Upcoming Events

All APRIL and MAY events are cancelled.

June
13 Super Saturday #2
22-26 Course Closed for Maintenance

July
9 Senior Interclub at Cobbs Glenn
18 Member-Member (Tentative)
20-21 Hurricane Junior Tour
23 Senior Interclub vs. Cobbs Glenn
25 Super Saturday #3
30 Senior Interclub vs. The Patriot

CORONAVIRUS Update

Due to the health and safety concerns of our entire area, The Walker Course (in cooperation with Clemson University officials) was CLOSED on April 1 at 5pm. We remained closed the entire month of April until officials allowed us to re-open on May 1st with certain preventative restrictions in place until further notice.

Prior to our closing, (March 10 through April 1), we had taken numerous precautions to prevent or slow the possible spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19). Extra cleansing and sanitizing of our buildings, equipment, and several on-course golf course maintenance issue adjustments were put in place for safer operations. Signs denoting those steps were (and still are) in each golf cart. We also restricted the number of people allowed in the clubhouse at the same time, as well as many other precautions that were implemented.

When the golf course was closed, we made the decision to waive membership dues for the month of April until we were able to resume operations. We implemented a “one rider per cart” policy through May 22 and that required additional adjustments to our tee times due to the limited number of carts available for use. Organized group “standing play times” were suspended for a while and later restored once the cart restrictions were lifted. We will continue to operate with these precautions until it is deemed safe to remove those restrictions.

The disruption to your golf and our schedule of events has been devastating to say the least. We have postponed or canceled all special events and member events until mid-June. Once we can safely resume competitions and social gatherings, we will attempt to find later dates for those events that were furloughed by COVID-19 closing. Your continued cooperation is greatly appreciated. THANK YOU!

Events Status

The following member events have been postponed or canceled:

- Super Saturday, April and May rounds have been canceled and will not be made up this year. We will now have only five Super Saturday events for the entire season to post your best three scores. The next (2nd) round is scheduled for June 13.
- The Couples Twilight events scheduled for April and May have been canceled for the year.
- The Men’s Spring Golf Trip to Alabama’s Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail in Birmingham has been canceled.
- Demo Day on the Range, scheduled for May 2 has been canceled. We are working with individual vendors to find available dates for them later this season.
- The Member Invitational originally scheduled for May 15-17 is postponed for now. We are working to find another suitable date later this year if possible.
- The First Tee National Championship event scheduled for June 22-26 has been postponed and rescheduled for the October 9-12 weekend.
- The Member-Member originally scheduled for June 27, has been postponed. We are looking for another date later this season.
- The Senior Club Championship originally scheduled for October 9 & 10 will be rescheduled (TBD).

Golf Camps Canceled

Please note both weeks of Coach Larry Penley Clemson Golf Camps have been canceled for this summer. This means regular schedules of play Saturday through Wednesday will be observed.

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Pool Opening
Due to delays from DHEC and emergency facility repairs necessary, the member’s pool is tentatively scheduled to open Saturday, June 6th. We are required by DHEC to LIMIT the pool use capacity to 20% until further notice. Therefore, we will only be allowed to have “36” swimmers in the pool area at one time and there will be time use restrictions when necessary. This will require us to restrict the use of the pool to MEMBERS ONLY. NO GUESTS will be allowed until this restriction is lifted. Please see the “current” restrictions listed below.

COVID-19 Rules for Pool use
• NO GUESTS will be allowed until further notice. MEMBERS ONLY allowed until the James F. Martin Inn reopens. Then, Walker Course MEMBERS and HOTEL GUESTS ONLY allowed.
• Members and their household family members will be limited to a two-hour window of use, when there are other members waiting to swim. If no one is waiting to swim, you may stay longer until the space is needed.
• Social distancing requirements will be monitored.
• Each member will be required sign in at the gate with the pool attendant. All names of members using the pool must be listed.
• Each member will be “assigned” a specific lounging area and must stay within that area unless they are getting in or out of the pool. Tables and chairs are not to be moved from those areas.
• After each station use, the pool attendant will clean and disinfect the used table and or chairs before being reassigned.

2021 Range Club Discount
Due to the April-May range closure period, we will offer members the option of paying a reduced rate for the 2021 range club membership or a refund credit for those not renewing for 2021. The credit will be made to your membership accounts in February of 2021.

Member Guest Pass Card Extended
Due to the April closure, we are extending the “Member Guest Pass Card” dates for one additional month through (July 2020). All members that have not “used up” their current pass, will have that additional month to redeem the 2019-2020 card. Your new pass card (2020-2021) will be mailed out on July 1.

Hours of Operation
Summer months (June-July-August) are finally here and we are closed on Mondays until September. Our Tuesday through Sunday hours of operation will be:

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Super Saturday # 2: June 13
With the April and May rounds canceled, we will only have five rounds this season to get your three round scores in. We will resume competition on Saturday, June 13. Please call the golf shop to sign up by the Thursday, June 11, deadline.

Match Play Championship
The 2020 Match Play Championship gets underway June 2. Players will have six weeks to complete each bracket match. Please check the golf shop for your pairings and call your opponent to schedule the match as soon as possible. Good luck to all! Defending champions from 2019 are Raymond Wooten and Marti Duda.

Senior Intercub Team Match
Team captain, Jim Kenworthy, invites all Walker Course “senior” men to join the CGA interclub team. Team Walker will play six matches this season. Three home matches and three away matches. Below are the scheduled dates for those matches. If you would like to play in any of these matches, please contact Mr. Kenworthy for more information and qualifications.

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Handicap Score Posting Reminder
All golfers are reminded to please post your score “the day you play” so your handicap will update immediately. We are experiencing some intentional “late posting” of scores to keep the handicap index from changing daily. Please POST YOUR SCORE the day you play.

Accomplishments
Congratulations to John Shkor for his recent “eagle” on hole # 11 on May 1. The 141 yard, 8-iron shot was witnessed by Bob Wall, Doug Evans, and Rob Claude.
Also, a shout out to Mike Wallace! He scored an eagle “2” on hole #10 on May 14. Witnessing his “big bird” were Carl Ford, Van Riley, and Mike Pressley.

John Rogers (1926 – 2020)
We are sad to report the recent passing of charter member and Legacy Life member, John Rogers. Mr. Rogers graduated from Clemson University in 1949 and was also charter member #49 signing up for membership in November of 1991 before the golf course construction began. For many years thereafter, Mr. Rogers had a standing tee time each week with his favorite foursome; Dick Mattoo, Jack McGill, and Jack McCormick. He is survived by his wife Marcelle, one son, two daughters, and grands and great-grands. A life well lived. Rest in peace.
Course Update

It’s good to see everyone back out on the course. April was a little bit lonely. During the April course closure, we were able to maintain the course with only a few minor cutbacks. We lost a little bit of our labor force as some of our student employees did not return after spring break due to classes moving online. For the most part, this was offset by not having to change cups and rake bunkers.

The weather has been a big issue. It’s continued to be wet, with 6.7” of rain measured in April and over 7” in May. Fortunately, the creek has stayed in its banks. The cold nights we had for several weeks in late April and early May were a big deal. We had many nights in the low 40’s with a couple dipping into the upper 30’s. While greening up nicely from the mild winter, these nighttime lows really inhibited the bermudagrass and it just didn’t want to grow. This has resulted in a lot of seed heads as the turf feels stressed. Hopefully the warm nights during the later days of May will kick things into gear.

We have been able to get various applications made as needed to the turf. Other work that we have been able to accomplish includes:

- Aerify the overseeded tees
- Aerified and topdressed lower 9 fairway.
- Apply summer weed control course wide
- Fertilize the course.

Project Update

Most of our contracted projects have been put on hold for now. This includes the cart path repaving at #16 & 18 tees, rebuilding the bunkers on #9 & 10 fairways, and some other small drainage projects. However, we have been able to accomplish the following projects over the last 2 months:

- Ground over 50 stumps on the course.
- Removed 9 trees that fell during the Easter Storm
- Repaired a drainage outfall from #1 greenside bunker
- Added a small drain on the rear practice tee to remove water from a low area
- Renovated the 4 greenside bunkers on #17. Edged, replaced the sand and repaired the liner.
- Shaped the area right of 18 tees to better control water from running onto the tees. This work is still in process and needs to be finish graded and mulched.
- Repaired a drainage pipe on #2
- Solid tine aerified all fairways with the VertiDrain to a depth of 6 inches
- Removed 5 trees that fell across the cartpath behind #12 green on May 20 after a week of heavy rain.

June Plans

June is the month that we aerify the course. The tee aerification scheduled for May 18 was rained out and will be rescheduled for June 1. Please note that the green and tee aerification, originally scheduled for June 29-July 3, has been rescheduled for the traditional dates of June 22-26 due to the postponement of the First Tee event. This will give us more time for recovery before the Club Championship and move us away from the week of July 4.

Question & Answer Time

Question- The fairways appear tighter. Are you mowing them lower than normal?

Answer- We are still mowing fairways at our traditional summer height of half an inch. They appear tighter due to the lack of growth we experienced in May due to the cold nighttime temperatures that I mentioned above. We are just getting a “true” ½ inch cut because there is less fluff to the turf.
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**June 2020**

**Membership by the Numbers**
- Individuals: 148
- Family: 95
- Non-Resident: 36
- Young Alumni: 10
- Inactive: 3
- Legacy Life: 7
- Life: 26
- Total Membership: 325

**Welcome New Members**
- Robert & Emily Howell
- David & Julie Kroeger
- Richard Lollis
- Robert Smith
- James Groeber
- Ross Tomberlin
- Debbie & Ronnie Safchick*

**Member Resignations**
- Gregg Morton
- Ronnie Black
- Wright Henry
- Monty Stancil
- Larry LaForge
- Ron Thomas
- John Syme
- Robert & Frances Anderson

*Note: Debbie & Ronnie Safchick had a correction in their entry.*