



THE WALKER COURSE
 ■ AT CLEMSON UNIVERSITY ■

BRENT JESSUP PGA HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL

Upcoming Events

May

- 01 Mulligans For Maggie (AM)
- 02 Meyers Center Tournament (AM)
- 03 Match Play Championship begins
- 04 CAFLS Tournament (AM)
- 06 Demo Day
- 08 Open Monday (11 am)
- 8-10 Spring Golf Trip
- 11-12 Clemson Graduation Days
- 15 Course Closed
- 18 Senior Interclub Match Vs. Cobbs Glen
- 19-20 MEMBER INVITATIONAL
- 22 Blue Ridge Co-Op Tournament (AM)
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June

- 05 Course Closed
- 07 Golden Tiger Reunion (AM)
- 10-14 Clemson Golf Camp Week #1
- 16 Couples Twilight Invitational
- 17-21 Clemson Golf Camp Week # 2
- 24 MEMBER-MEMBER
- 26-30 Course Closed for Aerification Week

Member Invitational

The 27th annual Member-Invitational is scheduled for May 19th & 20th. The tournament is open to teams of two members or one member and one guest. The only other requirement is that both players play from the same set of tees. Practice rounds are available Monday through Friday once you have signed up to play. The tournament begins on Friday evening with a Burger, Birds, and Brews cookout for the players at 5:30 PM on the patio of Solé. Then at 6:30 PM, teams will head out for a 9-hole captain's choice round that will count as your first-round score. We will have a special course set up for this evening round.

On Saturday, play begins with a shotgun start at 9:30 AM. Each two-player team will play the best NET on the front nine and the best ball GROSS on the back nine. Following play, there will be a short game contest while we finish the scoring with the awards ceremony inside Solé with drinks and snacks. Winners will be awarded in each tee division. There is no tournament golf on Sunday, but players are encouraged to stay around and play Sunday. The entry fee is \$200 per team and includes everything except the practice round cart fees and the cash pot for the optional skins game on Friday evening. Call the golf shop to sign up before the Sunday, May 14th deadline.

Match Play Championship

May is the month we begin the season-long match play championship. Players sign up to play from a specific tee and only compete against others playing from the same set of tees. Matches within each division are played with full course handicaps applied based on the day the match is played. This is a NET championship. There is no gross division. All matches must be played within the 6-week window for each round.

Golf shop credits will be awarded to the winner and runners-up of each flight. The winner of the men's orange tee flight and the winner of the women's division will also be recognized with a championship trophy. The entry fee is \$20 per person. The deadline to sign up is May 2nd.

Spring Golf Trip

Our spring golf trip will hit the road Monday, May 8th, through Wednesday, May 10th. We will travel into hostile territory as we head toward Columbia for three days of golf. Our first round will be Monday afternoon at *Cobblestone Park Golf Club*. On Tuesday, we play *The Spur at Northwoods*, and Wednesday, we finish at *The Wildewood Club*.

We have room for a total of 16 golfers. We will be staying at the Hampton Inn & Suites. If you would like to go, we still have some room. The cost for everything, except evening meals, is \$545 for a single room or \$395 for a shared room. Call the golf shop if you would like to go.

Demo Day Returns

Now that 2019 concerns are behind us, golf vendors are ready to return to our Demo Day. We will hold our Demo Day on the range this month on Saturday, May 6th. We have six vendors scheduled to be here for you to test and try out their new products. *Bridgestone, Mizuno, Ping, Srixon, Taylor-made*, and *Wilson* will be here from 12 PM until 5 PM. Come on out and see what is new!

Senior Interclub

The interclub season began last month with the *Walker Course* team traveling to *The Preserve at Verdae* for their opening match. Both teams fought to a 40-40 tie. This is the first match our team has ever finished in a tie. Captain **Jack Mansmann** will be preparing for a home match on May 18th against **Cobbs Glenn**. Good luck, guys. Stay tuned for more results as the season moves along.

Construction Updates

Demolition is underway. Dust is flying, and loggers have begun the clearing process. The swimming pool and tennis courts have been torn out and will soon be graded to build the “temporary” cart shed. Construction fencing has been placed around the affected areas, and we will see more work in the coming days. Please be careful as you drive golf carts through these areas. Every day is a new adventure, but progress is being made!

Parking

As you know, parking is not getting more accessible with the loss of 60+ spaces. Please continue to arrive early so you can find a spot before your tee time.

Range Restrictions

The first day of job site work resulted in three windshields being broken beyond the practice range. We have been asked to make some accommodations until a safety fence can be installed to protect the construction office area at the end of the range. We will restrict practice to shots of 225 yards or less when on the grass tees. Occasionally, we will have to move to the astroturf tee when they are working near the end of the range. Thanks for your patience and understanding. Don't forget, that short game needs attention too!

Couple's Twilight Postponed

The couple's twilight event on April 28th was postponed due to extremely wet conditions. The golf course took 4 inches of rain the night before. So, we have rescheduled this event for Friday, June 16th. We will alter the usual sign-up and ask everyone to “Bring a Couple” to fill out their foursome. We will call this the “Couples Twilight Invitational.” The format will be captain's choice, “skins scramble.” Sign up sheet will go up the first week of June.

Handegan Hole-In-One

Congratulations to **Jerry Handegan** for his recent hole-in-one on hole # 4 on April 28th. **When the ace occurred, Mr. Handegan was playing with Mickey Plyler, Lehmon Dekle, and Frank Lamson-Scribner.** The 131-yard shot was made with his trusty Mizuno 8 iron. However, he was not a member of the hole-in-one club, so the jackpot remains intact. Congratulations!

April Status

Like last year, April has been an up and down month temperature wise, with warmups followed by cool snaps and light frosts. We have even seen some lows in the low 40s late in the month. This causes the turf to green up and then get zapped back. This is the worst possible scenario for warm season grasses like ours. The plant uses reserves to green up, then gets knocked back before building these reserves back up. Two to three cycles of this, and there is very little left in the tank for the final green up. The result is the slow early growth we are seeing now. Add to that near record levels of play and traffic, and the turf is just beaten down. Want some visual evidence? Look at areas like the end of 3, 5, 11 & 14 fairways past the cart signs. These areas are thick and full where they have yet to receive traffic compared to the thin, beaten down look of the rest of the course. In addition, shaded areas where the soil could be faster to warm up are also struggling. Soon we will have some warm nights; we will push the weakest locations with some extra fertilizer, and the turf will eventually get going. In the meantime, please observe the 90-degree rule and avoid the high use first entrance and last exit points on each hole. Also, please keep all four tires on the path around tees and greens.

During April, we made several applications to the greens, including the second app of our fairy ring control program, a wetting agent for improved water infiltration, and gypsum to supply calcium and maintain pH levels.

The greens were vented with ¼" solid tines at mid-month as scheduled.

May Goals

During May, we transition to more summer routine maintenance, which means lots more mowing of tees, fairways, and roughs as the nights warm up and the bermudagrass starts to take off. In addition, we will be treating the course for fire ants.

On Monday, May 15th, we are scheduled to aerify the tees. This is a week earlier than usual due to a schedule change with an outing. However, because of the slow green-up and heavy wear and tear from play, I'm not sure they will tolerate it very well. Therefore, we may consider postponing it to a later date. Either way, a fertilizer application will be made on May 1st to push the tees to grow more before aerifying.

May will also see us getting a little more aggressive with greens maintenance. We will be grooming the surface more often and beginning to top-dress regularly. The greens will also be treated for nematodes in early May.

Also, during May, we will experience turnover in our staff due to some students leaving for the summer and new student employees coming on board.

18th Hole Update

The work on the redesigned 18th hole is coming along very well. As we start May, the project is on schedule. Irrigation has been installed, and the green is nearly completed. Drainage is going in the bunkers. By mid-month, we should be close to planting. Our goal is to have the grass down in late May or early June. Some of the work behind the green will be completed later this summer once some of the infrastructure of the Alumni Center goes in.

Thanks to our Graduates

Congratulations to our two graduates, Cole Powell and Brian Gosnell. Cole has completed his Landscape Architecture degree and will be taking a job in Charlotte. Brian has completed his Turfgrass Management degree and will stay at the Walker Course as an assistant superintendent.

Please join me in thanking Cole and Brian for their service to the Walker Course during their college career and wishing them the best of luck in the future.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Pro-Shop

Operating Hours:

Monday
11:00 am—7:00 pm
Tuesday—Sunday
7:30 am—7:00 pm

Practice Range Hours:

Monday
12:00 pm—6:30 pm
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: 184
Family: 91 Life: 28
Non-Resident: 56
Young Alumni: 11
Inactive: 5 Legacy Life: 11
Total Membership: 386

New Members

Barry Grant Ryan Grant Taylor Griffin David Branca

Member Resignations

Charlie Way Scott McCarter Oren & Kim Beaty Joseph & Summer Shieder

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