Upcoming Events

**February**
- 8-9 Peggy Kirk Bell Tournament
- 27 World Handicap System Seminar

**March**
- 4 LGA Kickoff Day Breakfast
- 7 Member Appreciation Breakfast
- 14 Upstate Amateur Golf Tour (AM)
- 17 Pickens County High School Tournament
- 21 Super Saturday # 1
- 26 Educating All Outing (AM)
- 28 Kappa Alpha Tournament (PM)
- 31 Daniel High School Match (PM)

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**Walker Course to Host Inaugural First Tee National Championship Invitational**

By now we hope you have heard the news! The Walker Course was tapped to host the first ever First Tee National Championship in late June. The announcement was made on *The Golf Channel* by First Tee National President Gregory McLaughlin last month. A full field of 84 juniors from every state across America will come to Clemson to compete for the National Championship Tattersall Cup with the winners getting a berth in a PGA Tour event at Pebble Beach in September.

We are extremely excited to be hosting this inaugural event. More details will be announced as we get closer to June, so stay tuned as more information becomes available on how you can participate in this prestigious, national event.

**Handicap Score Posting for Hole # 1 as a Par Three**

Due to the flash flooding and the closing of the fairway on hole # 1, we have made the first hole a temporary par three until we can re-open the fairway. Per the USGA rules, you should score hole # 1 as a par plus any handicap strokes you would normally receive on that hole.

- Men with a course handicap of 4 or less will post a score of par (5) on hole number one.
- Men with a course handicap of 5 or more will post a score of six (par plus one) for hole number one.
- Women with a course handicap between 5-22 would post a score of six (par plus one).
- Women with a course handicap of 23 or higher would post a score of seven (par plus two strokes).

**You DO NOT post the score you actually made on hole number one as long as it is playing as a par three.** You must post one of the hole scores listed above based on your course handicap. We hope to get the entire hole back in play as soon as possible. If you make a mistake on your score posting, please contact Brent Jessup to have any incorrect scores edited. Thank you for your understanding.

**Peggy Kirk Bell Tour Volunteers**

Again this year, we will host the annual *Peggy Kirk Bell Girls Tour* on February 8-9. As always, we need the kind assistance of our members to volunteer to drive cart shuttles for these young ladies. If you are able to spare a few hours either Saturday or Sunday, please call the golf shop for an assignment.

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Member Appreciation Breakfast
We kick off the official start of golf season on Saturday, March 7th with our annual Member Appreciation Breakfast. This event will be held at the Seneca Family Restaurant from 9:00-11:00am. Please RSVP or sign up in the golf shop for this “drop in” free breakfast for all Walker Course members. We look forward to seeing you there!

Range Club Reminder
Range balls are located INSIDE the golf shop as a gentle reminder to all Walker Course MEMBERS that it is time to renew or join the 2020 Members Range Club Program. Again this calendar year, the fee is only $250 for the first family member and $125 for each additional member. Please call the golf shop if you would like to join for this year.

Course Care Reminder
While the greens are dormant this winter, we still need to be extra sure to repair ALL ball marks on the greens. Although the healing will not begin until the grass begins to grow again, fixing the ball marks will promote a smoother putting surface until spring. Please do your part by repairing yours and one more on each green.

World Handicap System Seminar: February 27
Now that we have almost a month behind us with the new World Handicap System, we would like to host a short informational meeting to review, in more detail, the specifics of this new process. On Thursday evening, February 27th we will host a member’s meeting at the Madren Center at 6:00pm. We will review a power point presentation concerning the new World Handicap System followed by a Q & A session. Please sign up for this free event in the golf shop. Bring your mobile phones!

Ladies Golf Association Season Kick Off
LGA President Joyce Doss wants to remind all of our ladies that the official golf season will begin on Wednesday, March 4th with the kick-off meeting beginning at 10:00am and lunch at Solé to follow. Immediately after lunch, Brent Jessup and Christian Fryland will conduct a golf clinic from 12:30-2:00pm on the practice range. Please contact Mrs. Doss if you plan to attend or would like to know more about joining the Ladies Golf Association.

Ron Brank Bowl Pool Winner!
Congratulations to RON BRANK for selecting 29 winners from the 38 games included in our annual holiday bowl contest. Mr. Brank finished in a five-way tie along with Joe Barrett, Eddie Brown, Cindy DeCosta, and Denny Dillon. Mr. Brank’s prediction of 60 total points was closest to the actual outcome of 62 points and that narrow margin gave him the victory in the tiebreaker. With eighty-eight entries, Mr. Brank collected a nice jackpot to begin 2020. Thanks to everyone for playing. We hope you enjoyed the contest!
SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT
February 2020
Don Garrett, CGCS

Course Update

Unfortunately, we are experiencing another wet winter with 5.6” in December and 8.97” in January. The course, when it gets wet this time of year, stays wet. It make it hard for you to play golf and hard for us to get much done.

We saw 2 rainfall events cause the creek to flood on holes 1, 2, & 9 on January 3rd and then again the night of the 11th. Many have asked what can be done to prevent this. It does seem like a more common occurrence since the University has built more buildings and parking lots upstream from us. I know they have been looking at the possibility of storm water retention (of which little currently exists), but to date I know of no actual plans. There was one that involved using the stream bed on #6 but it was deemed too difficult to get permits to do it. Hopefully, something with be put in place before Perimeter Road is widened next year or the situation will only get worse.

As I said above, the rain has slowed our work down as well. We are behind on getting the course sprayed and the rain, combined with a mild winter so far, has the weed pressure off the charts. It has also prevented Environmental Landscaping Inc. from coming in and doing the projects I mentioned in the December newsletter. These include adding a couple irrigation stations, addressing a few drainage issues, and renovating a couple bunkers. Hopefully, this work will begin later this month.

We have been able to accomplish a number of projects, including a good amount of tree pruning, repairing the liners in several bunkers, and replacing the sand in the front bunker on #11 that was contaminated by the sprinkler blowout last summer. We have also been raising lower sprinkler heads, replacing broken valve boxes, and painting the greens to provide winter color.

We have also been very aggressive in filling divots on the driving range tees to provide a good practice surface as we know how important it is to have good turf. This is not an easy task this time of year with our undersized tees, the amount of traffic the tees receive, and the fact that the seed doesn’t germinate and growth quickly during the cold weather. The mild temperatures have allowed the seed to germinate more rapidly and this is the best I can remember the practice tee looking this time of year.

February Goals

In February, we will continue more under brushing, add sand to a couple more bunkers, spread mulch, and cut back all the lovegrass around the course. As mentioned above, ELI will be here to do some project work also. Lastly, we hope to complete all of our winter weed control by mid-month.

Maintenance Schedule

Below is the 2020 Major Maintenance Schedule. Please remember that we will be closing the course the last week in June to aerify greens and fairways. This is an effort to work more efficient and to avoid having the work spread out over a longer period of time.

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Please note that this is an overview of the most disruptive maintenance practices. Other less disruptive procedures will be scheduled around play as time and weather permit.
**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

**Pro-Shop**
Operating Hours:
Tuesday—Sunday
7:30 a.m.—5:30 p.m.

**Practice Range Hours:**
Tuesday—Sunday
7:45 a.m.—5:45 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: 147
- Family: 94  Life: 26
- Non-Resident: 35
- Young Alumni: 11
- Inactive: 4  Legacy Life: 8
- Total Membership: 325

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**Member Resignations**
- Brad Burton
- Adam Carroll
- Tim Elrod
- Perry Farr

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**Welcome New Members**
- Guy Clemens
- Justin & Misty Geary

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*Peggy Kirk Bell Tournament*