



THE WALKER COURSE
 ■ AT CLEMSON UNIVERSITY ■

Upcoming Events

September

- 04 Open HOLIDAY (9am)
- 08 Home Football Friday
- 09 Charleston Southern at Clemson
- 11 Open Monday (11am)
- 12 HMR Veterans Tournament (2pm)
- 15 Home Football Friday
- 16 Fla. Atlantic at Clemson
- 18 Mountains Mini-Tour Event
- 22 Home Football Friday
- 23 FSU at Clemson
- 25 Course Closed (Maintenance)

October

- 02 Open (11am)
- 04 LGA Member-Guest
- 05 NHC Tournament (2pm)
- 06 Home Football Friday
- 07 WF at Clemson
- 09 Open (11am)
- 14 Upstate Am Tour
- 16 Course Closed (Maintenance)
- 17-18 LGA Championship
- 23 Open (11am)
- 30 Open (11am)

BRENT JESSUP

PGA HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL



Pool Construction Update

Last month the pool construction began to take shape. It appears construction will be completed in late October. Hopefully, there will be a few warm days to swim before cold weather arrives. We will notify you when the pool project is completed and ready for swimming.

Match Play Updates

The Match Play Championship is moving right along with two division championships already being crowned. The men's championship was won as **Keith Crownover** defeated **Ross Tomberlin** on the final hole of the championship match. The men's hybrid championship was won by **Frank Lamson-Scribner**. There are still three division championships to be completed. So, if you are still in the running, call your next opponent and get that match played this month.

Senior Interclub Update

Your senior interclub team won the regular season championship and received a "bye" in the first round of playoffs. The second-round playoff match was held last month against **The Preserve at Verdae**. Four of our players played at **Verdae** and four played here. When the scores were tallied, Team Walker prevailed by a score of 45-35 so the next round of playoffs is scheduled for September against The Longview Club in Charlotte. Those results will be posted in next month's newsletter.

Home Football Golf

Cooler days are beginning to show up and football season is here. As a Walker Course member, be sure to utilize your two-week tee time reservation priority on those home game weekends. Those times disappear quickly! Also, remember the practice range is closed for parking on game days. Golf only.

Tee Time Challenge

Clemson students returned last month and we sold out of student/ faculty semester passes for only the second time ever. You should expect a challenge in securing last minute tee times this semester. The students are only allowed to make tee time reservations seven days prior, which still gives our MEMBERS a one-week reservation advantage. If you wait until the seven-day window to reserve a time, good luck.

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Also, it is important for you to call the golf shop and let us know if you are not going to have the full compliment of players in your group. Too many members are booking for four players and showing up with only two. We understand last minute emergencies, but if you know in advance, please let us know too so we can fill out each tee time foursome slot. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Outing Reminder

We have one shotgun start event this month on Tuesday, September 12th. If you play another course that day, don't forget to save your receipt. We will honor it for a free cart round here on your next round.

Member Guest Pass Cards

Remember your guest pass cards are not valid on Fridays-Saturdays-Sundays until after 2:00pm. They are also not valid at any time on home football Fridays or Saturdays. Thanks for your cooperation.

Holes-In-One

August has been the month for aces. Eight holes-in-one were reported including four by Walker Course members. On August 1, **Andy Walker** aced hole # 4 and **Jimmy Dean** aced hole # 18. On August 4th, **Truman Watson** aced hole # 18 and won the HIO jackpot. On the 25th, **Jerry Handegan** aced hole # 17, his second hole-in-one this year! Everyone seems to like the larger hole on # 18, but it will soon go away as we begin play on the new 18th hole in October. Enjoy it while you can! Congratulations to all of our acers!

DAC Construction Update

As you can see the new **DAC (Development / Alumni Center)** building is beginning to take shape. Last month final groundwork was completed. Footings and support walls were poured. The elevator shaft was built and the building's steel frame began to rise from the ground. As this work continues, we want to remind everyone to stay away from the construction areas as much as possible. Safety is Job One.

Beginning on September 11th the north entrance to the **Madren Center** will be closed in conjunction with this project work. We will also lose 25 parking spaces in the lot between the clubhouse and **Madren Center**. The north entrance will remain closed for the duration of the project. The only access to **Solé on the Green** will be through the front entrance of the **Madren Center**.

Also, the new 18th hole is near completion. Once the new retention pond stone wall construction is completed we will re-open the hole for play. Stay tuned for more updates.



Local Rule F-5 (2x2 Rule) Adopted for all play

“Relief from interference by an *immovable obstruction* may be taken under Rule 16.1.

The player has an extra option to take relief when such *immovable obstructions* are on or close to the *putting green* and on the *line of play*:

Ball in General Area. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b if an *immovable obstruction* is:

- On the *line of play*, and is:
 - On or within two *club-lengths* of the *putting green*, and
 - Within two *club-lengths* of the ball.

Complete relief must be taken, which includes both physical and *line of play* interference.

Exception—No Relief If Line of Play Clearly Unreasonable. There is no relief under this Local Rule if the player chooses a *line of play* that is clearly unreasonable.

August Status

August was a strange month rain wise. While we recorded nearly 7 inches, 6 fell in two days. We had 4.1 inches on the 3rd and then 2.1 on the 28th! The rain on the 3rd caused the creek to get out a bit and we had some minor cleanup work to do. Otherwise, it was an average month weather wise.

It was a routine month maintenance wise as well. In addition to our regular mowing schedule, we were able to accomplish the following:

- Greens were verticut every Monday during the month and topdressed three times. Growth regulator was applied, and we groomed daily in conjunction with mowing.
- As we always do in August, we brushed and closely mowed the fairways early in the month to alleviate grain and prevent the bermudagrass from getting too fluffy and thick, providing a healthier, tighter surface.
- On Monday the 21st, we applied a slow-release nitrogen 19-0-25 fall fertilizer to all areas of the course.
- Lower #9 fairway was topdressed two more times this month, bringing the yearly total to 6 times. We're hoping to make one more application in early September.
- The natural areas on the course have been mowed as scheduled. The "turnip patches" have been mowed as well and we will be reseeding them soon. In addition, we have sprayed out an area right of 6 fairway and the high cut area between #7 and #8 will be seeded with fescue next month.
- Drainage installation on 1 fairway has been delayed again. Plans are to do this work the week of September 11th and we will play the hole as a par 3 while the work is going on.

September Goals

- Continue to verticut and lightly topdress greens as long as the temperature stays warm.
- Treat the course for fire ants which will be emerging with the (hopefully) cooler temperatures.
- Begin Spring Dead Spot control applications to greens, tees and fairways, once the soil temperatures reaches 72 degrees. This is the temperature at which the pathogen becomes active and when fungicides are most effective.
- Apply a Potassium based fertilizer to the greens to assist hardening for the winter.
- Apply growth regulator to greens to control seed heads that occur around the third week of the month.
- Prep and re-seed natural areas on 2, 5 and 6.
- Prep and seed the areas on 6 and between 7 & 8 with fescue.
- Raise height of cut slightly on tees and fairways around mid-month to allow some additional growth prior to the onset of dormancy. This assists the bermudagrass in surviving the cold months of the year while it is not actively growing and gives us more of a base to withstand traffic during the winter months.

18th Hole Update

The turf on the new portion of the hole is maturing nicely. The green has matured to the point that it is being mowed and managed just like the greens on the course. However, we are still plugging out some of the off types that I discussed last month. The back of the green has been tied-in to the Alumni Center construction fence and the temporary path has been installed. Eventually, once the Alumni Center is completed, the hole will tie in to it.

If you have played recently, you have no doubt seen the large rock being stockpiled behind the pond and in the woods. This is the rock that we will be using to build the wall around the retention pond to enhance the look of the pond. We had hoped to have this work completed and the hole ready to open, but we are experiencing delays in getting the rock delivered. Thus, we are going to wait to open the new the hole until we can get the wall installed, as this work will be disruptive.

Home Lawn Tip

For those of you with warm season lawns who want to try to keep them weed free this winter, now is the time to apply a pre-emergent herbicide for winter annuals and poa annua (annual bluegrass). Most Home and Garden centers have a material in granular form that you can apply. A follow-up application in December or January will likely be necessary to achieve season long control.

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: 88 Life: 28
Non-Resident: 66
Young Alumni: 10
Inactive: 2 Legacy Life: 11
Total Membership: 393

New Members

Andrew & Besty Schaaf Scott & Kelly Talley Julie & David Shipley
Matthew & Cherie Graham Erica & Bill King Luis Ramirez
Jefferson Mitchell Brad Marsico

Member Resignations

Dana & Karen VanPelt Will Carter Dave Smith
John Prather Wes Florence

September 2023

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