



**Upcoming Events**

**October**

- 02 Open (11 am)
- 04 LGA Member Guest
- 05 NHC Tournament  
(12:30 shotgun)
- 06 Home Football Friday
- 07 Wake Forest at Clemson
- 09 Open (11 am)
- 14 Upstate Am Tour
- 16 Course Closed  
Maintenance
- 17-18 LGA Championship
- 23 Open (11 am)
- 30 Open (11 am)

**November**

- 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

**BRENT JESSUP**

**PGA HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL**

**Senior Club Championship**

Your annual senior club championship will be held on Friday/Saturday, **October 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>**. This is a gross stroke play competition. There are no handicap strokes involved. Seniors aged 55+ may play from the white tees, and seniors aged 70+ will compete from the gold tees. The entry fee is \$10 per player, plus applicable cart fees. Both rounds will count toward your 36-hole total. Winners of each division will receive a trophy and shop credits. The deadline for entries is Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>. Call the golf shop to sign up now! The defending 2022 champions are **Jack Mansmann** and **Frank Duda**.

**Hole # 1 Fairway Drainage**

Last month, we completed the much anticipated drainage project on hole # 1. As you can see, several veins of French drains were installed and covered to help move as much surface water off the fairway as quickly as possible. Although the project finished later than planned, we hope most of the turf will “tact” down before going dormant for the winter. This work should make a significant difference in the playability of that fairway during the wet season. While the fairway grass is healing, we are going to implement a temporary local rule for play until the recovery is complete:

“A ball coming to rest on any drainage vein turf “may” be dropped within one club length of the original lie, no closer to the hole, and without penalty.”

**Hole # 18 Update**

As we continue to experience delivery delays of the stone for the fountain pond on hole # 18, we will postpone the stonework until the off-season (December-March). Therefore, we will open the “new” hole # 18 green and play the hole as a new par four beginning Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. This will allow you to play the hole as a regular par four for a few good weather months. Once we start the pond stone project, we will again play the hole as a temporary par three hole until the stonework is complete. Enjoy this brief break, and let us know what you think of the new finishing hole!

**Senior Interclub Playoff Hopes End**

*The Walker Course* senior interclub season ended last month as we lost a quarter-final playoff match against the **Longview Club** from Charlotte. All four matches (here and there) were decided by only one point each. Congratulations, and thanks to captain **Jack Mansmann** for another stellar year of leadership. We are already looking forward to the 2024 season.

**Swimming Pool Update**

The pool construction project is moving along slowly. The cabana house is nearing completion, and the pool deck area should be poured by the end of this month. We will not be able to open the pool before the cold weather arrives. Once the pool is completed, we will plan an “open house” tour to show what is in store for the next swimming season.

**DAC Construction Update**

The steel framework for the DAC building is just about completed. Next comes the “skin” and interior construction phases. As you can see, the building really is huge. Perimeter projects around the building are also taking shape. A re-designed loading dock area is being constructed, and the new golf parking lot is being graded. The construction of the new golf cart storage will also begin soon after the grading. As of today, it appears we will move the golf shop operation into a trailer sometime after the holidays. Stay tuned for new developments occurring daily. Thank you for your patience with the parking issues. As we go into a slower season, hopefully, we will not have as many parking challenges on a regular basis. Come early for the best parking options.

**Range Restriction Reminder**

Due to the location of the construction offices at the end of the practice range, we are still asking you to refrain from hitting practice range shots of more than 200 yards. A few more broken windshields and a golf ball struck an employee in that area. Their safety is important and your cooperation is appreciated.

**Fall Golf Trip**

Our annual fall golf excursion will be November 5-8 to the *Highland Oaks Golf Club / Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail* in Dothan, Alabama. We will drive down on Sunday afternoon. Play 18 holes on Monday, 27 holes on Tuesday, and 18 holes on Wednesday. The cost is \$865 for a single room or \$630 for a shared room. We are only taking 12 players so don't delay if you want to make this trip. See **Brent Jessup** for additional details. Hope you can be part of the “dirty dozen” travelers!

**John Coakley: Hole-In-One**

Congratulations to **John Coakley** for his recent ace on hole # 8. The 138-yard shot was witnessed by **David Patton, Doug Napodano** and **Jimmy Dean**. It was **Mr. Coakley's** second hole-in-one at The Walker Course. He was not a member of the HIO Jackpot Club. Great shot, none-the-less!

**Kirk Luna: Hole-In-One**

Congratulations to **Kirk Luna** for his hole-in-one at hole # 18 on Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. **Lamar Flatt, Laura Best, and Doug McDonald** witnessed **Mr. Luna's** second career hole-in-one. The 168-yard 6 iron shot found the big bucket and allowed **Mr. Luna** to collect the 37<sup>th</sup> Hole-In-One Club Jackpot of \$175. Great shot, **Mr. Luna**. It's time for everyone to rejoin and build another nice jackpot for the next ace.

**Are YOU a slow player or do you know someone that is?**

Here are a few tips to help your group “be ready” to play when it's your turn.

1. Choose the correct set of tees from which to play. Don't bite off more than you can handle.
2. When riding together in a cart, drive to the first ball and drop off the first player with his choice of clubs. Then drive on to your ball and be ready to play.
3. Plan your shot while others are hitting. Don't wait for them to finish their shot before you get your yardage or selected clubs to hit.
4. Don't be afraid to hit a provisional if your ball may be hard to find or out-of-bounds.
5. On the greens, start reading the putt as soon as you get to the green. Don't wait until it's your turn to putt to start that process.
6. Play “Ready Golf.” If it's safe to hit, go ahead!
7. Stop talking and start playing.
8. When it's cart path only, take more than one club with you when you go out to your ball. There is no reason to make two trips to the golf cart for yardage or clubs.
9. Post your scores when you get to the next tee, not as you walk off the last green played.
10. Let faster groups play through if a hole opens in front of your group. It's not a sin!

**Match Play Championship Complete**

Finally, we have completed the 2023 Match Play Champion. All flight winners have been determined, and the winner and runners-up in each flight have been credited with shop credits for their performance. Congratulations to the following winners:

	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Runner Up</u>
Men's Championship	<b>Keith Crownover</b>	<b>Ross Tomberlin</b>
PW Hybrid	<b>Frank Lamson-Scribner</b>	<b>Giles Schanen</b>
Men's White Tee	<b>Hal White</b>	<b>Ray Johnson</b>
Men's Gold Tee	<b>Frank Duda</b>	<b>Frank Limehouse</b>
Women's Championship	<b>Cherryl Meadows</b>	<b>Fran Moseley</b>

### September Status

Where did the month go? The cooler weather is nice, and we haven't had much rain. The greens have picked up some speed, and the tees and fairways are in good shape.

During the month, we accomplished the following:

- Made our first application of fungicide to the tees, fairways, and greens to control spring dead spots.
- Applied a growth regulator to the greens to control seed heads.
- Re-seeded the natural area "turnip" patches between 2 and 6 and to the right of 5 tee.
- Seeded the area on the right of 6 outside the dogleg and between 7 and 8 with tall fescue.
- Treated the course for Fire Ants, which really got active with the cooler temps.

### #1 Drainage Project

During the second half of the month, we were finally able to do the drainage project on 1 fairway. While this work was delayed from earlier this summer, it feels great to get it done finally. I would have preferred to have it completed earlier for the sod to have more time to tack down and the seams to heal before cold weather, but hopefully, it will grow in enough before winter dormancy. Just over 2,500 feet of drain tile was placed throughout the first section of the fairway.

This work will make an improvement in the soggy conditions we deal with on #1, especially during the winter. But let me caution everyone – do not expect this work to make 1 the driest fairway on the course. This hole still has the challenges of being very close to the water table, sitting nearly 30 feet below the full pool of Lake Hartwell, consisting of heavy clay soil, is prone to flooding, and the entire right half of the fairway sees virtually no sunlight for a long period of the winter. It's a very challenging site, to say the least.

When playing this hole, please take relief from the sod and avoid hitting off it to give it the best chance to re-establish.

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

As you have probably read by now, we are planning to open the 18<sup>th</sup> hole on Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. As you know, we had hoped to get all the work with the rock wall done prior to opening, but with the erratic delivery schedule, it appears we won't have all the material until mid to late November. So rather than wait, let's go ahead and open now and enjoy the new hole while the weather is beautiful during the next 6-8 weeks. Then, when it's cold and the days are much shorter in December, we will return to the temporary hole while doing the rock wall.

The turf on the new portion of 18 is in good shape. Unfortunately, there are a few scars on the green where we have had to sod and plug out some areas contaminated by some off-type turf. But you will find it in pretty good shape for only being 4 months old.

Plans were to re-pave the existing path and the new portion behind the green prior to re-opening. Since equipment will need to use this path once we shut back down to build the wall, we will leave it as is to avoid damaging new asphalt. Once all work is complete, the entire cart path will be repaved. The temporary path will remain in place for now. Current plans are to remove it next spring at the beginning of the growing season.

### Overseeding

Overseeding of tees, originally scheduled for October 9<sup>th</sup>, has been moved to October 16<sup>th</sup>. The course closes on the 16<sup>th</sup> and this date will better accommodate some tournaments. Please note that we will restrict practice to the mat for a couple of weeks to allow the seed on the practice tees to start well. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding.

As for the Par 3's, we will only be overseeding holes 8 and 17 and using the hitting mats on 4 and 12 again this winter.

Keep in mind that the overseeded tees will be soggy as we water light and frequently to promote rapid germination and establishment.

### Bridge Replacement

The front nine will be closed the week of December 11-15 to allow for the replacement of the wooden cart bridge on #1. This bridge is 28 years old, and other than replacing some of the decking boards, no work has been done on this critical piece of infrastructure. We plan to strip it down to the pilings and build it back with all new lumber. I know this is an inconvenience, but it is something that must be done. Please mark your calendars accordingly.

**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

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656-1814

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**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: 88 Life: 28**  
**Non-Resident: 70**  
**Young Alumni: 11**  
**Inactive: 3 Legacy Life: 11**  
**Total Membership: 399**

**New Members**

**Pike Rowley**

**Michael Casey**

**Caleb Hannon**

**Brent Emerson\***

**Beau & Mimi Hollingsworth**

**Member Resignations**

**Jason Sharpe**

**October 2023**

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