



**THE
WALKER COURSE**
■ AT CLEMSON UNIVERSITY ■

Upcoming Events

November

2	LGA Season Finale (9 Holes PM)
6	Standard Time Begins
7	Closed
7-9	Fall Golf Excursion
11	Home Football Friday
12	Louisville at Clemson
14	Closed
18	Home Football Friday
19	Miami at Clemson
21	Closed
24	Closed: Thanksgiving
25	Home Football Friday
26	South Carolina at Clemson
28	Closed

December

1	9 AM Tee Times Begin
3	ACC Football Championship
5	Closed
9-11	Christmas Sale Weekend
10	WCMA Annual Meeting
10	WCMA Tough Day
12	Closed
19	Closed
24-26	Closed: Christmas Holidays
31	Open

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PGA HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL

D.A.C. (Development & Alumni Center) Building Project Beginning Soon

We are counting down the days until the new building project kicks off! We expect demolition to start right after the USC/Clemson game weekend. Our management team has been meeting with the project leaders every week for the last several months to discuss the logistics and timeline. The project is expected to take 18-24 months to complete, and there will be disruptions to our operation along the way. We are working to minimize those as much as possible, and last-minute adjustments will be made as needed.

The first phase will be the site preparation work of removing the tennis courts and swimming pool. This ground will be converted to a “lay down area” and a temporary cart barn so the work can first focus on the necessary changes to the right of Lake Drive. Fencing will also go up around the entire building’s construction work area, including the #18 green. We are preparing temporary greens to play from during that time. The exact time frame for how long we will be using these on hole #18 is not firm yet. A temporary re-routing of golf cart paths on hole #18 will also occur promptly. “Temporary” will become our new “buzzword” for the next 24 months.

We expect to be able to stay in the current clubhouse building until December of 2023 if all goes as planned. We will share more information about the phases and their effects on our golf operations at the annual meeting in December. You won’t want to miss staying up with the latest developments and progress. The end product will be worth the disruptions!

Fall Golf Trip

Our annual fall golf excursion is heading to Kingsport, Tennessee, for three days at *Warrior’s Path State Park Golf Course* and *Marriott’s Cattails at Meadowview*. If you would like to make the trip, please call the golf shop for more details. We will leave on Monday, November 7, and return home following our final round on Wednesday, November 9. The total cost is \$420 for a shared room and \$575 for single occupancy rooms. The rate includes all golf rounds and games. The only additional expense is your meals. Always room for more!

Time Change

On Sunday morning, November 6, we return to Standard Time. This means we “fall” back one hour, losing evening daylight and gaining morning daylight. It also signals the time of year that frost delays become normal.

Each day’s first starting time will remain at 8:00 am (barring frost delays) until December 1. If you see frost and have an early morning tee time, please call the golf shop to confirm. We will send out frost notices to the early morning tee times but not to all times since we usually catch up within an hour of getting started. Your understanding is appreciated.

Closed Mondays

We have also reached the time of year when we are closed on Mondays. This change will be in place through March. We will be open on Mondays again in April, May, September, and October 2023.

Practice Range Hours

With the return to Standard Time, we will close the range each day at 4:45 pm to allow our staff time to retrieve the golf balls before dark. We will only allow one small bucket of balls after 4:00 pm. If you plan to practice, do it early before the sun sets, and the temperatures fall. Thank you for your cooperation.

Group Starting Time Adjustments

Due to the shortened days, our early morning block times will adjust for the following groups:

<u>Group</u>	<u>October</u>	<u>November</u>
Tue / Thurs Seniors	9:00 AM	10:00 AM
Wed. LGA	9:00 AM	10:00 AM
Wed. Powell Pals	11:00 AM	10:30 AM
Tue / Thurs Hybrid	9:50 AM	10:50 AM
Fri LGA	9:00 AM	10:00 AM

If you did not see your group listed above, there is no change in November's starting times.

LGA Championship Results

The LGA Championship was played on October 18 & 19. **Alyson Dildine** captured the gross division championship (157), and **Marti Duda** won the net division championship (149).

We Are the Match Play Champions

We are all done for this year. Congratulations to the following members that captured their respective divisional championships. The winner and runner-up in each division received shop credits to use for future merchandise purchases. We had 38 golfers compete in our largest member turnout event of the year. Thanks to everyone for playing!

<u>Flight</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Runner-Up</u>
Men's Championship	Ross Tomberlin	Carl Sitler
Women's Championship	Debbie Abu-Eideh	Mary Brock
Hybrid Championship	Tom Turpin	Duke Craft
White Tee Championship	Jerry Handegan	Rick Hamilton
Gold Tee Championship	Mike Wallace	Frank Duda

October Status

October has been extremely dry. We went the entire month with less than a tenth of an inch of rain until October 31, when we had almost an inch. In fact, we went nearly 50 days without any significant rain. Combine that with three consecutive days of frost on the 19th - 21st, and the course is very off-color.

October accomplishments:

- Made our second application of spring dead spot control to the tees and fairways.
- Made several applications to the greens including a second spring dead spot application and our regular fertilizer.
- Treated the course for fire ants.

The dry weather has the newly seeded natural areas, both the "turnips patches" on 2, 5, & 6 and the new fescue area on 14, coming in slower than expected.

The same can be said for the overseeding of the practice tees and the par 3s. They were a little slow to establish, but we appear to have a good stand. Thank you for your patience as we utilized the mat to get the tees off to a good start.

Use of Mats on Holes 4 & 12

As I mentioned last month, we are using hitting mats on holes 4 & 12 this winter. This practice has been gaining popularity at courses in the Carolinas as an alternative to overseeding. The mats were put out the last week of October.

The reasons for using the mats are as follows:

- 1) The cost to seed and maintain ryegrass throughout the winter
 - Ryegrass seed has doubled in price over the last two years.
 - Fertilizer and fuel costs have seen steep increases as well.
- 2) The toll that overseeding takes on the base Bermudagrass turf
 - Overseeding competes with the bermudagrass and weakens it when it tries to exit dormancy in the spring.
 - Allowing the bermudagrass to go dormant without competition from the ryegrass allows it to come back much stronger in the spring.
- 3) Leaving the tees dormant allows us to clean up winter weeds such as poa annua, which is very difficult when the tee has been overseeded.

Why are we using the mats on 4 & 12 and not 8 & 17?

- For the first year, we wanted to do a trial on two par 3s instead of all four to get some comparison.
- Holes 4 & 12 receive the most wear and tear of all the par 3s and traditionally transition the worst.

The mats are made of the same material as the new hitting mat on the range, and they will accept a tee. As with the new mat at the range, the turf will feel a little spongy at first, but the fibers will tighten up as they weather and will become firmer underfoot with use.

Temporary Greens Installed on #18

At the end of October, we installed two temporary greens on hole #18. These will be utilized once construction of the new Alumni Center begins in December, and we are unable to use the current 18th green.

Why two temporary greens, you ask? From December through March, we will continue to play the hole as a par 4, moving to the temporary green just in front of the current one. Then sometime in late March, we hope to begin construction on the new, permanent 18th green. This will require us to move to the other temporary green and play the hole as a par 3. Construction should take 4-5 months. We hope to open the new 18th hole late next summer.

For these new temporary greens, the fairway grass has been stripped, the area leveled, and greens-grade Tif Eagle sod laid. Ideally, this work would have been done during the summer months to give the sod time to establish, but we did not receive clearance to proceed until recently. Hopefully, the sod will put down some roots before going dormant, but just in case, we plan to overseed it with ryegrass and poa triv, which will grow throughout the winter.

New Tee on Six

As part of the Perimeter Road widening project, we added a new rear tee on the sixth hole. Since the area behind it was cleared and leveled, it presented the ideal opportunity to add this tee, as previously discussed.

Again, October is a little late for laying sod, but the timing of the road construction dictated that we go ahead and get it done. This tee will allow us to lengthen the hole if desired for certain events.

November Goals

November brings cooler temps and peak leaf drop. We will be busy blowing these leaves, and with grass growth slowing, we will transition from routine mowing to winter project work. This will include under-brushing, removing dead trees, adding sand, repairing bunker liners where needed, and improving drainage in a few places. We have already made our winter herbicide application to keep the course clean and weed-free through the spring.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Pro-Shop

Operating Hours:

Monday
Closed
Tuesday—Sunday
7:30 am—5:30 pm

Practice Range Hours:

Monday
Closed
Tuesday—Sunday
7:45 am—4:45pm
(Weather Permitting)

Brent Jessup

Head Golf Professional

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Don Garrett

Course Superintendent

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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: 179
Family: 101 Life: 28
Non-Resident: 56
Young Alumni: 13
Inactive: 1 Legacy Life: 7
Total Membership: 385

New Members

Noah & Kimberly Waldera **Travis Blanks**
Tony & Sandy Alford **Gary “Paul” Dygert**
Randy Sturgis

Member Resignations

Jim Abercrombie **Scott Schoedel**
Jeff & Brenda Barton **Jonathan & Ana Silkworth**

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