



THE
WALKER COURSE
■ AT CLEMSON UNIVERSITY ■

Upcoming Events

June

- 05 Course Closed
- 07 Golden Tiger Reunion
- 10-14 Clemson Golf Camp
Week # 1
- 16 Couples Twilight
Invitational
- 17-21 Clemson Golf Camp
Week # 2
- 24 MEMBER-MEMBER
Course Closed for
Aerification Week

July

- 03 Course Closed
- 04 Open, Holiday Rates
- 8-9 Clemson Women's
Golf Camp
- 10 Course Closed
- 17 Course Closed
- 18 Membership
Meeting*
- 18-19 Junior Club
Championship
- 20 Sr. Interclub match
vs. The Patriot
- 22 Grint Amateur Tour
(tee times)
- 24 Course Closed
- 29-30 CLUB CHAMPIOSHIP

BRENT JESSUP

PGA HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL



Best Public Access Course Award

The Walker Course has again been chosen the “**Best Course You Can Play in the Upstate region**” by the SC Golf Course Ratings Panel and has been included in the biannual listing of the state’s best public access golf courses for the period of April 2023-March 2025. Thanks for keeping your course “the” upstate favorite!

A note from our Managing Director: **Dave Fleming**

Dear Walker Golf Course Members:

As the Managing Director of the *Walker Course*, *James F. Martin Inn*, and *The Madren Conference Center* for the past 4 ½ years, I wanted to reach out to you, the members, and update you on a few important topics that affect you and our golf staff.

First and foremost, “Thank You” for supporting this golf course and the managing staff that has dedicated their professional careers for the past two decades to make this property one of the best in the Upstate. **Brent Jessup** and **Don Garrett** are two of the most dedicated, hard-working professionals I have enjoyed working with in my 36 years in the club and golf management business.

With the new Alumni building underway and the changes to the 18th hole, I wanted to make sure that you are aware that we are doing everything in our power to continue the day-to-day operation of the course in a professional and timely manner. We also closely monitor our daily parking demands and make the necessary adjustments.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call or visit me in my office in the *Madren Center*. My work phone number is 864-656-4405, and my office is just inside the Madren Center's front entrance behind the reception desk. Please ask for me, and I will be happy to sit down with you and discuss any matter involving the Walker Course's management or operation.

The University and our management team, *Southern Hospitality Group*, want only the best for our membership at the *Walker Course*, *Martin Inn*, and *Madren Center*. We are dedicated to elevating your experiences.

We want to host a *Walker Course* member “Development Update” meeting on Tuesday, July 18th at 5:00 pm in the *Madren Center* auditorium to discuss upcoming events, the new Alumni building, the new 18th hole renovation, parking management, and answer any questions you may have. Thank you again for your support and membership here at *The Walker Course*. We look forward to seeing you on July 18th.

Respectfully,

David B. Fleming
Managing Director
Walker Golf Course
Madren Conference Center
James F. Martin Inn

Construction Update

Now that site preparation is in full swing, dirt clouds are flying, and we are making daily adjustments as necessary. In the coming days, the new swimming pool construction will get underway at the *James F. Martin Inn*, and the site preparation work will continue as the old cart barn area is taken down and re-graded for future golf parking. As you drive golf carts through the construction area behind the 18th green, please be aware of your surroundings.

Dirty Golf Carts

On May 17th we moved into the “temporary” cart barn next to our clubhouse building. On May 18th it rained. This allowed us to test extreme circumstances and make necessary operational adjustments. The temporary cart barn still has an asphalt millings base, and we find cleaning the carts extremely difficult. We are trying new procedures to improve their appearance but are not as successful as we would like. Please bear with us as we work to find a way to have cleaner golf carts during this construction phase.

Clemson Golf Camps

June is the month we host the Clemson University golf camps. June 10-14 and June 17-21 are the two weeks scheduled for this month. Here are a couple of operational notes to be aware of:

1. Due to the construction project, the “side” practice tees will not be available for the camps, so we will **close the main practice range tees on those Tuesdays (13 & 20) from 1 pm until 5 pm** for the camps to use that area.
2. **Each Wednesday morning of camp (14 & 21), the golf course is closed until noon** for the golf camp tournament. All member group tee times are pushed back on those Wednesdays, beginning at noon for the Ladies, 12:30 for the Powell Pals group, and 1:30 for the Purple Haze group.

Couple Twilight Invitational

Making up for the rainout from April this month, we will host a Couples Twilight Invitational tournament on Friday evening, June 16th. Member couples are asked to invite another “guest” couple to form a four-person team in a nine-hole scramble format. In addition to the “step aside” scramble, we will have an optional “skins” game for those interested. The entry fee is only \$60 per foursome, plus cart fees. The entry fee covers winner prizes and a social held in Solé following play. The entry deadline is Thursday, June 15th at noon. Call the golf shop to sign up!

Member-Member Tournament

On Saturday, June 24th, we will host our annual one-day Member-Member team championship. The 18-hole event will include six holes of best ball, six holes of captain’s choice, and six holes of alternate shot formats. We will start play with a 9:30 am shotgun start and finish up with the awards ceremony and snacks in Sole following play around 2:30 pm.

Full course handicap allowances for the best ball portion will be used, pre-handicapped team strokes for the captain’s choice, and alternate shot formats will apply. You may sign up to play from one of three tee divisions: purple/white, white, or red tees. BOTH players on a team must play from the same set of tees. Winners will be determined for each format and the overall championship. The entry fee is \$60 per team, plus cart fees. The entry deadline is June 22nd. Call the golf shop to sign up now.

Frank Duda Ace!

Congratulations to **Frank Duda** for scoring the first hole-in-one on hole # 18 with the temporary green! The *Mizuno* 9-iron shot from 109 yards found the bottom of the big cup! And yes, it does count as a hole-in-one. Witnessing the ace were **Joe Lipchik**, **Matt Richardson**, and **Clif Smith**. **Mr. Duda** was a member of the hole-in-one club and won the jackpot of \$305, plus he won the \$100 cart fee credit bonus for being the first member to score a hole-in-one on the temporary hole. Congratulations!

Time for everyone to sign up again for the next hole-in-one jackpot.

Match Play Underway

Please remember to play all matches this season utilizing the “temporary” Stroke Index ratings for the back nine. Hole # 18 will be the 16th rated hole. Check with the golf shop to be sure you take strokes in the correct order on the back nine. Also, contact your first opponent to schedule your match before the June 18th and July 30th deadlines.

Vischer & Vischer win Member-Invitational Title

Congratulations to **Lance Vischer & Max Vischer** for winning last month’s Member-Invitational. The **Vischers** held off the Kirk Luna & Garrett Luna team in a sudden-death playoff that went two extra holes. The winners each received a pair of *Foot Joy* FJ Sport golf shoes for their performance. The white tee flight was captured by **Richard Albritton & Drew Groce**. The gold tee flight winners were **Frankie Horner & John Horner**. **Team Vischer** also captured the Sand Shot Short Game Challenge competition as well. Congratulations to all the winners.

Senior Interclub Report

Following the first match tie last month, your *Walker Course* senior interclub team won their first home match of the season by a narrow margin of one point over *Cobbs Glen Golf & Racquet Club* on May 18. This month *Team Walker* will compete at *Cobbs Glen* on June 6 and at home against *The Preserve* on June 22nd. Stay tuned for results.

Reminder:

Mark your calendar now for the Membership Meeting on July 18th at 5:00 PM in the Madren Conference Center Bellsouth Auditorium.

Course Update

Like last year, May was cool on the dry side. Several nights in the mid 50's seemed to slow the growth. Considering our severe cold snap over Christmas, I'm pleased with how things greened up this spring.

We've spent much time this month cleaning up the perimeter of the course, weeding, trimming the creeks and ponds, spraying beds, etc.

We aerified about 70% of the tees as scheduled on Monday, May 15th. Some were still a bit thin, so we have postponed doing them until Monday, June 5th when they should tolerate the work and recover quicker.

AMP paving was here the week of May 15 to repair and repave cart paths at 9, 16, and 18 tee. We will tie the soil and turf into the new direction in June. We plan to do more paving in July or August, connecting in the new path on 18.

June Plans

June is the month that we aerify the course. We will be closed June 26-30 to aerify greens and fairways. Hopefully, the weather will cooperate, and we will have a lovely dry week to complete this important work.

We are going to do the greens a little differently this year. We will still do conventional core aeration with slightly smaller tines but with a little closer spacing. We should affect the same surface area overall but with smaller holes. In addition, we will also go over the greens with a Dryject machine. This machine injects sand into the green to a depth of about 4-5 inches, deeper than our conventional tines. The greens are starting to seal off a bit, and this additional step will be very beneficial to improving water infiltration and firming up the surface. We did a few thin, wet spots on the greens last year with the Dryject, and these areas have shown significant improvement.

In addition, we will be doing some projects this week. We plan to rebuild the bunkers at #4 Green and #9 Fairway.

18th Hole Update

The new 18th hole is taking shape. All drainage has been installed, and nearly all the grass has been laid. The green was grassed on May 31. The bunkers will be completed during the first week of June. Then all that will remain is some tie in work.

Our goal is still to have this hole open by September 1. This gives us a 90 day grow in period. This opening date, however, is still somewhat at the mercy of the Alumni Center construction. Some infrastructure must go in behind the green before we can complete tying in the cart path and putting in a couple more drains.

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: 188
Family: 90 Life: 28
Non-Resident: 57
Young Alumni: 11
Inactive: 4 Legacy Life: 11
Total Membership: 389

New Members

Isaac & Savannah Moorhouse **Randy Reeves* (Rejoin)**
Joe Broemel **Tyler Clements** **Dwight Kelly**

Member Resignations

Steven & Heidi Martin **Macon Sheppard**

June 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5 Course Closed	6	7 Golden Tiger Reunion	8	9	10 Clemson Golf Camp Week # 1
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