Upcoming Events

October

02  Home Football Friday
03  UVA at Clemson University
05  PGA Playing Ability Test
07  LGA Member Guest
09  Home Football Friday
10  Miami at Clemson University
12  Open Monday (11am)
15  NHC (PM)
16-17 Senior Club Championship
19  Open Monday (11am)
20-21 LGA Championship
23  Home Football Friday
24  Syracuse at Clemson University
26  Open Monday (11am)
30  Home Football Friday
31  Boston College at Clemson University

November

01  Standard Time Returns
04  LGA Season Finale
07  Upstate Amateur Tour
26  Thanksgiving Day (Closed)
27  Home Football Friday
28  Pitt at Clemson University

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BRENT JESSUP  
P.G.A. HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL

Senior Club Championship: October 16-17

The Senior Club Championship is scheduled for Friday & Saturday, October 16-17. Entry fee is only $10 per golfer. We will have a regular senior division that will play both rounds from the white tees and a super senior division that will play both rounds from the gold tees. The winner of each division will receive a trophy and shop credits. Call the golf shop to sign up by Wednesday, October 14. Defending champions from 2019 are Jim Kenworthy and Mike Wallace. Good luck to all!

New Match Play Champions: T.J. Grove and Kandace Schatz

Congratulations to our new match play champions for 2020. T.J. Grove defeated Dan Day for the men’s overall championship. Kandace Schatz defeated Joyce Doss for the women’s overall championship. Andy Walker and Frank Lamson-Scribner won the P/W hybrid divisional flights and Charlie Breece won the white tee flight. A total of 42 members competed this year. Winners and runners-up in each flight received a nice golf shop credit to spend during our annual Christmas sale. Congratulations to all of the winners and thank you to all of the members who played!

Eagle #16

Congratulations to John Wilson for holing an eagle “3” from 153 yards out on hole #16 on Wednesday, September 9. Mr. Wilson was playing with Bob Reaser and Terry Kozma. Great shot!

Vines Scores Fifth Ace

Dwight Vines is at it again! He scored another hole-in-one on Sunday, September 13, on hole #4. Earlier this summer, on June 14, Mr. Vines aced the same hole! Witnessing this 103-yard ace was playing partner Frank Eskridge. Although this was his fifth career hole-in-one, Mr. Vines was not a current member of the hole-in-one club so the HIO jackpot remains safe at $210.

Senior Interclub Team Roundup

The season ended last month as “Team Walker” dropped its final match at The Preserve at Verdae. The loss kept our team from making the 2020 playoffs. As the season comes to a close, thank you to all team members who participated this season and a big “hats off” to Jim Kenworthy for serving as captain for this year’s squad. As we
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begin preparing for the 2021 season, we are looking for another team captain to take over the administrative duties for Mr. Kenworthy who has served his term. If you are interested in this position, please contact Mr. Kenworthy and let’s get a jump on recruiting for 2021.

Extended Pool Season Ends!
Well, we made it through another swim season, this time under extreme circumstances. Thanks to our staff of pool attendants and lifeguards for keeping the pool safe and sanitized throughout the season. Ally Emerson, our pool manager, did an excellent job managing the flow of traffic with the assignment of sun bathing areas. We also thank our members for being compliant as we worked to make sure swimming was safe during COVID concerns.

Fall Golf Trip Canceled
Every fall for the past 15 years we have taken a 3-day golf excursion to different regional locations. Due to the continued travel and accommodations restrictions and concerns associated with COVID, we are canceling the trip that was planned for November 9-11. We plan to resume our travels the spring of 2021. Our apologies.

Tee Time Please!
Please use this reminder to be sure you take advantage of your “members only” two-week advance tee time reservation privilege. Right now, a Walker Course tee time is a hot commodity. The Walker Course is experiencing record play this fall. We have played more than 4,000 rounds a month for three months in a row and set an all-time record of 4,800+ rounds played in September. The student population is playing nearly one-half of all rounds being played. We sold 100 student semester golf passes this fall (we’ve never sold more than 35 passes in any prior semester).

Range Hours Shortened
As the days grow shorter, it is necessary to close the range earlier to allow our staff time to retrieve the range balls before dark. This month, we will be closing the range at 6:00pm through October 18. On October 19, we will begin closing the range at 5:30pm until the time change in November. We appreciate your understanding. So, get out there earlier in the afternoons to get that practice session in before dark!

Best wishes Christian Fryland
Our assistant golf professional Christian Fryland has made the decision to leave The Walker Course and open his own golf academy that will allow him to teach full time. Christian joined us in October of last year. He will be staying in the area, so if you purchased lesson packages with him, you will need to contact him about finishing those lessons as soon as possible. We wish him much success in this entrepreneurial endeavor.

Sam Mango (1936-2020)
Sadly we share with you the recent passing of Sam Mango on September 10. Sam was a draftsman and pipe fitter for many years with Comstock Engineering. He retired to South Carolina in 1989 where he enjoyed countless rounds of golf with his wife, Dee. Our thoughts and prayers are with Dee and the rest of the family.
September Status

What a difference a year makes. Last year we were in the throes of a drought where we had less than an inch of rain in 60 days coupled with hot temperatures. This September we received over 7 inches of rain and the temps have run a little below average. Hopefully October will bring us some normal weather, whatever that is.

September Accomplishments

- Made our first application of fungicide to the tees and fairways to control spring dead spot
- Made 3 fungicide applications to greens to control spring dead spot and large patch
- Treated the greens for nematodes
- Applied a growth regulator to the greens to control seed heads
- Seeded the new fescue areas on holes 8 & 9
- Re-seeded the “turnip” patches on 2, 5, & 6 with the native wildlife mix
- Treated all of the other Zoysia areas on the course for large patch
- Edged all of the bunkers
- Filled several potholes on the cart paths
- Began raising the height of cut on tees and fairways

October Goals

- Treat the course for fire ants - the cool temps and rain have brought the ants to the surface
- Overseed tees
- Make our second application of fungicide to the tees, fairways, and greens for spring dead spot
- Make our second application of nematicide to the greens
- Treat for Dallisgrass control
- Begin blowing leaves as they fall

Overseeding

The par 3 tees (4, 8, 12, & 17) and the practice tees will be overseeded the week of October 5-9. Keep in mind that the overseeded tees will be soggy as we water lightly and frequently to promote rapid germination and establishment. Once the seed begins to sprout, the tees will be shaggy until the ryegrass matures and the mowers can make a clean cut. Please note that to allow the seed on the practice tees to get off to a good start, we will restrict practice to the mat for a couple weeks. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding.

Cart Traffic an Issue

With the heavy play we are experiencing, along with many golfers still riding one to a cart, we are seeing lots of wear and tear on the course. Couple the extra traffic with the cooler weather and the slower growth rate of the turf, and wear patterns are really becoming apparent. In addition, it seems like I am seeing more golfers have blatant disregard for cart etiquette than I can ever remember: not following signage, pulling up next to greens, pulling up side by side at tee boxes, not staying on the paths, taking “shortcuts” from greens to tees, and the list goes on. It is very important that everyone observe the 90 degree rule and avoid entering and exiting the fairways at the same place. This creates the most significant wear. We have purchased some more signs and have put up a number of ropes. I despise ropes as they are unsightly, can end up causing more wear, and must be removed and replaced when mowing. Unfortunately, if things don’t improve, it may be necessary to implement rolling cart restrictions where two or three holes are restricted each day on a rotating basis in order to relieve some pressure and give the turf a break.

Question & Answer Time

Question: Don, I have always played in the afternoon but recently began playing with a group early in the morning. My feet get soaking wet when I play in the morning and it’s not until about the 8th hole that the grass starts to dry out. Is there any way you can water less at night so the grass isn’t so wet in the morning?

Answer: Welcome to the dew sweepers club! That moisture is dew on the grass and is usually at its heaviest in late summer when the humidity is high and the grass is at its thickest. Dew has little to do with how much, or if, we watered the previous night. In fact, a late night or early morning irrigation cycle can rinse off dew and actually help grass dry out faster. The turf starts to dry out by the 8th hole because that is when the sun has had time to burn it off, usually mid to late morning depending on the temperature. As always, we water only enough to supply what the turf needs (in fact, it was determined we had NOT irrigated the night prior to the morning in question). May I suggest you see Brent and invest in a pair of DryJoys?
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TOTAL MEMBERS: 343* (New Record)

### Welcome New Members

- T. Brent & Genie Iredale
- Truman Watson
- Roger Collins
- John Prather
- Tim Loyd
- Greg & Amy Cutt
- Shannon & Jennifer Rodden
- Greg & Dana Boehling

### Member Resignations

- Christopher Griffith
- Randy Strickland
- H. Allen Smith
- J. Moore Lockman

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