



THE WALKER COURSE

■ A T C L E M S O N U N I V E R S I T Y ■

Upcoming Events

April

- 4 PGA Playing Ability Test
- 8 Block C Lettermen
- 9 Super Saturday # 2
- 11 Open Monday (11 a.m.)
- 16 Gibson Memorial Scholarship
- 18 Course Closed: Maintenance
- 21 Clemson Construction Science
- 23 JLF Memorial Scholarship
- 25 Dabo's FCA Tournament
- 29 Couples Twilight

May

- 2 Open Monday (11 a.m.)
- 3 Meyers Center Foundation
- 5 CAFLS Tournament
- 7 Super Saturday # 3
- 7 Demo Day
- 9 Mulligans for Maggie
- 9-11 Spring Golf Trip
- 12-13 Clemson Graduation (Premium Rates)
- 16 Blue Ridge Co-Op
- 20-21 Member-Invitational
- 23 Course Closed: Maintenance
- 28 Pool Opens
- 30 Open Memorial Day

BRENT JESSUP

PGA HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL

Busy Outing Months

As you can see from our calendar, April and May are full of Clemson University-affiliated golf events. Please be aware that when we host shotgun-start events on weekdays (Monday-Thursday), we honor our displaced members by giving you a free 18 hole cart fee voucher when you bring us your paid receipt from another golf course. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we work through these special event days.

Super Saturday

Last month we got off to a slow start with only twelve golfers getting their first round on the books. *Jeff Allen* won the low net field prize with a round of 82-10=72-4=68. This month, round two will be contested on Saturday, April 9. Since there are only four rounds left for this season, we strongly encourage you to sign up and get your season started. As usual, we take your three best gross scores and your three best net scores from all of the Super Saturday rounds. There is not a lot of wiggle room this year, so remember to sign up and play. This month's deadline is April 7.

Match Play Championship

The 2022 Members Match Play Championship will begin next month on May 4. You may sign up to play now in the golf shop. Be sure to put your name under the tee division in which you wish to compete. This is a NET championship event which means each match will be played with full handicap stroke allocation differences applied.

(For example, Player A has a *Course Handicap* of 6, Player B has a *Course Handicap* of 4. Player B will receive one stroke on the two hardest handicap holes).

There is no gross division for this event

On May 3, players will be seeded based on their *Handicap Index* within each tee division. Each individual match will use the daily *Course Handicap* based on the *Handicap Index* that morning. Winners of each division will receive golf shop credits, and the overall champion (men and women) will also receive a trophy. The entry fee is \$20 per player. Sign up before the May 2 deadline.

Monday Golf

The Walker Course is open on Mondays in April and May. However, there are four Mondays with special events scheduled that will limit access to the course later in the afternoon. Additionally, we will be closed on April 18 and May 23 for special maintenance applications. Please check the events calendar for limited access dates.

Time Changes

Now that we have reached our regular season (April through November), it is time to make some subtle changes to our hours of operation and group play start times. The golf shop is now open from 7:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The practice range is open from 7:45 a.m. to 6:45 p.m. Make sure you plan your play accordingly. Some of our member golf groups will also be adjusting their start times. Please check with your group coordinator for updates.

Member Invitational Reminder

The Member Invitational Weekend, scheduled for May 20-21, is coming up quickly! The tournament is open to teams of two members or one member and one guest. Both team players must play from the same set of tees. There will be a Friday evening 9-hole event with a patio cookout prior to play. Two teams of two will be paired by the committee and compete in this special course set-up round. Scores from Friday evening will count as the first-round score.

On Saturday (a.m. shotgun start), each team will play the final round with a format of team best ball NET on the front nine, plus team best ball GROSS on the back nine. This will give each team a 27-hole total score. Following play, a social and awards ceremony will be held for the players at Solé on the Green. Winners will be awarded from each tee division. There is no competition round on Sunday. Make plans to play now. A sign-up sheet will be posted later this month in the golf shop.

Charlie Barron Ace!

Congratulations to **Charlie Barron** for his recent hole-in-one on March 26. Mr. Barron scored his ace on hole #12. Witnessing the Callaway 9-iron shot from 124-yards were **Scott Callison, John Sturman, and Thomas Cleveland**. Mr. Barron was not a member of the Walker Course hole-in-one club, so the jackpot remains untouched at \$230 since July of last year. Nice shot, Mr. B!

Senior Interclub Team Interest

Captain **Jack Mansmann** recently completed the 2022 senior interclub match scheduling for this season. Now is the time for all interested male members (aged 50 or older) to declare their interest in playing in one or more of these matches. There are six regular-season matches, three at home and three away before the playoffs begin in July. See the schedule below. If you would like to be part of these competitions, please sign up in the golf shop soon.

April 19	At: <i>The Preserve at Verdae</i>
May 12	Home: <i>Smithfields Country Club</i>
May 26	Home: <i>The Patriot</i>
June 3	At: <i>The Patriot</i>
June 16	Home: <i>The Preserve at Verdae</i>
June 28	At: <i>Smithfields Country Club</i>

March Status

March was a little on the wet side with over 6.25 inches of rain. We could use a dry spell to let things firm up a bit. After an initial warm spell, we had a cold blast that saw a low of 22 degrees on the night of March 12. Even with that shock, the turf still appears to be in good condition, and the fairways have greened back up.

The greens have good color and look as though they have made it through the winter in good shape. You never know how they are going to emerge from the cold when they go four or five months with little to no growth but have pretty steady play, causing wear and tear with no way to recover.

For the second year in a row, we were fortunate that we did not have to cover the greens, though there were two different times we considered it. The first was in January, but we received snow prior to the cold, which served as an insulating blanket. More recently, a soaking rain just prior to the cold spell, along with soil temps in the upper 50s, provided the protection the greens needed. The covers are now back in the maintenance building, stored away until next winter.

We have wrapped up most of the winter project work that we will complete this year, but you may see us pecking away at the last few things on our list.

On March 7, we were able to make our course-wide application of slow-release fertilizer and summer pre-emergent weed control. Fortunately, it was dry enough to use the bulk spreader truck to get this done. This is such an important application as it feeds the course for three to four months and keeps us weed-free through the summer.

We also had a pair of forestry mowers come in near the end of the month to do some clearing of overgrown areas that were thick with vines. These areas were encroaching onto the golf course and were hard to cut by hand. We will need to go behind and do clean-up work in some areas that were cut back. We hope to spread mulch too.

April Goals

In April, we usually begin more routine mowing and maintenance practices and less project-type work as the grass greens up and begins to grow. We will be brushing, rolling, and making light and frequent applications of topdressing to the greens. We will also be treating the course for fire ants and spreading mulch in the remaining beds.

Numerous applications of foliar fertilizers, fungicides for season-long disease control, and wetting agents for moisture management will be made to the greens as well.

We will perform solid tine aeration of the greens mid-month, similar to the one we did last August. This greatly improves water infiltration and air and gas exchange, with little effect on ball roll.

Rounds 4 Research April 25-May 1

Rounds 4 Research is an online auction of golf tee times that was founded here in the Carolinas. **The Walker Course** is proud to donate a Stay & Play package to this great cause that raises money for turfgrass research. Funds from this program have provided over \$560,000 in turfgrass grants at **Clemson University** and **North Carolina State University** to date. If you would like to play golf at some exclusive properties or find great deals, be sure to go to www.rounds4research.com between April 25 and May 1 to bid away!



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**Pro-Shop
Operating Hours:**
Monday
11:00 a.m.—7:00 p.m.
Tuesday—Sunday
7:30 a.m.—7:00 p.m.
Practice Range Hours:
Monday
12:00 p.m.—6:45 p.m.
Tuesday—Sunday
7:45 a.m.—6:45 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

Membership by the Numbers

Individuals: 183
Family: 102 Life: 26
Non-Resident: 50
Young Alumni: 9
Inactive: 5 Legacy Life: 7
Total Membership: 382

New Members

Nancy Williams & Roger Dahnert Karen & Tom McCauley
Gregg & Nancy Morton

Resignations

Sid & Marilyn Wooten

April 2022

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