



THE
WALKER COURSE
■ AT CLEMSON UNIVERSITY ■

Upcoming Events

August

- 07 Closed Monday
- 11-13 Move-In Weekend
- 14 Closed Monday
- 21 Closed Monday
- 23 Classes Begin
- 26 Kappa Sigma
Tournament
(2 PM shotgun)
- 28 Closed Monday

September

- 04 Open Monday
- 04 Clemson vs. Duke
- 07 Battle Buddies
(2 PM shotgun)
- 08 Home Football Friday
- 09 Charles Southern at
Clemson (2 PM)
- 11 Open Monday
(11 AM)
- 12 HMR Veterans (2
pm shotgun)
- 15 Home Football Friday
- 16 Fla. Atlantic at
Clemson (8 PM)
- 18 Open Monday
(11 AM)
- 18 Mountain Tour (PM)
- 21 Cosmic Clemson
Tournament (2 PM shotgun)
- 22 Home Football Friday
- 23 FSU at Clemson
- 25 Corse Closed

BRENT JESSUP

PGA HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL



Junior Club Championship

We revived our junior club championship this past month and had seven juniors participate. The first round was canceled due to lightning warnings on the first hole of play! The final round was cut short also due to lightning warnings. However, we did count the holes completed to determine our age division champions for this year. Congratulations to our winners and everyone else that played. Glad to see enough interest in junior golf to hold a competition. Hopefully, it will continue to grow in the coming years. Thanks also to the parents and family that served as chaperones to keep our juniors hydrated and playing!

Age Division

- 15-17
- 12-14
- 11 & Under

Winner

- James Epting**
- Casper Lockhart**
- Tucker Epting**



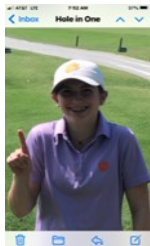
Tomberlin & Brock Capture Stroke Play Championships

Congratulations to **Ross Tomberlin** and **Mary Brock** for their wins last month in the stroke play club championship. **Mr. Tomberlin** won his first stroke play championship with a score of (148), four strokes better than runner-up **TJ Grove**. On the women's championship side, **Mrs. Brock** captured her second consecutive stroke play championship with a (172) total. Also, congrats to **Keith Crownover**, who scored a hole-in-one on the 18th hole to tie for the first-round lead but faded back on Sunday.

Gregg Meyers and **Nate Lockhart** won the Purple/White hybrid tee flights. Congratulations to all our members that withstood the heat!

Senior Interclub Update

Your senior interclub team won their final regular season match at *The Walker Course* last month by defeating *The Patriot Club* by scoring 41.5 to 38.5. Team Walker won the regular season POD and moved on to the playoffs. Stay tuned .



Two Aces, Same Day!

Congratulations to Walker Course members: **Keith Crownover** and **Bailey Brunson** for scoring holes-in-one on the temporary par three, hole number 18. **Mr. Crownover** was competing in the club championship when he closed out his first round with a seven-iron ace. Playing witnesses were **Clay Baldwin** and **Chris Shelnut**. **Mr. Crownover** WAS a Walker Course HIO Club member and collected the \$300 jackpot. He immediately funded the next HIO Club Jackpot # 36. Time for everyone to rejoin the HIO club. Five dollars cash per member. Drop by the shop and get signed up.

Two hours later, sixteen-year-old **Bailey Brunson** jarred her 103-yard Ping pitching wedge on the same hole. Her dad, James Brunson, and John Tucker witnessed her first ace. The ace also helped her card her career best score of 78! Congratulations to both acers!

More Aces!

Congratulations to **Andy Walker** for his hole-in-one on hole # 4 on August 1st. **Mr. Walker's** 148 yard, six-iron shot was witnessed by **Hal White, Denny Dillon, and Gregg Meyers**. Congratulations to **Jimmy Dean** for his hole-in-one, the next day, on hole # 18, August 2nd. **Mr. Dean's** 110-yard Callaway pitching wedge shot was witnessed by **Bill Reardon, Scott Callison, and Tom Doss**

Summer Membership Meeting

Our first ever mid-year membership meeting was held last month with nearly 60 members in attendance. Don Garrett and Brent Jessup gave progress reports. Several suggestions were made from the floor, and we are working to complete as many of those as possible.

One request was to allow **Daniel High School** golf teams to use **The Walker Course** as their home course for practice and play. We forwarded that request for review and comment to the Clemson University NCAA Compliance officer and were informed that since The Walker Course is affiliated directly with

Clemson University, it is a violation to provide free or reduced services or rates for any junior high or high school students whether on a team or as an individual. However, this does not prohibit students or teams from playing or practicing here as long as they pay the standard rates available to Clemson students for greens fees and /or range balls.

A Note from the Handicap Committee

During July, The *Handicap Committee* conducted a series of random audits. The focus was on the timeliness and accuracy of score postings. The audit results show that several players need to post their scores in GHIN or post scores on the day(s) after the day of play. The *New World Handicap System* implemented several years ago, has several automated algorithms related to scoring and handicapping. The new system adjusts handicap indexes every time you post your score for a round. It looks for abnormal conditions that cause a course to play easier or harder. For the algorithm to work correctly, scores **must be posted on the day of play**.

The audit also found several scoring issues. Several scores posted were lower due to the need for clarification on scoring hole # 18. **As a reminder, you need to adjust your score on hole #18 for handicap purposes as a par.** In other words, while it is a temporary green, a (3) on # 18 should be a (4) for handicap purposes. A birdie (2) should be a (3), and a bogey (4) should be a (5). We also noted a couple of scores higher than the scorecard.

Please pay close attention to what and when you post your score in GHIN. Thanks for your cooperation.

July was dry until the end of the month when we received 2.3" in about an hour on the eve of the Club Championship. The bunkers were washed, and the creek got out, but the maintenance staff got everything put back together and cleaned up with only a 30 minute delay on the following morning. Special thanks to those employees who came in on their weekend off to help at the last minute.

The greens recovered about as we expected, and we began getting aggressive with our light verticutting late in the month. The fairways healed up nicely as well. We made a growth regulator treatment the second week of July to tighten them up.

Tees were verticut mid-month. After recovery, I can't recall them ever looking better. I'd like to do them again, but we are running out of growing season. The bunker work on 4 and 9 has turned out well. We have also added sand to some bunkers that were shy. All bunkers were edged in late July.

The Lower 9 fairway was topdressed twice during the month. That brings us to 4 times total this summer. We plan to do it two more times in August. We are starting to see a nice base of sand forming, which over time, will begin to firm this fairway up. Please remember that this is a long term (3-5 years) process and that this fairway sits just above the water table.

As requested, the sandboxes were also put back out on the Par 3 tees.

Drainage installation on the #1 fairway has been delayed and will not occur until late August. We hope to address several other spots in fairways throughout the fall. As we do each hole, we will play the hole as a par 3 until the work is completed.

August Goals

We will aggressively groom and manage the putting surfaces in August, including weekly vertical mowing and biweekly light topdressing. A growth regulator is applied every 7-10 days, and we groom daily. Around mid-month, we will also vent the greens with small tines, which will have very little negative effect on putting.

The fairways will be brushed and mowed closely to remove excess growth and grain this month as well. This helps prevent the fairways from becoming so puffy later in the fall. They will have a scalped appearance but will recover in 5-7 days. Once they have healed, a final application of growth regulator will be applied.

We will apply our fall feed fertilizer to the course on August 21st. This fertilizer includes significant potassium to help the turf harden off before dormancy. All the nitrogen in this product is slow release, so it will feed the turf slowly and consistently through the remainder of the summer and fall until dormancy without any flush of growth.

The natural areas will be cut back early in the month. Areas on holes 6, 7, 8 & 9 will also be prepped for conversion to tall fescue in August, with seeding occurring in September.

18th Hole Update

I'd love to tell you that we will have everything wrapped up and the hole re-opened any day now, but that is not the case. We are still at the mercy of things beyond our control, but I am hopeful we can open it sometime in September.

The silt fence running across the middle of the fairway has been removed, and the area has been graded, tied in, and sodded. I'm very happy to have this done. You can really start to see how the hole will play.

The Alumni Center construction fence has been moved back enough that we can do some tie in at the back of the green and tie in the cart path. However, because of some unknowns and future possible grade changes, we are going to leave some of this path unpaved for now.

The green is coming in, and we aerified it with small tines on August 1. Unfortunately, as we have lowered the mowing height, we have noticed there are several areas that are contaminated with an off type of grass. This is very disappointing and will require us to sod and plug these areas out. This is not only tedious and time consuming but will likely result in these areas not being just how we want them when we open.

Summer Staff

Once again, we have been blessed with an excellent crew this summer. We are so fortunate to have a dedicated group that takes pride in their work. Finding people to get up early to be at work by 6 AM can be tough, not to mention working in all of the elements and having to work mornings every other weekend.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Pro-Shop

Operating Hours:

Monday
(Seasonal)
Tuesday—Sunday
7:30 am—7:00 pm

Practice Range Hours:

Monday
12:00 pm—6:45 pm
Tuesday—Sunday
7:45 am—6:45 pm
(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: 191
Family: 87 Life: 28
Non-Resident: 61
Young Alumni: 12
Inactive: 2 Legacy Life: 11
Total Membership: 392

New Members

Mark Mussman Artie Burns

Resigned Members

Terrence Oglesby

August 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Closed Monday	8	3	10	11 Move -in Weekend	12 Move -in Weekend
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