Welcome Christian Fryland!

Hopefully by now you have met Christian Fryland, our new assistant professional. Christian started mid-October and is catching on quickly to our busy operation. Before joining us, Christian was a full-time golf instructor at the Low Country Lessons Golf Academy located at Patriot’s Point Golf Links in Mt. Pleasant. He is working toward the completion of his Class A membership in the PGA of America.  

You will be happy to know he is also a 2013 graduate of Clemson University. He is married to his wife, Jennifer, and they have a three-year old daughter, Eleanor. Please drop by, say hello if you have not met him yet, and schedule a lesson with him. We plan to keep him for quite a while.

**Men’s Fall Golf Trip**

As you read this, our annual men’s fall golf outing is underway on the coast of South Carolina. Our three-day trip includes golf at Charleston National Golf Club, Wild Dunes Resort Harbor Course, and Snee Farms Country Club November 4-6. Our next trip will be late spring 2020. Keep your eyes on the 2020 calendar for actual dates and details.

**Eastern Standard Time Begins**

Eastern Standard time begins Sunday morning, November 3, in the wee hours of the morning. Don’t forget to get up and set your clock back one hour or do it before you go to bed! With the daylight adjustment, we will also adjust our hours of operation for
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November. We will continue to open the golf shop at 7:30am but will close the practice range daily at 4:30pm and the golf shop at 5:30pm. Additional adjustments will occur for December through February.

Please check with your organized group leaders for starting tee-time changes that will also take effect thanks to the time change.

Closed Mondays

Now that November has arrived, we are closed on Mondays through the winter months (November through March). Please be sure to mark your calendars and take that day off or work on your mental game. We will plan to open on Mondays again in April of 2020. Thank you for your cooperation.

Thanksgiving Holiday

The Walker Course will be CLOSED all day on Thanksgiving Day to allow our staff to spend the holiday with their families. We will re-open on Friday.

James F. Martin Inn Specials

As we approach the holiday season, our James F. Martin Inn is once again offering our Walker Course members a special rate to house your guests during the holidays. The specials are valid December 20, through January 2, 2020. Call 888-654-9020 or email: jfminn@clemson.edu for details and reservations.

Hole-In-One!

Congratulations Kandace Schatz! Mrs. Schatz scored her third career hole-in-one on hole #17 on Friday, October 25. Witnessing the perfect PING eight-iron shot were playing companions Dee Mango, Alyson Dildine, and Anita Lindler. Also, Mrs. Schatz was a member of the hole-in-one club and collected the $235 jackpot that had been building since April. Great shot Mrs. Schatz! Time for everyone to re-up for the hole-in-one club.

Walker Course Golf Shop Staff

Tommy McCall, Michael Newton, Christian Fryland, Brent Jessup
October Status

The 56-day flash drought that occurred from mid-August to mid-October has finally broken as we have recorded 6.75 inches of rain in the second half of the month. Many of the spots that thinned out from the drought began to fill back in before our first frost. Hopefully, they won’t come back too weak next spring.

The rain and the cooler temperatures this month brought the fire ants to the surface and many mounds were apparent. In response, we have applied individual mound treatment as well as broadcast bait control product. We normally put out the bait in September but with the dry weather I was concerned that the ants were deeper in the soil and not foraging as much.

We made our second application of spring dead spot control to the fairways. As I mentioned last month, this is the first time we have been able to treat all the fairways for this disease. We expect to see some good results come spring green up.

The natural areas (turnip patches) that were reseeded in September came on strong the latter half of the month with the rainfall and it looks like we will have good success with these areas again this year. Hopefully, the turnips will be ready for harvest by Thanksgiving!

Other work completed this month included removing two dead oak trees on the driving range, repairing the liner and adding sand to the practice bunker, and fixing potholes in the cart paths on 6 and 14.

Greens

It’s been a pretty good month for the greens, but I did noticed some spots begin to thin a little bit on a few of them. At first, I thought it might be due to over management as we were very aggressive with mowing height and growth regulator throughout September and into early October, but when these areas still appeared dry despite sufficient moisture, it occurred to me that we might have an issue with nematodes. We sent some samples to the lab and the reports showed low to moderate levels. Normally, I don’t think these levels would have been an issue except for the intense management we were performing. We proceeded to treat the affected greens and areas with a nematicide. We will resample in the spring and continue to monitor the levels and treat accordingly. Fortunately, there are some new safe products on the market to control these pests.

We will monitor the temperatures and frost and may consider painting the greens toward the end of the month when they begin to lose their natural color.

Overseeding

Overseeding was done on October 7th and 8th. The seed was a little slow to start but has really jumped since we have gotten some rain. It appears we have one of the best stands of grass we have had in several years.

Thank you for your patience when we utilized the mat at the practice tees while the seed germinated.

November Goals

During the month of November, we will begin to do some of our winter project work such as under brushing, removing dead trees, and adding sand and repairing liner where needed in the bunkers. We will also be busy blowing leaves from the course. Now that we have had several nights in the 30’s and the bermudagrass growth has slowed down, we will be able to move from routine mowing to this type of work.

Finally, right after Thanksgiving, we will make our first application of herbicide to the fairways and roughs to control winter weeds to insure that the course is clean throughout the winter.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!
### Membership by the Numbers

- **Individuals:** 149
- **Family:** 95
- **Life:** 26
- **Non-Resident:** 39
- **Young Alumni:** 12
- **Inactive:** 4
- **Legacy Life:** 8
- **Total Membership:** 333

### Resignations

- Bob & Yvonne Birchmore
- Tony & Sandy Alford
- Kristen Waterbury

### Welcome New Members

- Roy Martin (Re-Join)

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