### Upcoming Events

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**25th Member Invitational: May 14-16**

Make plans to play in the 25th annual Member Invitational May 14-16. It will be here before you know it. Practice rounds are available the week before the tournament starts on Friday. The Member Invitational gets underway on Friday evening with a Solé patio cookout for players at 5:30 pm, followed by a nine-hole cross country combined team event at 6:15 pm. Scores from Friday night count as your first round score.

Round two will start Saturday morning with an AM shotgun start, best-ball, and gross & net team competition, followed by a team Bullseye Wedge Challenge, and ending with drinks and snacks at Solé.

The final round on Sunday morning will also begin with a shotgun start. However, the best-ball format will have a slight twist: RINGER scoring. You are **only able to improve your score** on the holes you score better on in Sunday’s play. Example: If your team has a 5 on a hole on Saturday, you can only improve Sunday’s score with a 2, 3, or 4. If you make 5 or worse on Sunday, your Saturday score stands. The winner of the tournament will have the lowest RINGER score for 27 holes.

There are plenty of great prizes for closest to the pin, Bullseye Wedge Challenge, and division winners in addition to a daily tee gift for each player. You will only compete against those playing from the same set of tees as you. Grab a partner and sign up now!

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**Welcome Chuck Little**

Last month we were happy to add an additional assistant golf professional to our staff. Charles “Chuck” Little has joined us from Fort Mill, South Carolina. After retiring from the US Air Force, Chuck went back to NC State and earned a degree in Professional Golf Management. He also holds a bachelor’s degree in music education from the University of South Carolina. He has been a Class A PGA professional for five years now and previously worked at Edgewater Golf Club in Lancaster. He also spent two years on staff at Highland Country Club in Fayetteville, North Carolina. Please welcome Chuck and his wife Carrie to The Walker Course when you see him. We hope he will be doing quite a bit of teaching and learning how to say “Go Tigers!”

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Training, Training, Training!
As mentioned above, we have a brand new face in the golf shop, Chuck Little. Our other assistant professional, Chance Yeatts, is still flying with “training wheels” since he has only been with us for a few short months. Finally, our cart staff flips over every semester. All of this being said to make you aware of the fact that we are constantly training new folks who will make mistakes as they learn, just like we did and do!
Please be sure to take the time to help our new staff members learn your names, the groups you play with, your walking or riding habits, and your account charging preferences. Each month, we get several questions about charges made to membership accounts that require reviews. It will be a big help if you sign your charge tickets or get a copy of any cash transactions carried out at the golf shop or the grill. Thank you for your help and cooperation!

Super Saturday
May 8th is the date of our third competition of the season. Please be sure to sign up before the Thursday deadline if you want to play. Congratulations to Preston Cooley for his low net field win of 67 in April. There are five remaining dates to complete your three-score requirements for the season ending awards. Hope to see your name on the play list!

Demo Day: Saturday, May 8
Due to Covid restriction protocols still in place by several of the major golf club manufacturers, we only have a couple vendors that will be able to show their wares for you to try. Come that Saturday afternoon and try out the 2021 golf clubs from PING and WILSON. Hopefully, you can find something that will improve either your game or your outlook on your equipment!

Swimming Pool
The Walker Course swimming pool is set to open for what may be the final season on Saturday, May 29th. Once construction starts on the new DAC building slated for later this year, a new swimming pool will be built near the hotel for our hotel guests and Walker Course members.

Ally Emerson is returning for her third season as pool manager. Lifeguards will only be on duty Friday through Sunday. The pool will be CLOSED EACH MONDAY. Swim at your own risk Tuesday through Thursday. Pool hours will be 10am until 7pm Tuesday through Sunday.

Walker Course members may reserve the pool for private parties AFTER HOURS (7pm until 10pm) for a separate fee by contacting Ally Emerson. Private parties are not allowed during regular pool hours.

Match Play Underway
Our annual match play championship pairings have been posted in the golf shop and everyone needs to get their first match played before the deadline. We have also posted a phone list to help you contact your opponent to set up the match. Good luck everyone!

Senior Interclub Update
The Walker Course senior interclub team started the season out in style on April 15th with a thorough beat down of the team from The Preserve at Verdae. Team Walker, led by Captain Jack Mansmann, won by a score of 51.5 to 28.5. Team Walker returns to action this month on May 6th at home against the team from Cobbs Glenn in Anderson. Good luck, guys. Keep it up!
April Status
April was a bit on the dry side with only 2.7 inches of rain which has allowed the course to firm up.
Greenup has been a bit up and down with a late frost on April 22 really setting things back. Warmer nights are what really make the Bermuda grass start to take off, which should happen anytime. We performed some work along the cartpath running from 12 green to 13 tee. Erosion along both sides of the path had started to undermine the path.
We hauled in fill dirt, compacted it to grade, and then spread a heavy layer of coarse mulch to help hold it in place. Part of the issue was the ditch above the tree line on the 13 side that carries the water around and away from running down the hill toward the path had been breached. We have cleared the ditch so hopefully things will hold in place now.
It appears that the damage from the hydraulic oil leak on 1 fairway is going to heal up without the need for significant sod replacement.
All of the bunkers were edged during the last week of the month as well.
Cart wear and tear continues to be an issue. Please observe the 90 degree rule and avoid the high use first entrance and last exit points on each hole. Also, please keep all 4 tires on the path around tees and greens.

May Goals
During the month of May, we will really be trying to fine tune the course as we head into summer. We will treat the course for fire ants and make our first application of growth regulator to the fairways. We will also be training new crew members as we transition into our summer staff. We have a lot of loose ends to tie up and some things on the periphery of the course to address such as mulch beds.
Near the end of the month we will be aerifying the tees. A fertilizer application will be made on May 10 to push the tees to grow a little more prior to aerifying.
May will also see us getting a little more aggressive with greens maintenance. We will be grooming the surface more often and beginning to topdress on a regular basis.
Mid-month, Environmental Landscapes will be coming in to do some small projects and assist with laying some sod.

Congratulations
Congratulations to our lone graduating student employee, Will Williamson. Will was only with us this last semester, but we appreciate all of his hard work this spring and wish him the best in the future.
**For Your Information**

**Pro-Shop**  
**Operating Hours:**  
Monday 11:00 a.m.—5:30 p.m.  
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

**Solo On The Green**  
656-7444

**The Martin Inn**  
654-9020

**The Madren Center**  
656-7155

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**Membership by the Numbers**

- **Individuals:** 167  
- **Family:** 101 **Life:** 26  
- **Non-Resident:** 44  
- **Young Alumni:** 9  
- **Inactive:** 3  
- **Legacy Life:** 7  
- **Total Membership:** 357

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**Welcome New Members**

- Jeff Allen  
- Clay & Eileen Caldwell  
- Charles Clary  
- Jeff Duckworth  
- Doug & Barbara Napodano  
- Hugh Osburn  
- Charles & Katrina Way

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