

Upcoming Events

December

- 01 Winter Rates Begin
- 10-12 Golf Shop Christmas Sale
- 11 WCMA Annual Meeting
- 11 Member's Tough Day
- 24-27 Christmas: CLOSED

JANUARY

- 01 OPEN, Holiday Rates Apply
- 11 Bridge Repairs
- 18 Bridge Repairs
- 25 Bridge Repairs

BRENT JESSUP

PGA HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL



Golf Shop Christmas Sale Weekend

December 10 - 12 will be our annual golf shop Christmas Sale weekend. Balloon discounts will be floating throughout the shop, and "Elf putting" will be available for deeper discounts. There will be plenty of Christmas goodies on hand for your enjoyment as well. If you have member tournament credits, this weekend is the time to use them before they expire! Come and shop for those stocking stuffers and last-minute gifts!

Annual WCMA Meeting and Tough Day

On Saturday, December 11th at 9:00am, we will host the annual member's meeting in the *BellSouth Auditorium* of the *Madren Center*. All members are invited to come hear **Don Garrett** and **Brent Jessup** share their reports for 2021 and plans for 2022. The Member's Tough Day 9-hole event will take place immediately following the meeting. You must attend the annual meeting in order to be eligible to play in the Tough Day event. This year's course configuration promises to be fun and challenging. We hope to see everyone there!

Employee Christmas Bonus Fund

Continuing the tradition started several years ago by the WCMA (Member's Association), **Billy Rice** has again agreed to serve as the point-man for collecting contributions to the employee Christmas appreciation fund. All funds collected are passed on the **Don Garrett** and **Brent Jessup** to distribute to their staff employees as a thank you for a job well done.

Last year, more than \$4,500 was distributed to the staff in appreciation of their hard work. If you are so inclined to contribute, please submit your contribution to this fund via **Billy Rice** by December 11th. Make checks payable to:

BILLY RICE, Treasurer
WCMA
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. Funds will be distributed to the staff the following week. Thank you in advance for your participation and appreciation of our staff members.

Holiday Bowl Pool Contest

Last year, due to COVID uncertainties, we did not have the Holiday Bowl Pool contest. But, we are making plans to hold the contest this bowl season. As soon as the bowl schedule is finalized, we will have entry forms available. The cost is only \$5 per entry. Have some fun this bowl season and start studying those bowl picks to win the jackpot.

Winter Hours

December through February, we will operate on our winter hours schedule. The golf shop will open at 8:30am and close at 5:00pm Tuesday through Sunday. We are closed on Mondays until April. The range will open at 8:45am (frost permitting) and close each afternoon at 4:00pm. Our first tee time each day during these months will be at 9:00am (barring frost delays). Stay warm!

Holiday Closing

The Walker Course will be *closed for Christmas holidays Friday, December 24 through Monday, December 27th*. We will reopen for golf on Tuesday, December 28th. We will be OPEN on Saturday, New Year's Day, January 1st.

No January newsletter

Our next newsletter will be published for February 2022. We do not publish a January newsletter. If we have breaking news to share, we will contact the membership via email.

USGA-GHIN Handicap Service Notice

December 31st is the last day to cancel your USGA-GHIN handicap service if you wish to discontinue the service for 2022. Everyone on the handicap roster on January 1st will automatically be billed for 2022 annual service in January. Please call the golf shop or email **Brent Jessup** if you wish to discontinue this service. USGA-GHIN handicap indexes are required to play in all member events at The Walker Course.

Also, if you are a new member and want to join (or transfer in) for 2022, please let us know during the month of January.

Member Guest Pass Card Reminder

Don't forget your Member-Guest Pass Card is *good anytime December through March*, weekdays or weekends. Once we reach April, the card restrictions go back into effect. Remember these passes are good for greens fees only, and you *must accompany* your guest to use the card when it is valid.

Range Club Renewal

December 31st also marks the end of the 2021 Range Club memberships. If you would like to renew your Range Club Membership for 2022, please sign up for the 2022 season in the golf shop. Renewals are *not automatic*.

Due to continued rising costs of supplies, equipment repairs, and labor, we are increasing the annual fee for the first time since 2017. Rates for 2022 will be \$300 for the first family member and \$150 for each additional member within the immediate family. Remember, practice makes perfect, or is it permanent?

Season's Greetings

2021 was a unique year with the “return to normal” still underway. Thankfully, our staff navigated our way through it all, and we are looking forward to 2022. From all of us, thank you for allowing us to serve you at such a great facility (ranked #1 in 2021), and we look forward to seeing and serving you in 2022. We hope each of you enjoys a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year, and a safe and prosperous 2022!

John Syme (1925-2021)

We are sad to pass along the news of the passing of former Walker Course member, **John Syme** on October 30th. **Mr. Syme** and his wife (**Gloria**) were long-time members of the Walker Course. **Mr. Syme** was an active player with the senior group each week up until last year. A lover of the outdoors and an expert gardener, he was a native of Oregon and earned his Ph.D. at Clemson University. A wonderful gentleman, he will be greatly missed.

November Status

November has seen some hard frosts and the bermudagrass has gone pretty dormant. We had very little rain, and the course is fairly firm, which is good for all.

A primary goal for us last month was applying our winter weed control course-wide. We were able to accomplish this work utilizing the same program we used last year that was very successful.

The ryegrass overseeding of the Par 3's and practice tees looks good. Starter fertilizer was applied in early November, and another shot of complete fertilizer will be applied in December. We did have some damage where some of the aforementioned herbicide was tracked from the rough and onto the ryegrass before it was thoroughly watered in. I am hoping it bounces back. If not, a combination of turf paint and re-seeding will be implemented.

We have begun edging bunkers this month. As we move through the winter, we will be repairing liners and adding sand where needed.

And finally, the falling leaves keep us busy as well. The blowers run almost constantly every day. I'll be happy when the trees are bare.

December Goals

During December, we should really get rolling with winter project work such as under brushing, tree pruning, raising sprinklers, and replenishing sand in bunkers.

The greens will be painted in early December now that they are turning dormant and going off-color.

We are also busy with filling divots on the practice tees. The front tee is basically one big divot, and we hope to get it grown back in soon. Like last year, we will plan to have some "mat" weeks where we restrict practice to the mat for several days to allow the turf to catch up a bit.

Also, in December, be sure to attend the Members Meeting on Saturday, December 11. I will share a recap of 2021, plans for 2022, and update the plans for the widening of Perimeter road and the impacts on the golf course.

January Projects

During January, we will undertake several projects.

First, we will be performing some repairs to the cart bridges on holes 6 & 16. The repairs to each bridge are estimated to take 2 days. Therefore, we will start on a Monday and have only 9 holes available on Tuesday. Then the following week, we will repeat this process on the other bridge. We tentatively plan to do this in mid-January.

Second, the hitting mat is scheduled to be replaced in January. It will be expanded by a few feet, and a much better material will be used. This new material will accept a tee as well.

Finally, the walking bridge on hole #6 will be replaced. One of the main beams is cracked. We will likely play this hole as a par 3 for a couple of days to allow us to complete the work.

The maintenance staff and I would like to thank you for all of your support in 2021. We wish you all a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year, and a great 2022!

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Pro-Shop

Operating Hours:

Monday
Closed

Tuesday—Sunday
7:30 a.m.—5:30 p.m.

Practice Range Hours:

Monday
Closed

Tuesday—Sunday
7:45 a.m.—4:45 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: 182
Family: 104 Life: 26
Non-Resident: 48
Young Alumni: 10
Inactive: 5 Legacy Life: 7

Total Membership: 382

New Members

Ken & Rita Rector
Laura & Bill Mooney
J. Michael Popovich

Member Resignations

Lance & Amanda Plumlee
Gary Yeatts
Kevin & Dana Lasher

December 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Winter Rates Begin	2	3	4
5	6 CLOSED	7	8	9	10 Golf Shop Christmas Sale	11 Golf Shop Christmas Sale WCMA Tough Day WCMA Annual Meeting
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