



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

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**Upcoming Events**

**July**

- 03 Course Closed  
(Aerify Rain date)
- 04 Open Holiday Rates  
Apply
- 8-9 Clemson Women's  
Golf Camp
- 10 Closed Monday
- 17 Closed Monday
- 18 Membership  
Meeting\*
- 20 Sr. Interclub Match  
vs. The Patriot
- 22 Grint Amateur  
Tournament
- 24 Closed Monday
- 25-26 Junior Club  
Championship
- 29-30 CLUB  
CHAPIONSHIP

**August**

- 7 Closed Monday
- 11-13 Move-In Weekend
- 14 Closed Monday
- 19 Member Event TBA
- 21 Closed Monday
- 26 Kappa Sigma  
Tournament (2 pm)
- 28 Closed Monday



**JOE JONES turns 100!**

Congratulations to Charter & Legacy Life member **Joe Jones!** **Mr. Jones** turned 100 on June 13<sup>th</sup> and celebrated by playing nine holes on June 15<sup>th</sup>. In addition to playing nine holes, he birded hole # 5! **Mr. Jones** was member # 007 when checks were submitted to fund The Walker Course initially. **Mr. Jones** and playing partner **Nick Boatwright** normally play nine holes weekly (since the golf course opened in 1995). What will you do to celebrate your 100<sup>th</sup> birthday? Happy birthday **Mr. Jones!**

**Member Meeting: July 18**

We will host a summer membership meeting on Tuesday afternoon, July 18<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 PM in the Madren Center. Drinks and snacks will be served beforehand at 5:00 PM in the lobby, and the meeting will start at 5:30 PM in the BellSouth Auditorium. The purpose of the meeting is to update everyone on the construction projects, review the year so far, and allow you to communicate directly with our management team.

**28<sup>th</sup> Club Championship**

Your 28<sup>th</sup> annual club championship will be held the weekend of July 29-30. This event is stroke play with no handicaps applied. You must sign up to play from a specific tee color and will compete only against those playing from the same set of tees. Tee divisions with more than seven players will be flighted after the first round based on first round scores. The winner of each flight will receive golf shop credits, and the overall champion (men & women) will receive a championship trophy.

The entry fee is only \$10 per player (cart fees are not included). Tee times will begin at 8:30 AM on both days. You must be 18 to compete unless you are the junior club champion (July 25-26). The deadline for entry is Thursday, July 27<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM. Call the golf shop now to sign up. The defending champions from last year are **Max Vischer** and **Mary Brock**.

### Junior Club Championship

We are reviving the junior club championship this summer in response to your requests. The championship will be held on the evenings of July 25 & 26. Tee times will begin at 6 pm each evening. The tournament will have nine holes (ages 12-17) and four holes (11 and under) each evening. Three age division winners will receive trophies: 11 & under, 12-14, and 15-17. There is no entry fee to play, but you must sign up in the golf shop by Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Each player must have an adult chaperone to ride along with each day.

### New Member Guest Pass Cards

You should soon receive your new annual Member Guest Pass Card. This card is valuable. It is good for three guest greens fees when you accompany your guest. If you do not receive your card before August 1<sup>st</sup>, please get in touch with Brent Jessup to get a replacement. Cards lost or misplaced after August 1<sup>st</sup> will not be replaced. Be sure to put the card where you can't lose it. Please be aware that use restrictions are listed on the back of the card. We encourage you to use the card quickly before you forget or lose it.

### Couples Twilight Invitational Results

Six foursomes competed in our "invitational" Couples Twilight last month. At the end of nine holes, two foursomes had identical scores of four under par. A scorecard playoff was used to determine the winning foursome, and the **Bob & Nancy Barker, Bill & Alyson Dildine team** took the "W."

In addition to the team challenge, a "skins" game was held, and Team **Barker/Dildine** won two skins, and the **Larry & Janal Walton** team with **Tim & Tami Thompson** won one skin.

### Craft & Harper Take Member-Member Title

Congratulations to **Duke Craft & Lucas Harper** for their blistering performance in our 1-Day Member-Member Championship. They shot a round of (64), seven under par, to win the gross division by four shots over **Rick Brackett & Marty Duval**. The three-format event had 19 teams competing this year.

The overall net championship winners were **Bob Barker & Bill Dildine**, carding a (62). Closest to the pin cash winners were: **Hack Trammell, Rick Brackett, Ross Tomberlin, Mark Johnston, and Rick Miller**. After play, everyone enjoyed a nice BBQ lunch, snacks, and drinks at Sole". Congratulations to all the division winners, and thanks for the great turnout!

### Senior Interclub Update

Your *Walker Course* senior interclub team battled all day rain and cold on June 22<sup>nd</sup> at home against *The Preserve at Verdae*. Once the shoes were emptied and all the clothes were dried, *The Walker Course* team prevailed with a two-point winning margin of 41-39. **George Zangas & Russ Roark** won the deciding match 13-7. The win moved Team Walker into a tie for first place with *The Preserve*, both with 3-1-1 records. The final home match will be played on July 20<sup>th</sup> against *The Patriot Golf Club*. A win would ensure a playoff berth again this year. Good luck, everyone!

### Match Play Reminder

All first-round matches have now been played. Contact your next opponent to schedule and play Round Two matches before July 30<sup>th</sup>.

### June Status

We finally got some warm nights late in June, and the bermudagrass has taken off. With the rainy week of June 19<sup>th</sup>, we've suddenly got a lot of grass to mow.

The aerification process during the last week of the month went well, even after getting off to a rough start by being rained out on Sunday evening. As I mentioned last month, in addition to traditional coring with slightly smaller tines, we also contracted for a Dryject. It went smoothly, and we injected 24 tons of sand into the greens. Along with the traditional coring and topdressing, 45 tons of sand were used. However, most of this is down in the green, which should yield better water infiltration. Please bear with us as we mow, roll lightly, top dress, and groom to get them back in good shape.

As for the fairways, this is the first time in several years that all 18 fairways were cored. We did not get them all verticut, but we plan to do more brushing and crosscutting through the remainder of the growing season to compensate.

As planned, Environmental Landscapes were here during aerification week to rebuild the green-side bunkers on four and the fairway bunkers on 9 using the Better Billy Bunker method. You may recall from last year that this involves coring out the bunkers down to the subdrainage. The subdrainage is tested to make sure it is still functioning. The upper faces of the bunkers were restored to their original shape, and new zoysia sod was placed around the perimeter. Two inches of gravel was then spread in the bottom of the bunker over the drain lines, over which a polymer binding agent was sprayed. This binds the gravel into a solid form but is still porous and allows water to drain. Finally, 4-5 inches of sand is placed over the gravel. This method, while costly, virtually eliminates bunker washing even in the heaviest of rains.

### July Status

Typically, full recovery for the greens takes about 28 days. With the smaller coring tines and a few other growth encouraging practices we have implemented, I hope we can shorten recovery time a bit this year. As they recover, we will begin lowering the mowing height back down, brushing and grooming daily, applying a growth regulator, and verticutting every 7-14 days. These processes will help smooth the greens and increase the ball roll.

The rest of the month will see us preparing the course for events again, especially the Club Championship on July 29&30. Trimming work, spraying weeds, keeping things edged, and a few small projects will occupy our time beyond routine maintenance.

Also, in July, we will be cutting the natural areas back. The "Turnip" patches on holes 2, 5 & 6 will have run their course. We will cut them back and prepare them to reseed about September 1<sup>st</sup>. The fescue areas will be cut back, sprayed for weeds, and fertilized.

We also plan to install additional drainage in several fairways from the middle to the end of the month. This includes #1. While this work is being performed, we will play the hole as a par 3 for a few days.

### 18<sup>th</sup> Hole Update

The work on #18 is coming along. The grass is growing in, and we have begun regular mowing. The green has been topdressed three times and aerified once to help break up the sod layer. The sand was placed in the bunkers in late June.

We are now far enough along with grass coverage to remove the silt fence across the fairway and get this tied in. This is scheduled for the week of July 10.

We are still at the mercy of the Alumni Center construction schedule regarding when we can tie in things behind the green and route the new cart path. We would like this to begin by August 1.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**Pro-Shop**

**Operating Hours:**

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

**Practice Range Hours:**

Monday  
(Seasonal)  
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: 189  
Family: 87 Life: 28  
Non-Resident: 59  
Young Alumni: 12  
Inactive: 4 Legacy Life: 11  
Total Membership: 390

New Members

Brian & Lisa Berning      Richard Milan  
Mark & Allison Shore      Stephen & Cherise Swander

Member Resignations

Greg Terry      Amon Martin      Harold & Edith Hoke

July 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Course Closed (Aerify Rain date)	4 Open	5	6	7	8 Clemson Women's Golf Camp
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