what kind of use they get and what type of feedback we get. If we decide to make them permanent, we might consider building some additional tees where necessary as long as they are not cost prohibitive.

May Goals

During the month of May, we will really be trying to fine-tune the course as we head into summer. We will treat the course for fire ants and make our first application of growth regulator to the fairways once the spring dead spot heals. We will also be training new crew members as we transition into our summer staff. We have a lot of loose-end type stuff to tie up and some things on the periphery of the course to address such as mulch beds.

Near the end of the month we will be aerifying the tees. In preparation, a fertilizer application was made on May 1, to push the tees to grow a little more prior to aerifying.

May will also see us getting a little more aggressive with greens maintenance. We will be grooming the surface more often and topdressing on a regular basis.
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### Membership by the Numbers
- Individuals: 132
- Family: 105
- Non-Resident: 35
- Young Alumni: 8
- Inactive: 7
- Legacy Life: 10, Life: 26
- Total Membership: 323

### Welcome New Members
- William Sint
- Adam Carroll
- Joey & Elizabeth Maxon