



THE WALKER COURSE

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

Upcoming Events

October

- 01 Clemson vs. NC State
- 03 PGA Playing Ability Test
- 05 LGA Member Guest
- 06 NHC Tournament (2pm)
- 7-8 Senior Club Championship
- 10 High School Regional Tournament
- 17 Open Monday (11am)
- 18-19 LGA Championship
- 21 Home Football Friday
- 22 Clemson vs. Syracuse
- 24 CLOSED Monday (maintenance)
- 31 Open Monday (11am)

November

- 02 LGA Last Play Day
- 7-9 Fall Golf Trip
- 11 Home Football Friday
- 12 Clemson vs. Louisville
- 18 Home Football Friday
- 19 Clemson vs. Miami
- 24 CLOSED (Thanksgiving Day)
- 25 Home Football Friday
- 26 Clemson vs. USC

BRENT JESSUP

PGA HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL

Senior Club Championship

The 2022 Men's Senior Club Championship will take place on Friday & Saturday mornings, October 7-8. Entry fee is \$10 per player plus cart fees. This is a stroke play championship. No handicap (net) divisions. There are two divisions: regular (55+) and super senior (70+). Eighteen holes each day, with the 36-hole total score being declared the winner of each division. Sign up by Thursday, October 6. Last year's defending champions are Mark **Leising** and **Jack Mansmann**.

Match Play Championship

The championship matches in each division are due to be played this month by the 18th.

Good luck to the following contestants:

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| Men's Championship | Ross Tomberlin vs. Carl Sitler |
| Men's Hybrid | Tom Turpin vs. Duke Craft |
| Men's Regular | Rick Hamilton vs. Jerry Handegan |
| Men's Gold | Mike Wallace defeated Frank Duda |
| Women's Championship | Debbie Abu-Eideh vs. Mary Brock |

Senior Interclub Season Update

The season ended abruptly last month as our senior interclub team lost the first-round playoff match against a very impressive **Daniel Island Club** team. Team captain **Jack Mansmann** and partner **Jim LaRue** won their match at Daniel Island, but our other three twosome partners lost their matches. The final score was 43.5 to 36.5.

A huge thanks to Captain **Jack Mansmann** for planning, scheduling, and coordinating players for each match. Hopefully, we can talk him into a third year as captain in 2023. Thanks to all our members that took part in the interclub season. Better luck in 2023!

Sundown Early

With the reduced daylight hours, we are making our annual adjustment to the closing time for the practice range. Beginning Tuesday, October 18, we will close the range at 5:30 pm to allow time to pick up balls before dark. You can still get one small bucket for practice between 5:00 pm and 5:30 pm. Once daylight savings time changes in November, we will adjust closing to 5:00 pm.

Super Saturday Final Results

Round five was played last month as the season came to an end. **Carl Ford** won round five low net field honors with a 78/net 66 score.

Overall season winners in each division will receive the following shop credits for their finish:

Red Gross	258	Mary Brock	Red Net	231	Cherryl Meadows
Gold 1 st Gross	247	Carl Ford	Gold 1 st Net	217	Bob Starnes
Gold 2 nd Gross	249	Mike Wallace	Gold 2 nd Net	221	Frank Duda
Hybrid 1 st Gross	226	Carl Sitler	Hybrid 1 st Net	221	Mark Johnston
Hybrid 2 nd Gross	228	Ross Tomberlin	Hybrid 2 nd Net	225	Kirk Luna
Hybrid 3 rd Gross	237	Keith Crownover	Hybrid 3 rd Net	226	Jeff Allen

Low net field winners: **Jeff Allen, Ross Tomberlin, Mark Johnston, Kirk Luna, and Carl Ford.**
Thanks to everyone who participated this season!

Fall Golf Trip

Trip dates for this fall are November 7-9. We will take sixteen golfers for this three-day outing. Due to the recent hurricane, our destination has not been confirmed yet. We are either heading to Fripp Island or the Tri-City area of east Tennessee. Please contact the golf shop in the coming days for the destination location.

A New Face in the Shop

You may have noticed a new face in the golf shop recently. Former Walker Course member and recently retired educator **Brett Bodell** is joining us on a part-time basis. As we look forward to a larger golf shop operation in the new building, **Brett** will be fully trained and ready to assist as our footprint increases.

Fred W. Hoover (1930-2022)

We are sad to report the recent passing of "Doc" Fred Hoover on September 6. Doc was a charter member of The Walker Course. He joined on March 3, 1992, three years before the opening of the golf course. He was the head athletic trainer at Clemson for 40 years. He was an active member playing golf with many of his former athletes through the years.

September Status

September was wet to start, then turned dry. Originally forecast to get 3-5 inches of rain from the remnants of Hurricane Ian, we barely got a quarter of an inch. Even though we needed some rain, I'd rather stay dry than have 5 inches.

In September, we accomplished the following:

- Made our first application of fungicide to the tees, fairways, and greens to control spring dead spots
- Applied a growth regulator to the greens to control seed heads
- Re-seeded the natural area to the right of #14 tees
- Treated the driving range with a post and pre-emergent herbicide for weed control

Last year at this time, I mentioned how puffy the turf was on the tees and how it was scalping. We were, therefore, getting new units to make it easier to verticut tees removing thatch and helping with this issue. In addition, we made some changes to our tee mowers by adding groomer attachments and adjusting the down pressure on the cutting units themselves. I feel this has markedly improved the quality and appearance of the tees, as they are tighter, less fluffy, and have very few scalping issues.

October Goals

- Treat the course for fire ants, as cooler temperatures and rain have brought them to the surface
- Overseed tees
- Make our second application of fungicide to the tees, fairways, and greens for spring dead spot
- Apply nematicide to select greens
- Treat for dallisgrass control
- Begin blowing leaves as they fall

Overseeding

Overseeding of tees will be done the week of October 3-7. The practice tees will be done on Monday, October 3. Please note that we will restrict practice to the mat for a couple of weeks to allow the seed to get off to a good start. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding. As for the par 3s, we will only be overseeding holes 8 & 17 this fall. On holes 4 & 12, we plan to experiment with using hitting mats, as shown in the picture below. This practice has been gaining popularity as an alternative to overseeding, and I have seen it used at Lonnie Poole GC at NC State and at Greenville CC's Chanticleer course. There are numerous reasons for utilizing mats. One is the cost to seed and maintain ryegrass throughout the winter. For various reasons, ryegrass seed and fuel have seen a steep increase in price over the last two years. Another reason is the toll that overseeding takes on the base Bermuda 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 the competition from the ryegrass allows it to return much stronger. Finally, not overseeding allows us the opportunity to clean up weeds such as poa annua, which is very difficult when the tee has been overseeded.

The mats are made of the same material as the new hitting mat on the range and will accept a tee. Keep in mind that the overseeded tees will be soggy as we water lightly and frequently to promote rapid germination and establishment.



Hitting mat for use in winter instead of overseeding tees, Lonnie Poole GC, Raleigh NC

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Pro-Shop

Operating Hours:

Monday
11:00 am—7:00 pm
Tuesday—Sunday
7:30 am—7:00 pm

Practice Range Hours:

Monday
12:00 pm—6:30 pm
Tuesday—Sunday
7:45 am—6:30pm
(Weather Permitting)

Brent Jessup

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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: 103 Life: 26
Non-Resident: 48
Young Alumni: 11
Inactive: 4 Legacy Life: 7
Total Membership: 381

New Members

Sean Nolan Paul Dunnivant

Member Resignations

Tom Kearse Tyler & Katie Miers

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