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Senior Champions!

Congratulations to Mark Leising and Mike Wallace for capturing the 2020 edition of the senior club championship. Mr. Leising won the overall senior division championship with rounds of 77 & 75 for a 152, resulting in a two stroke win over Jack Mansmann.

Mike Wallace took a three stroke victory over runner-up, Frank Duda, for the super senior title. Congratulations gentlemen.

Eastern Standard Time
November 1st is the start of Eastern Standard Time with shorter daylight hours and shorter operational hours going into effect before the winter schedule arrives fully in December. For this month, we will continue to open the golf shop at 7:30am, the range at 7:45am (no frost permitting), and the first tee time each day will be at 8:00am. The range will close at 4:45pm and the golf shop at 5:30pm. These times will change again next month.

Closed Mondays
Now that November is upon us, we are closed on Mondays through the winter months (November – March). Please be sure to mark your calendars and take these Mondays “off” to work on your mental game, or travel to other locations to compare your golf course with others in the area. We know you will appreciate your “home” course! We open on Mondays again in April and May of 2021.

Thanksgiving Holiday
Maintaining our annual tradition of allowing our staff a day to spend with family, we will be closed on Thursday, November 26th, Thanksgiving Day. We will re-open the next morning (Friday) for our last home football Friday of the season. Make those advance tee times soon!
Golf Pro News Continued:

ALBATROSS “2”

Congratulations to Pete Santora for his most rare scoring of an “albatross” 2 on hole # 16. Mr. Santora was playing with the Tuesday senior group on November 4th and holed his second shot with a 4-iron. Witnessing this most rare of birds was Dave Trinder, Tim Loyd, and George Dunkelberg. The “albatross club” has very few members. Congratulations Pete! Great shot!

GHIN Handicap Service Note

Beginning in January ALL users of the GHIN handicap system are REQUIRED to have individual and “unique” (couples cannot share the same email address) email addresses tied to their handicap service account and due to new COPPA Privacy laws, juniors under the age of 13 are not allowed to have “personal” email addresses tied to their accounts. They must have a guardian’s (age 18+) email to continue their handicap service.

All that being said, we need for EVERYONE to check your GHIN handicap phone app and make sure you have a unique email address listed in your profile and an accurate birthdate listed. If you do not tie your email address to the account by January 1st, you will only be allowed to post scores at the CLUBHOUSE handicap kiosk, (you will not be allowed to use the phone apps to post scores). If you have any problems setting up your profiles, let us know and we will be glad to assist. Thanks for your prompt cooperation and compliance.

Golf Shop Christmas Sale December 11-13

Mark your calendars for our annual Golf Shop Christmas Sale. The big event will take place Friday through Sunday, December 11-13. We will host our WCMA annual meeting that morning and also our annual tough day competition. Time to redeem those tournament credits! We look forward to seeing all of you out for the meeting, the golf, and the sale!

Welcome Chance Yeatts

The next time you are in the golf shop be sure to introduce yourself to our new assistant, Chance Yeatts. Chance worked at the Dye Club in Myrtle Beach and now lives in Seneca. He will be working to complete his PGA Class A membership requirements over the next couple of years. Please welcome him aboard.

Employee Christmas Bonus Fund

For the past several years, the Walker Course Members’ Association has spearheaded an employee “Christmas Appreciation” fundraiser. Funds collected by the association are given to Don Garrett and Brent Jessup to distribute to their staff employees. Last year, over $1500 was distributed to the staff in appreciation for the tireless work they do to make The Walker Course what it is. Again this year, the association is appealing to each member to contribute to this fundraiser. If you are so inclined to participate, please send a check made payable to:

BILLY RICE, Treasurer
Walker Course Members Association
111 Wynwood Court
Seneca, SC  29672

You may also contribute cash or checks (in an envelope marked for Mr. Rice), by dropping them off at the golf shop before December 11th. Funds will be distributed to the staff the following week.
October Status

Wow, where did October go? We were so busy, it seemed to just fly by. All in all, a good month for us. Temperatures were on the warm side, so we continued mowing tees, fairways and roughs on pretty much a regular summer schedule all month. Here is a summary of some of our other activities:

- We made our second application of spring dead spot control to the fairways. Hopefully we will see the same good results in the spring of 2021 as we did this past spring.
- We made several applications to the greens including a second app for spring dead spot, a follow up nematicide app, and our normal fertility apps.
- We treated course wide for fire ants, which came out with a vengeance with the cooler temps and moist soil.
- The natural areas, both the “turnips patches” on 2, 5 & 6 and the new fescue areas on 8 & 9 are coming along well.
- Roughs were spot sprayed for dalligrass.
- Tropical Storm Zeta brought us 1.35” of rain and a big mess to cleanup but thankfully, only one tree was blown over, a red oak on 17 just a few feet where the large oak was blown over in the Easter storm.
- Overseeding of the practice tees and the par 3’s on October 5 & 6 went well and we appear to have a good stand. It is a little behind as our starter fertilizer app was delayed. Thank you for your patience as we utilized the mat to get the tees off to a good start.
- Speaking of the practice tees, with a record number of members on the range plan and record play, keeping good grass on these tees is quite a challenge. Just two weeks after re-opening, half of the back tee is already destroyed. We moved up to the front tee so we could fill divots and re-seed this area, but understand that as the weather cools, recovery will slow down as well. Yes, range usage will slow down some and with shorter days this will help. Even so it will be difficult to keep the turf caught up to the high use. Keep in mind, as I have mentioned before, we have less than half of the recommended practice tee space that is recommended for a course that plays the amount of rounds that we do.

November Goals

Hopefully, we will have some cooler temps and a killing frost soon. This will allow us to focus less on routine maintenance (mowing tees, fairways and roughs) and move into more winter project work, such as under brushing, dead tree removal, adding sand and repairing liner where needed in the bunkers, and a few drainage improvements we hope to make. For now, all project work will be done in house as our budget does not allow for any capital or contracted work. We will also be busy blowing leaves from the course.

In addition, we have started making our course-wide winter herbicide application. This is earlier than most years, as we are using a new program that will yield better results than what we have been getting the last few years.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!
FOR YOUR INFORMATION
Pro-Shop
Operating Hours:
Tuesday—Sunday
7:30 a.m.—7:00 p.m.
Practice Range Hours:
Tuesday—Sunday
7:45 a.m.—6:00 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

Membership by the Numbers

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Welcome New Members

William D. Craft  Hank Kearse
Scott McCarter  Gregory & Nancy Johnson
Jody Hagins  Richard Albritten
Chris Shelnut

Member Resignations

Ben Seabrook  John Shkor  Sandy Minder

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