



THE WALKER COURSE
 ■ AT CLEMSON UNIVERSITY ■

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Upcoming Events

July

- 1 Course Closed: Maintenance
- 2 Course Open
- 4 Course Open (Holiday Rates)
- 11 Course Closed
- 18 Course Closed
- 25 Course Closed
- 30-31 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

August

- 1 Closed Monday
- 4 CGA Ladies Playday
- 8 Closed Monday
- 13 Amateur Players Tour (PM)
- 15 Closed Monday
- 20 Super Saturday #4
- 22 Closed Monday
- 27 Kappa Sigma Tournament (2 PM)
- 29 Closed Monday

EZ Links Point of Sale/Tee Times

The new EZ Links point of sale and tee time reservation system is up and rolling. There are plenty of learning “how to” opportunities for our staff. We learn something new each day that will eventually make it easier to operate. However, there are also lots of bugs to be worked out, and mistakes will be made. Hopefully, we will be able to correct them quickly without inconveniencing our members and customers. Please be patient with us as we continue to learn this new system. Be sure to alert us if you see mistakes that we may have missed.

As for tee time reservations, you can continue to call the golf shop to make reservations, or you can access the tee sheets (up to 14 days out) and make your own reservation. Be aware that the system tracks how many players actually show up and play in each time slot. Golfers that habitually make tee times for more golfers than they really plan to have, in order to keep others from being paired with them, will be restricted from making online tee times. Please only make reservations for the exact number of players you expect to have.

The “group” time blocks will continue to be made by the golf shop staff, so members will not need to go online to sign up. You will still need to contact your group coordinator to play in the group blocks.

If you have problems accessing or making online tee times, please call the golf shop, and we will try to walk you through the process or make the tee time the old fashion way. Thank you for your patience!

27th Annual Club Championship: July 30 & 31

The 27th Annual Club Championship will take place on Saturday & Sunday, July 30 & 31. Tee times will begin at 9:00 am on both days. Members are encouraged to sign up to play from the specific tees they wish to compete from and will only play against others playing from the same set of tees. The overall winners will be the golfer with the lowest gross score from the orange tee division for men and the red tee division for women.

This event is a gross score event only. There is no net division. If more than eight players sign up in a tee division, the division will be split/flighted (based on first-round scores). Winners of each division will receive shop credits, and the overall winners will receive a winner’s trophy as well. The entry fee is only \$10 per player, and this fee will make up the shop credit purse. The deadline for entry is Thursday, July 28, at 5:00 pm.

The 2021 defending club champions are **Raymond Wooten** and **Alyson Dildine**.

Senior Interclub Update

The season is moving right along. The regular season ends in July, and the playoffs will begin. So far, the Walker Course team has a record of 3 wins and 2 losses. Last month, the team won a home match against *The Preserve* and lost on the road at *Smithfields Country Club*.

One regular-season home match remains to be played on July 21 against *The Patriot Golf Club* team. We will need to win this match to secure a playoff berth. If you have not played in a match yet, contact captain **Jack Mansmann**. In order to be eligible to play in the playoffs, you must have played in at least one regular-season match. Keep up the good work, guys; the playoffs are in sight!

Father-Son Duo Captures Member-Member Title

Congratulations to **Lance & Max Vischer** for taking the 2022 Member-Member championship with a gross score total of five under par (67), winning by a single stroke over the team of **Ross Tomberlin & Keith Crownover**. **Jason Sharpe & Duke Craft** captured the net title with a score of 66.

The white-tee division winners, with a gross of 74, were **Mark Boutchard & Tom Beddoe**. White tee net winners were **Dave Kroeger & James Thompson**. The red tee division gross winners were **Mary Brock & Alyson Dildine** with a 78, and net winners were **Kandace Schatz & Marti Duda** with a 75.

Shirt winning, closest to pin shot winners were **Ross Tomberlin & Mark Boutchard**. A total of 18 teams competed in this year's multiple format, 18-hole adventure. Following play, everyone enjoyed drinks and snacks at Solé on the Green. A good time was had by all. Thanks to everyone who played!

Special Event Reciprocity

As one of your *membership benefits*, we want to remind you that when the Walker Course is closed for a special event (shotgun start or full-course tournament), we encourage and will gladly assist you in playing at other area courses. Wherever you play and pay, save your receipt. Then, when you play the Walker Course again, present that receipt from the other course, and we will honor it for a complimentary cart fee for your displacement during the special event held here. This is one way we say "thank you" to our members for allowing us to host these events on your beautiful course.

Please remember that when we are closed for regularly scheduled course maintenance practices, we do not honor reciprocity receipts since those closings are considered normal. Thank you for your understanding!

Member Guest Pass Cards

This month you should receive your 2022-2023 **Member Guest Pass Card** via postal mail. The cards were mailed to all active members on July 1. This card is valuable, so please do not lose or misplace it. If you do not receive your card by August 1, please notify **Brent Jessup** in the golf shop for a replacement. Cards lost or misplaced after August 1 will not be replaced.

This *annual membership benefit* allows you to bring up to three guests for complimentary greens fees at restricted times of the year and day. Blackout dates apply on special occasion days. *Please read the back of the card for that reminder.*

- You may use the card ANY DAY, ANY TIME during the months of December through March.
- You may use the card Monday-Thursday anytime from April through November.
- You may use the card on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and holidays after 2 pm.
- You may NOT use the card on home football Fridays.
- Card use as listed above is valid through June 30, 2023.
- ***Please remember that we are closed the last week of June each year for course maintenance, and the expiration dates are NOT extended if you fail to use them.***

June Status

June was a hot and dry month, with under an inch of rainfall recorded, but the warm weather finally got the bermudagrass growing.

The aerification process during the last week of the month went well. The greens were done as usual with ½-inch coring tines, topdressed, and rolled. Please bear with us during this time as we mow, roll lightly, topdress, and groom to get them back into good shape.

As for the fairways, the forecast was for rain all week, so we switched to a solid-tine aerification. This allows for less cleanup versus coring, which requires dry weather to get the cores picked up. The fairways were also verticut, brushed, and closely mowed, so a lot of material was still removed. In addition, the tees were vertical, and the collars were aerified. Upon completion, tees and fairways were fertilized. Recovery time should be about two weeks.

Environmental Landscapes was here during aerification week to re-build the greenside bunkers on holes 14 & 15 using the Better Billy Bunker method. The bunkers were completely cored out. The upper faces of the bunkers were restored to their original shape, and new zoysia sod was placed around the perimeter. Two inches of gravel was then spread at the bottom of the bunker over the drain lines. A polymer binding agent was sprayed onto the gravel layer. This binds the gravel together into a solid form, but is still porous allowing for water to drain through. Finally, 4-5 inches of sand is placed over the gravel. This method, while costly, virtually eliminates bunker washing even in the heaviest of rains. Maybe we will get some rain soon to test them out.

July

As you know, full recovery for the greens takes about 28 days. They will be slow and bumpy at first, but as they begin to recover, we will begin lowering the mowing height back down, begin brushing and grooming daily, applying growth regulator, and verticutting every 7-14 days. All of these processes will help to smooth the greens and increase ball roll.

The rest of the month will see us getting the course ready for events again, especially the Club Championship on July 30-31. Trimming work, spraying weeds, keeping things edged, and a few small projects will occupy any time we have beyond routine maintenance.

Also, in July, we will be cutting the natural areas back. The "turnip" patches on holes 2, 5, & 6 will have run their course. We will cut them back and then get them ready to reseed around the first of September. The fescue areas will be cut back, sprayed for weeds, and fertilized.

Lastly, be sure to use caution when entering the complex this month. A new sidewalk coming from campus along Old Stadium drive is being built on the putting green side of the entrance and will extend all the way to Lake Drive. Expect lane closures while the work takes place.

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: 180
Family: 103 Life: 28
Non-Resident: 53
Young Alumni: 9
Inactive: 4 Legacy Life: 7
Total Membership: 384

New Members

Keith Seal Steve Finger

July 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Course Closed Maintenance	2
3	4 Course Open (Holiday Rates)	5	6	7	8	9
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