



THE WALKER COURSE
 ■ AT CLEMSON UNIVERSITY ■

Upcoming Events

April

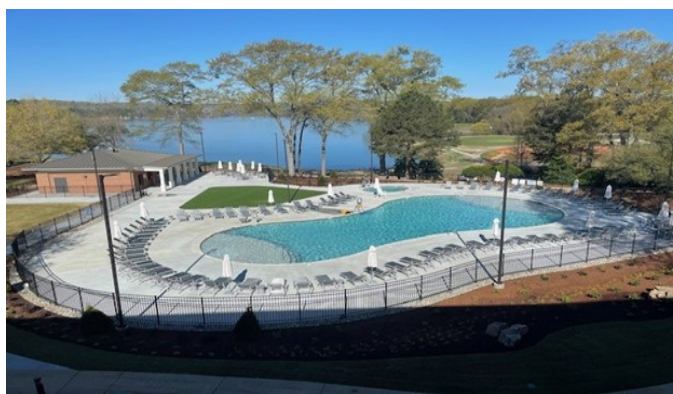
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May

- 04 Clemson Soccer Tournament
(2pm shotgun)
- 06 Mulligans For Maggie
(Noon Shotgun)
- 6-8 Spring Golf Trip: Huntsville, AL
- 09 CAFLS Tournament (AM Shotgun)
- 13 Course Closed: Maintenance
- 17-18 Member-Invitational
- 20 Blue Ridge CoOp Tournament
(AM Shotgun)
- 25 Arthrex Tournament (2PM Shotgun)
- 27 Memorial Day Open 8AM

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Complex Swimming Pool Ready To Open

After the long wait, the new complex swimming pool and cabana is set to open for the season on Friday, April 12th. Walker Course members will have access to the new pool located directly behind the *James F. Martin Inn*. You will soon receive an e-blast with access and use information. Please be sure to read it carefully as there are new guidelines concerning use of the pool area. You will see a familiar face at the pool. **Ally Emerson** will serve as the new pool manager. Please contact her with any questions or concerns you may have: allye@clemson.edu She can also be reached by phone: 864-654-9020, extension 503.

Couples Nine & Dine: April 26

Our annual Couples "Nine & Dine" twilight golf event will take place on Friday evening, April 26th. The evening starts with a 6PM shotgun start nine-hole golf outing, followed by drinks and snacks at *Solé On The Green*. Each member couple will be paired with another couple to form a four-person team. Entry deadline is Thursday, April 25th. Call the golf shop to sign up and play.

5-Club Challenge Winners

Congratulations to **Ron Schroder** for capturing last month's 5-Club Challenge event with a low gross score of (76) from the purple/white hybrid tees. Low net winner was **Kirk Luna**. **Frank Duda** and **Norris Widener** won the gold tee division gross and net. **Alyson Dildine** and **Kandace Schatz** took the red tee titles. Thanks to everyone that played.

Senior Interclub Update

Your senior interclub "Team Orange" opened their season last month with a home match win over *The Preserve at Verdae* by a single match point: 40.5 to 39.5. **Clint Carlson** and **Tom Thiel** provided the come-from-behind victory by winning the last match: 13.5 to 6.5. Next up is a return rematch against *The Preserve* on April 18th.

Your super senior Interclub "Team Purple" season began with an opening match at the *Smithfields Country Club* last month falling short 47-33. **Jerry Handegan** and **Steve Trojan** were victors in their four-ball match there. Next up is another match against *Smithfields CC* in Easley. Good luck guys. Let's get on the winning side!

Match Play Championship

Your annual match play championship play begins in May. This is the "handicap strokes" club championship. Members will sign up to play by tee divisions and will utilize their course handicaps to compete against each other. Sign up deadline is May 4th. Match pairings will be posted on May 7th. Entry fee is \$20 per player. Call the golf shop to sign up.

Member Invitational Reminder

The annual Member-Invitational is set for next month (May 17-18). Mark your calendars now and plan to play in this 27-hole weekend celebration. The general schedule remains: Friday evening cook-out followed by a 9-hole skins game, then Saturday morning 18-hole shotgun start followed by snack-and - sip at Solé. Details will be on the sign-up flyer in the golf shop.

Long Days Return

Now that April has arrived, we are back to full day operations. The golf shop will open at 7:30AM and the practice range will open at 7:45AM. The practice range will close at 6:45pm and the golf shop will close at 7:00PM. Also, the golf course will be open on Mondays (April 1, 8, 29) at 11AM. The range is closed on Mondays until noon for mowing maintenance. Come out and enjoy more casual golf Mondays.

Cindy Starnes: Hole-In-One

Congratulations to **Cindy Starnes** for her first hole-in-one on March 13th. Witnessing the 84-yard ace on hole #4 were **Fran Moseley**, **Cherryl Meadows**, and **Alyson Dildine**. **Mrs. Starnes** was not a member (at the time) of the Walker Course H-I-O Club so the jackpot is still growing. Great shot none-the-less!



Hole # 18 Rock Project

With the arrival of more rock, the fountain pond project is back underway. The contractor will be working to complete the project as quickly as possible. We anticipate a four or five-week completion timeframe. Based on which side of the pond the crew is working, a determination of how we can play the hole will be made daily. We will have to utilize the fairway temporary green and play it as a par three when there is crew safety concerns. When the crew is not working, we will play the hole as a regular par four to the new green. Please check with the golf shop daily before going out to know how number 18 will be playing that day. Your understanding and cooperation is greatly appreciated.

DAC Project Updates

As you have probably already experienced, parking continues to be a challenge. We are now approaching the busy season for the conference center, hotel and golf course! The extra business will put even more pressure on available parking. Please be patient as you search for parking. Carpooling (when possible) will be a good idea. Additional shuttle vehicles are on the way and we are increasing our staff presence in the parking lots to help shuttle you to the golf shop from your parking space.

The temporary golf shop trailer is scheduled to arrive this month and will take a couple of weeks to be ready for occupancy. Once the new cart barn and temporary golf shop are ready we will move our operations into the trailer. When that occurs the current parking lot will be closed down and the current golf shop will be demolished. All golf parking will be directed to the new parking lot located near the temporary golf shop at the end of the practice range.

A "food truck" will be placed near the practice range tee to serve as the food and beverage center for golfers before, during, and after your golf round. Solé On The Green staff will operate the food truck. Stay tuned for more information as it is made available in the next month.

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March Status

March brought continued rain keeping the course on the wet side. We have recorded over 21 inches of rain in the first 3 months of the year. Things have been slowly warming up with no late deep freezing, so the bermudagrass is waking up like it should with shady and north facing slopes lagging.

On March 4th, we were able to make our course wide application of slow release fertilizer and summer pre-emergent weed control. The temperatures were optimum for crabgrass germination so it was important to get it down when we did. It was a little on the wet side, but we were able to get the bulk spreader truck on the course without leaving too many tracks. Number 1 and lower 9 were a little too wet so we waited and applied the weed control ourselves on the 15th.

Winter Projects

Even with all the rain we had a very productive winter from a project standpoint. In addition to the major work I listed last month we were able to do several tree removals, under brushing, repaired several drains, replenished the sand in the bunkers on 8 and make some irrigation improvements all with our in-house staff.

April Goals

April sees us return to more routine mowing and maintenance and less project work as the grass greens up and begins to grow.

We will perform a solid tine aeration of the greens mid-month with ¼ inch tines to improve water infiltration and gas exchange. There will be little, if any impact on ball roll especially after rolling the greens a couple of times.

The mats on holes 4 & 12 will be removed around mid-month. We need some warmer weather to get the grass growing so that we will see recovery from divots. Unfortunately there are a lot of divots on some of these tees now from players who did not follow the rules. Thanks to all of you who did cooperate by using the mats this winter.

Mulching beds will be another priority for April.

18th Hole Pond Update

Work is restarting this month on the pond project on 18. How this hole plays on a day-to-day basis and will change depending on the work that is occurring. If the men are working we will play it as a par 3. When it does play as a par 3 we will try to play it from the fairway to the regulation green. However, there may be some days we have to use the temporary green. On the weekends and on other days the contractor is not working we will play the hole as a par 4. Thanks for your understanding as we finish up this project.

Rounds 4 Research April 22-28

Rounds 4 Research is an online auction of golf tee times that was founded here in the Carolinas and is now nationwide. The Walker Course is proud to donate a Stay & Play package to this great cause that raises money for turfgrass research. Money raised from this program has funded over \$560,000 in turfgrass grants for research at Clemson University and North Carolina State University to date. If you would like to play golf at some exclusive properties or find some great deals be sure to go to www.rounds4research.com between April 22 and 28 to bid away!

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—6:45pm
 (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: 192
Family: 84 Life: 27
Non-Resident: 73
Young Alumni: 15
Inactive: 4 Legacy Life: 12
Total Membership: 407

New Members

George Acker & Karen Calhoun
John & Sally Carpenter
Joe & Margaret Robbins
Stephen Corley **Connor Moore**
Calvin Snipes **Mark Williams** **Scott Schoedel***

April 2024

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