



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

Upcoming Events

February

02 Range Open until 5 pm

March

01 LGA Season Kick-Off
18 Five Club Challenge
23 Educating
All Tournament
27 SCGCSA Turf Outing

BRENT JESSUP

PGA HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL



Clemson Alumni Center Construction Begins

On February 1st, Clemson University broke ground on the new Alumni Center being constructed here at the Conference Center Complex. This new facility will house several university departments, and a new and larger Walker Course golf shop and grill will occupy the ground floor. The target occupation date for the building is the Fall of 2024. As Phase One of the site preparation begins this month, we will see lots of activity involving our golf operation. First will be the site preparation and construction of a “temporary cart shed” on the old swimming pool and tennis courts. (The new swimming pool will be constructed behind the James F. Martin Inn). The “temporary” cart shed is necessary to transfer our cart fleet to this location while the old cart area is demolished and made ready for new golf parking areas and a new, permanent cart shed.

Also, this month, trees will be cleared behind and around the practice range, construction site fencing will be put in place, the 18th green will be closed, and a new cart path will be defined around the construction area. Once the 18th green is closed, we will play that hole with a temporary green. Exact timelines depend on the weather, so this could happen quickly or be delayed. With things happening rapidly, we will update the membership and public through emails and newsletter notices as quickly as possible. Please understand that we all will need to be very flexible during the site preparation stages of the construction. Thanks for your understanding and cooperation. Once the project is complete, you will be very proud of our new facilities.

Holiday Bowl Pool Winner

Congratulations to **Caleb Ayscue**, winner of our annual holiday bowl pool contest. **Mr. Ayscue** picked 29 winners from the 43 bowl games and won on the points tiebreaker. **Lamar Flatt** picked 29 winners also but fell short of the total points tiebreaker. For his efforts, **Mr. Ayscue** collected the \$370 jackpot. Thanks to everyone for participating. Better luck next year!

THANK YOU!

Again this year, our staff would like to thank the members for their generous contributions to the employee Christmas fund. More than \$6,400 was collected and distributed to the staff members. Please read the thank you notes on the hallway bulletin board. Thanks again for making their Christmas more special.

GHIN handicap Service Billing

If you have received your recent dues statement, you will notice the 2023 GHIN handicap service fees are included. This is an automatic renewal unless you notified us before the end of December to remove you from this service. The fee is \$30 per Walker Course member golfer for the 2023 service.

Speaking of the GHIN service don't forget to post your golf scores on the day you play. The handicap committee reviews the scores to verify posting compliance. Please post those scores promptly.

Range Club Billing

If you have notified the golf staff to renew your 2023 range club membership, you should also see the annual club charge to your account on this month's statement. The cost is \$300 for the first member of a family and \$150 for each additional family member. If you did not notify the staff, we will gladly add you to the list anytime. Remember, the sooner you join, the better the value. If you wait until spring, the cost is the same. Join now or wait until August for the fees to be pro-rated.

Member Event Dates

As we move closer to the 2023 golf season, here are a few dates for your major member golf events at The Walker Course. Mark your calendars now, so you don't forget. Details for each event will be posted on the sign-up door in the golf shop and noted in future newsletters.

Five Club Challenge	March 18
Match Play Begins	April 3
Member Invitational	May 19-20
Member-Member	June 24
Club Championship	July 29-30
Senior Club Championship	October 13-14



WCMA Tough Day Champs

Following your annual WCMA membership meeting held in December, 40 members participated in the tough day competition. After a front nine, cross-country event with seasonal temperatures, the **Lance & Miles Vischer** teamed with **Bob & Nancy Barker** and posted a score of 23 to take the title by 2 strokes. Following the play, everyone enjoyed drinks and snacks in Sole'. Congratulations to our winners



Christmas Sale Winner

Congratulations are also noted for the winner of our annual 100% off balloon during the golf shop Christmas sale. This year's member winner was **Van Riley**. Mr. Riley had selected one Horn Legend sweater to purchase, but his balloon pop netted him 100% off. Congratulations!

Stockall Ace!

Congratulations to **Tim Stockall** for scoring a hole-in-one on hole # 12 on January 24th. Witnessing the 134 yards, Ping 8-iron shot were **Terry Kozma** and **John Wilson**. Mr. Stockall was not a member of the hole-in-one club, so the jackpot escaped unscathed. Congratulations!

New Legacy Life Members

Congratulations to **Carl Ford**, **Joel Brawley**, and **Blair Stanicek**. These gentlemen are our newest inductees to the Walker Course Legacy Life membership classification. In order to qualify for this distinguished classification, a Walker Course member must have been a dues-paying member for 20 years or more and reached the age of eighty-five years old. Once a Legacy Life membership is attained, you no longer pay monthly dues. You only pay for incidentals: carts, range balls, etc. Congratulations gentlemen. Enjoy!

Larry Aldrich (1949-2022)

We share the sad news of the December passing of Walker Course member **Larry Aldrich**. **Mr. Aldrich** was a non-resident member living in Alpharetta, Georgia. He and his wife of 41 years, **Debbie**, were active members that played regularly on weekends in Clemson. He retired from successful careers with **Delta Airlines** and **Cox Automotives**. He was a true, gentleman and will be missed greatly by those who knew him. Rest in peace, friend.

Walter “Blackie” Cook (1930-2023)

We also share the passing of charter member **Walter “Blackie” Cook** on Tuesday, January 10th. **Mr. Cook** was a charter member of The Walker Course, joining prior to construction in February 1992. He retired from **Quaker State** in 1990 and served as a director of corporate development for **Clemson University**. In 2017 he became a Legacy Life member of the Walker Course and enjoyed practicing and playing for several years. He is survived by his wife, **Grace**, two sons, and a daughter. Please keep his family in your thought and prayers.

DON GARRETT, CGCS

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Winter Update

December and January have been very wet. We have recorded 14 inches of rain over the past two months. This has made it difficult to get things done, but we are still pecking away at winter work.

Another weather event, the bitter cold snap that hit over Christmas, required covering the greens. Our weather station recorded a low of 7.7 degrees.

Alumni Center Update

While the official groundbreaking occurred on February 1, the actual start date for construction is still up in the air but will be happening soon. I can tell you that from the golf course standpoint, we are ready to go. John LaFoy has plans for the redesign completed, and our contractor is ready to go.

I expect little notice when we begin to play the hole as a Par 3. We should all be prepared that it could happen any day now.

Maintenance Schedule

Below is the 2023 Major Maintenance Schedule. Please remember that we will be closing the course during the last week in June to aerify greens and fairways to make this work more efficient and avoid having the work spread out over a longer time frame.

2023 Major Maintenance Schedule

Date	Activity	Condition
Feb 27	Spot Dryject Greens	Minimal Impact
March 6	Fertilize Course	No impact
April 3	Aerify Par 3 Tees	Minimal Impact
April 17 Impact	Solid Tine Aerify Greens	Closed - Minimal
May 8	Slice Fairways	Minimal Impact
May 15	Aerify Tees & Collars	Closed - Tees poor 2-3 days
June 5	Aerify Practice Tees	Tees poor 2-3 days
June 26-30	Aerify Greens & Fairways	Greens poor 10-14 days
July 3	Rain Date for Aerification	Closed
Aug 7	Verticut Fairways	Fairways poor 2-3 days
Aug 14	Quad Tine Greens	Minimal Impact
Aug. 21	Fertilize Course	No impact
Sept 25	Spray Fairways - SDS	Closed

Lime spread delayed from December '22 will be rescheduled on a Monday in early '23

* Note: This is an overview of the most disruptive maintenance practices. Other less disruptive procedures will be scheduled around play as time and weather permit.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Pro-Shop

Operating Hours:

Monday
Closed

Tuesday—Sunday
7:30 am—7:00 pm

Practice Range Hours:

Monday
Closed

Tuesday—Sunday
7:45 am—6:30pm

(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: 177
Family: 96 Life: 28
Non-Resident: 57
Young Alumni: 12
Inactive: 3 Legacy Life: 10
Total Membership: 383

New Members

Douglas McDonald

Gregory Carroll

David Jacobson

Member Resignations

R. Wayne Hagins

Charles Devier

Thomas Shaw

Kelsey & Austin Massey

February 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Range Open Until 5pm	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28				