



THE
WALKER COURSE

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

Upcoming Events

September

- 05 Open, Holiday Rates
09 Home Football Friday
10 Clemson vs Furman
(3:30 PM)
12 Open Monday (11 AM)
16 Home Football Friday
17 Clemson vs LA Tech
(8 PM)
19 CLOSED Monday:
Maintenance
24 Super Saturday # 5
26 Mountain Tour (AM)
30 Home Football Friday
30 Jim White Memorial
(PM)

October

- 01 Clemson vs NC State
03 PGA Playing Ability Test
05 LGA Member Guest
(AM)
06 NHC (2 PM)
7-8 Senior Club
Championship
10 High School Regionals
17 Open Monday (11 AM)
18-19 LGA Championship
21 Home Football Friday
22 Clemson vs Syracuse
24 CLOSED Monday:
Maintenance
31 Open Monday (11 AM)

BRENT JESSUP

PGA HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL

Super Saturday Finale

Round Five, the final round, is scheduled this month for September 24th. If you don't have three scores posted for the season, you need to play this final round of the season in order to have a total season score. The competition field this year has been the smallest in recent years, so the number of winners will be reduced as well. The deadline for signing up is Thursday, September 22nd at 5 p.m.

Leaders After Four Rounds

Red	Gross	Mary Brock	273
Red	Net	Cindy Starnes	242
Gold	Gross	Mike Wallace	252
Gold	Net	Carl Ford & Frank Duda	224
PW	Gross	Carl Sitler	226
PW	Net	Mark Johnston	221

Public Greens Fee Rates Increase

On September 1st, public golfer greens fee rates increased by \$5.00, across the board. Please be aware of this as you plan for guests.

Football Weekends

Football season brings higher than normal demand for tee times from alumni and visitors in town for home game weekends. Be sure to use your member privilege two-week window to reserve tee times before the public golfers have access to those times. Also remember, member-guest pass cards **cannot** be used before 3 p.m. on game weekends.

Senior Interclub Playoffs

The *Walker Course* senior interclub team will play their first-round match against the seniors from *Daniel Island Golf Club* on September 21st. Half of the eight-player team plays here and half play at **Daniel Island**. Scores from both courses are then combined and the winning team moves on to the next round of playoffs. Good luck guys! Keep moving toward those *Pinehurst* finals.

Good-Bye Swimming Pool

On Monday, September 5th we will close the *Walker Course* swimming pool for the final time at its' current location. After 27 years, the pool will be closed for good as the new administrative building project gets underway and takes over that space. A new swimming pool will be built behind the *James F. Martin Inn* for the 2023 season. We look forward to sharing more detailed information as plans are finalized. Exciting times are ahead for our entire conference center complex as this massive project gets underway in December.

We want to extend a hearty thank you to **Ally Emerson**, for her years of service first, as a lifeguard, and then later as pool manager. Also, thanks to her wonderful staff for keeping our swimmers safe during their pool visits this summer.

Course Care & Golf Carts

As the golf season heads into the most beautiful time of the year, we continue to receive “awareness calls” about golfers (members and the public) blatantly disregarding the cart rules, *especially around the greens*. In order to end this continued abuse of the course, and to protect and maintain course conditions for all, our staff will issue one verbal warning to these violators and then, if additional violations are witnessed, we will suspend their cart rental privileges for 30 days. Continuing violations by the same golfers will result in extended suspension of cart rental privileges.

Please do your part and follow the cart rules. Blue flag exempt cart operators are also subject to these suspensions. **EVERYONE must keep carts on the path when you are within 50 feet of the greens, no exception.**

#9 Green, #11 Green, # 12 Green: 50 Feet??



August Status

August was the wettest month of the year so far, as we recorded nearly 7 inches of rain. It was a fairly routine month maintenance-wise. In addition to our regular mowing schedule, we were able to accomplish the following:

- Greens were double verticut every Monday during the month and top-dressed three times. I feel this was by far the best summer surface grooming and management program we have had since we installed the zoysia. In addition, we applied growth regulator to the greens every 10 days and groomed daily.
- We were unable to schedule solid deep tine aerification this summer as we did last August, however we did poke a small hole in the greens with our machine to help with water penetration and air exchange.
- As we always do in August, we brushed and closely mowed the fairways early in the month to alleviate grain and keep the bermudagrass from getting too fluffy and thick.
- Unfortunately, we were unable to verticut the tees as planned due to rain and understaffing. However, I feel like our tee management program has really paid dividends with the tees being much tighter than in years past.
- On Monday the 22nd, we applied a slow -release nitrogen 19-0-25 fall fertilizer application to all areas of the course.
- We have begun mowing down the natural areas on the course but a mower breakdown and issues getting parts has kept us from completing all areas. The turnip patches have been mowed and we will be reseeding them soon. In addition, we have sprayed out the area right of 14 tees and will be reseeding it with fescue. This area has become weedy and needs a fresh start.
- Environmental Landscapes came in at the end of the month and sodded some areas on holes 5, 17 & 18.

September Goals

- Continue to verticut and lightly top-dress greens as long as the temperature stays warm.
- Treat the course for fire ants which will be emerging with the (hopefully) cooler temperatures
- Begin Spring Dead Spot control applications to greens, tees and fairways. This program has worked great the last 2 years.
- Apply a Potassium based fertilizer to the greens to assist hardening off for the winter.
- Apply growth regulator to greens to control seed heads that occur around the third week of the month.
- Prep and re-seed natural areas on 2/6 and 5.
- Seed the area to the right of 14 tee with fescue
- Raise height of cut slightly on tees and fairways around mid-month to allow some additional growth prior to the onset of dormancy. This assists the bermudagrass in surviving the cold months of the year while it is not actively growing.

Bluebirds

A special thank you to **Jerry and Bev Crabtree** for monitoring our bluebird boxes again this year. They provide monthly reports and recommendations. They log activity each month by box and report that 13 of our 15 boxes had activity and fledged a total of 83 bluebirds!

Home Lawn Tip

For those of you with warm-season lawns who want to try to keep them weed-free this winter, now is the time to apply a pre-emergent herbicide for winter annuals and poa annua (annual bluegrass). Most home and garden centers have a material in granular form that you can apply. A follow-up application in December or January will likely be necessary to achieve season long control.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Pro-Shop
Operating Hours:
 Monday
 Closed
 Tuesday—Sunday
 7:30 a.m.—7:00 p.m.
Practice Range Hours:
 Monday
 Closed
 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: 101 Life: 28
Non-Resident: 57
Young Alumni: 11
Inactive: 2 Legacy Life: 8
Total Membership: 387

New Members

Giles & Christine Schanen
 Ashley & Lucas Harper
 William R. Gibson
 Jacob Cameron
 David & Barbara Nadler
 Chad Pye

Member Resignations

Ali & Josh Seabaugh
 Thomas & Melissa Sharkey

September 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5 Open Holiday Rates	6	7	8	9 Home Football Friday	10 Clemson vs Furman (3:30 PM)
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