



THE WALKER COURSE
 ■ AT CLEMSON UNIVERSITY ■

Upcoming Events

March

- 2 LGA Kickoff Meeting/Clinic
- 9 LGA First Play Day
- 11 PGM Carolinas Cup
- 11 Golfweek Amateur Tour
- 12 PGM Carolinas Cup
- 13 Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 19 **Super Saturday # 1**
- 24 **Educating All (AM Shotgun)**

April

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

BRENT JESSUP

PGA HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL

Join the Walker Course Ladies Golf Association

LGA 2022 President **Alyson Dildine** invites all Walker Course women members to join the LGA for their 2022 season. The year will kick off on Wednesday, March 2, with a meeting starting at 10:30 am, followed by lunch and a golf clinic conducted by Clemson Women's Golf Coach **Kelley Hester**. The first official play day is scheduled for Wednesday, March 9, at 10 am. If you are interested in joining the association, please attend the meeting or contact **Alyson Dildine**.

PKB Volunteer Thank you!

Even though the last round was canceled due to wet conditions, we had a great turnout for the annual Peggy Kirk Bell Girls Tournament held last month at the Walker Course. Eighty-three young ladies from 12 different states competed in three divisions for the rain-shortened, one-day event.

We want to say a special thank you to the following Walker Course volunteers who gave up time on their weekend to help shuttle these young golfers around:

Bonnie Bachman	Jon Bachman	Ron Brank
Scott Bridges	Scott Callison	Frank Duda
Marti Duda	Jim Hill	Steve Huffman
Mark Johnston	Alex Kilisewski	Terry Kozma
Tim Loyd	Dee Mango	Cherryl Meadows
Cheryl McRae	Rick McRae	Louise Rozendale
Gene Smith	Ben Sullivan	Sanford Toole
Greg Vaughn		

We could not host events like this without your help!

Peggy Kirk Bell Tour Results

The tournament was shortened to one round only due to Sunday rain out.

Bell National Division

Camryn Coffield	Hamilton, GA	67
Averi Cline	Suwanee, GA	69

Prep Preview Division

Zoe Duval	Cummings, GA	71
Elizabeth Sullivan	Atlanta, GA	73

Futures National

Ariel Collins	Locust Grove, GA	70* (won 6 hole playoff)
Kallyn Black	Greensboro, GA	70

Daylight Savings Time This Month

On Sunday, March 13, we convert to Daylight Savings Time hours of operation which will give us an extra hour of sunlight at the end of each day. Therefore, we will adjust our closing time beginning on Sunday, March 13, with the golf shop closing at 6:30 pm and the practice range closing at 6:00 pm. Be sure to take advantage of the extra time after work to practice.

2022 Member Event Calendar

Your 2022 Member Golf Event season starts this month with the kickoff of another season of Super Saturday competitions, Member-Member, Member-Invitational, and club championships. Each event's sign-up flyer is posted on the golf shop door two weeks in advance for you to sign up. All events are open to all members (male or female). All you need is the desire to play AND a current GHIN handicap index. We look forward to increasing the size of these events with over 50 new eligible members since last year!

Be sure to mark your calendar with this season's golf events:

Super Saturdays (5)	March 19, April 9, May 7, August 20, September 24
Couples Twilight	April 29
Member Invitational	May 20 & 21
Member-Member	June 25
Club Championship	July 30 & 31
Senior Club Championship	October 7 & 8
Member's Tough Day	December 10

Super Saturday Season

Super Saturday is a monthly competition open to all members. This season we will have a total of five competitions. Players will be required to play and post three scores (gross and net) for the season-long event. You do not have to play in all five events. You only need to play in three of your choice. Play will be divided among the different "tee" sets: purple hybrid, white, gold, and red. The entry fee is \$40 per player for the entire season, whether you play one event or all five. The entry fee goes toward the payout at the end of the season. Current USGA GHIN handicaps are used for each competition. The sign-up deadline for each month is Thursday evening before the Saturday competition round.

Welcome Tom Mall

You may have noticed a new face behind the golf shop counter recently. Last month we hired **Tom Mall** to assist in the golf shop. Tom is a retired educator, coach, and athletic director from Lincoln Park, Michigan. Before joining us, Tom worked in the golf shop at *Washtenaw Golf Club* in Michigan and locally at *The Club at Brookstone* in Anderson. Please be sure to welcome Tom to the Walker Course the next time you come in!



John Pantaloni Aces #8!

Congratulations to **John Pantaloni** for his recent hole-in-one at hole number eight on January 25. His perfect shot was scored with an XXIO 5-iron. Witnesses were **Cliff Smith**, **Gary Schneider**, and **Charles Rutland**. Mr. Pantaloni was not a member of the hole-in-one club. However, he has since decided to join! Are you entered to win the next jackpot?

Mark Fellers Hole-In-One!

Congratulations to **Mark Fellers** for his ace on hole #4 on February 15. Mr. Fellers was using his Ping 9 iron for the shot. "Protest" witnesses were **Smiley Sanders**, **John Coakley**, and **Charlie Barron**. Mr. Fellers was also not a member of the hole-in-one club, so the jackpot is still sitting at \$210.00.

Glenn Cantrell wins SCGA Hole-In-One Contest Drawing

Congratulations to **Glenn Cantrell** for his recent drawing winner notification from the Carolinas Golf Association! Mr. Cantrell won a drawing from among ALL the holes-in-one scored in the Carolinas (North & South) for the 2021 year. He received a nice gift package for his Walker Course 2021 hole-in-one.

Practice Range Equipment Issue

We want to make you aware of an equipment issue that has forced us to shorten our range hours at the end of the day. Our heavy-duty range picker has a broken part that requires us to manually pick up the range balls each day. To make matters worse, there is a supply chain shortage of the needed replacement part. Until we can get the part replaced, we will be closing the range 30 minutes earlier to allow our staff time to pick up the balls by hand before it gets dark. Hopefully, the part will arrive soon so we can return to our normal practice range closing time. Your understanding is greatly appreciated.

Winter Update

Someone said to me the other day, "I bet you are ready for the weather to get warm and the course to green up!" They were a bit surprised when I responded, "No, not really." Seeing the course dormant and free of weeds tells me we have time to focus on projects and improvements, which is much more gratifying than routine mowing day after day. We now have time to accomplish things you may have been wondering about for a while.

The following is some of our recent work:

- repairing liner and adding sand in bunkers
- underbrushing overgrown areas
- pruning low hanging limbs
- replacing the hitting mat at the practice tee
- making structural repairs underneath the bridges on 6 and 16
- removing trees shading the 5th and 13th tees
- replacing the footbridge on 6
- renovating the last fairway bunker on 10
- pressure washing all of the tee signs
- cutting back the lantana flower beds

As we move into March, we will continue with this type of work as time and weather permits. Most of it will be small things, but they all add up and put us in a better position when it does warm up, and the grass starts growing. It won't be long!

New Hitting Mat

By now, hopefully, you have seen and used the new artificial turf hitting mat that was installed in January. The old turf was removed, the frame was replaced, the subgrade was smoothed, and a new, denser surface was installed. In addition, the mat was extended by 20 feet to allow for three additional stations. The new surface will accept a tee as well. The surface may feel a little spongy at first, but it will settle down a little over time. We have already had a couple of weeks to allow the natural grass to have some recovery time. We do not like having to restrict practice to the mat, but at least now we have a much better surface from which to hit.

March Goals

We will be continuing to do some winter project work in March. Underbrushing, sand replenishment, spreading mulch, and treating beds for weeds. How much we get done will be dependent on whether we have an early spring or not. If it warms up, we will be back to more routine mowing.

On the greens, we will begin light rates of fertilizer as the weather allows. We will also begin to apply fungicides as needed. Solid tine venting of the greens late is on our schedule later in the month, but that is minimally invasive with little impact on ball roll. The greens need to be aerated to improve water movement and allow them to breathe a bit.

March 7, we will be applying pre-emergent herbicide and fertilizer to the course with the bulk spreader truck.

As mentioned above, routine mowing will begin as the weather and turf green-up dictate, but we will be scalping down the rough to get rid of all the dead, dormant material.

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: 184
Family: 99 Life: 26
Non-Resident: 49
Young Alumni: 10
Inactive: 5 Legacy Life: 7
Total Membership: 380

New Members

Maurice Crowley Edwin C. Roseberry, III

March 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 LGA Kickoff Meeting and Clinic	3	4	5
6	7 Closed	8	9 LGA First Play Day	10	11 PGM Carolinas Cup Golfweek Armature Tour	12 PGM Carolinas Cup
13 Daylight Savings Time Begins	14 Closed	15	16	17	18	19 Super Saturday #1
20	21 Closed	22	23	24 Education All (AM Shotgun)	25	26
27	28 Closed	29	30	31		