



THE WALKER COURSE
 ■ AT CLEMSON UNIVERSITY ■

Upcoming Events

August

- 03 Grint Tour (AM Times)
- 05 Course Closed
- 12 Course Closed
- 15 CAFLS Tournament
(AM Shotgun)
- 16-17 MEMBER- INVITA
TIONAL
- 19 Course Closed
- 21 Fall Semester Class
begins
- 24 Kappa Sigma Reunion
Tournament
(PM Shotgun)
- 26 CLEMSON WOMEN'S
COLLEGIATE
INVITATIONAL
- 31 Clemson vs. UGA
(Atlanta)

September

- 02 Open Labor Day
- 06 Home Football Friday
- 07 ASU vs. Clemson
- 09 Open Monday (11am)
- 14 Lacy Williams Group
(PM Shotgun)
- 16 Open Monday (11am)
- 19 HMR Veterans
Tournament
(PM Shotgun)
- 20 Home Football Friday
- 21 NC State at Clemson
- 23 CLOSED: Course
Maintenance
- 27 Home Football Friday
- 27 Jim White Memorial
(PM Tee Times)
- 28 Stanford at Clemson
- 30 Open Monday (11am)

BRENT JESSUP

PGA HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL

Member Invitational August 16-17

This month we will hold our “rain postponed” spring Member-Invitational tournament. This event is open to teams with either one member and a guest, or two members playing together as partners. Both players must play from the same set of tees. Guest practice rounds are available Tuesday through Friday before the tournament for cart fees only.

Officially, we get underway Friday evening with a “players only” cookout on the Solé patio at 5:30pm. Then, at 6:30pm paired teams will head out for a 9-hole captains choice adventure that will count as your first-round team score. A special course set-up is in the works.

The Saturday round begins with a 9:00am shotgun start. Each team will play “best net” on the front nine and “best gross” on the back nine. Following play, a shot game competition will take place while scores are tabulated. The awards ceremony will take place inside the Solé bar area with drinks and snacks for the players. Winners will be awarded in each tee division.

Entry fee is \$220 per team and includes everything except the practice round cart fees and the optional “skins” cash jackpot game Friday evening. There is no tournament round on Sunday, but players are encouraged to stick around and play Sunday for only a cart fee, (advanced tee times are required). GHIN handicap indexes are necessary for all players. Additional details are listed on the sign-up flyer in the golf shop. Call now to sign up before the deadline on Wednesday, August 15.

Clemson Women’s Collegiate Invitational

For the first time ever, The Walker Course is playing as the home course for the Clemson Women’s Collegiate “Tiger Classic” Golf Invitational to be held at The Walker Course on Monday, August 26th. Fifteen teams from across the country will play the one-day, 36-hole event. Members and public are welcome to come out and watch your Clemson Tigers compete on home soil. This tournament starts with a shotgun start at 8:30am and will continue throughout the day until all teams have completed 36-holes. You don’t want to miss the action!

Fall Outing Events Reminder

As we approach the fall outing season, please remember to check your newsletter calendar for upcoming event dates and times. The majority are afternoon shotgun start events. This generally means there are no morning tee times available after 9am on those specific dates. For our newer members, if you play at another golf course on the day of one of our shotgun start events, save your paid receipt from that course, and present it to us on your next Walker Course round for a complimentary cart fee.

Member-Member New Winners!

Congratulations to **Joel Fickes** and **Justin Hendrix** for winning the low gross championship for your multi-format Member-Member tournament held last month. Their stellar round of (66) edged out **Ross Tomberlin** and **Keith Crownover** in the purple/white hybrid-tee division. With one of the largest participation turnouts in years (27 teams), nineteen teams won one of the divisional prizes in one of the three formats and six tee divisions. Following play everyone enjoyed a great sip and snack at Solé while waiting on the final tallies. Thanks to everyone that played. Let's go bigger next year!

Junior Club Championship Results

Congratulations to **Miles Vischer** and **Campbell Epting** for capturing this year's Junior Championship titles. **Miles Vischer** won the (15-17) division with a two-round score of (74). **Campbell Epting** won the (12-14) division by one stroke with a score of (85). Both winners received trophies for their fine performances. Thanks to all who participated.

Match Play Update

As we approach the end of August, we are getting down to the final matches in each division. If you are still playing, please call your next opponent and get that match played before football season starts and your attention is divided. Trophies await the overall men's and women's champions.

Clemson Students Return

As you can already tell, many off-campus students are returning to Clemson for the fall semester. With their return, afternoon tee times will become even more scarce. Be sure to take advantage of your "member" two-week reservation window to insure you can get on the course. Last year we sold 100 student semester passes and we expect to "sell out" again this semester.

Welcome Pete Matthews

You should have recently received a note announcing **Pete Matthews** has agreed to serve as a teaching professional for The Walker Course. **Mr. Matthews** recently retired after 20 years as the PGA Director of Golf at *The Wade Hampton Golf Club* in Cashiers, NC, and he has agreed to lend his teaching expertise to us on his schedule. Please contact him directly at 828-506-2849 to schedule a lesson or series of lessons.

Additional Help Wanted!

As we get closer to moving into our new permanent home, we are continuing to make "necessary operational adjustments." These include the hiring of additional afternoon play coordinators. This new employee(s) title will help us control access to the golf course and ensure that everyone pays, gets to the first tee, and does not "dally" on the turn. They will be responsible to make sure no one sneaks off (or cuts in) on the back nine and help coordinate the shuttling of range customers back and forth from the golf parking lot near the trailer. If you are interested in learning more about this position, please contact **Brent Jessup**.

We are also in the process of hiring a full-time golf shop merchandiser that will be responsible for all parts of our expanding merchandise business in the new golf shop. A new assistant golf professional will also be hired to replace the departure of **Chuck Little**.

Construction Update

Building construction is coming along on schedule. We did a walk-through recently and the ground level floor (golf shop and bistro) are coming right along. Sheet rock wall finishes are up and the fixture contract has been awarded and should be delivered soon. The upper floors are ahead of the ground floor since most of those materials are delivered through the ground floor level. Lake Drive has been blocked off for perimeter work around the building.

You will notice that we are stockpiling extra dirt from projects around campus at the end of the driving range. This dirt will be used to shape the new driving range tee and other areas that will require additional fill dirt. The range work should start later this fall, hopefully after football season. As the project continues to move along, please continue to use caution driving through the construction areas.

Safety Reminder

We had our first parking lot golf cart vs. automobile accident last month. Thankfully, no one was seriously injured. We have instructed our staff to use extreme caution and to use the sidewalk path rather than driving through the parking area. That being said, we can't keep golfers from driving through the parking area, so please use extreme caution and drive slowly being aware of vehicles that may be backing out of a parking space.

July Status

Aerification week was July 8-12, and it went well. The week was dry, and we accomplished quite a bit. Because we went two weeks later this year due to the First Tee event, we tried a new technique on the greens. While it caused things to heal quicker, I'm not sure we removed enough organic matter and affected the rootzone as much as we should. Next year, with our aerification dates returning to normal, we expect to get more aggressive. After the Clemson women's golf team event in August we plan to do a micro tine aerification which should have a minimal effect on playability.

The fairways were cored and verticut and they have healed up well. All the tees were verticut and we were even able to aerify and verticut the collars.

In addition, the lower 9 fairway was topdressed. That brings us to 4 times the total this summer, with two more planned for August.

All the natural areas were cut back this month. The turnip patches on 2/6 and 5 will be sprayed for weeds and reseeded in late August or early September.

August Goals

Because of our later aerification date and the Clemson women's golf team event on August 26th, we will be unable to do some of the additional cultural practices we normally do in August, such as brushing and scalping the fairways.

We will be aggressively grooming and managing the putting surfaces this month. Greens will be lightly verticut and topdressed weekly and we will be grooming with the greens mowers daily. As mentioned above, we will do a micro tine aerification of the greens following the event on August 26th. Our plan is to do 9 holes each day in front of play on August 27th and 28th.

We will apply our fall feed fertilizer to the course on August 12st. This fertilizer includes significant potassium to help the turf harden off before dormancy. All of the nitrogen in this product is slow release so it will feed the turf slowly and consistently through the remainder of the summer and fall until dormancy without any flush of growth.

18th Hole Update

We have experienced another delay in receiving rock for 18 pond, so we took this opportunity to remove about 3 feet of silt and organic material that had built up in the bottom of the pond over the last 29 years. We are expecting rock deliveries to resume any day and hope to have the wall completed by the end of September. On days they are working, we will play the hole as a par 3 and a par 4 when they are not.

Summer Staff

We are fortunate to have another excellent crew this summer. Finding people to get up early, be at work by 6 am, work in the heat and humidity, and work Saturday and Sunday mornings every other weekend is a challenge.

If you are out playing over the next couple of weeks and run into one of our staff, I'd encourage you to say hello and thank them for their effort this summer. They deserve it.

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 Madron Center
 656-7155

Membership by the Numbers

Individuals: 190
Family: 92 Life: 27
Non-Resident: 87
Young Alumni: 29
Inactive: 3 Legacy Life: 13
Total Membership: 441

New Members

Randy Cheek	Jeff Arvin	David Dangelo
William Huey	Brad Sweeney	Grayson Bailes
Christopher McGuffin	Tanner Stuetgen	Graeson Smith
	Adrianna Mosher	

Member Resignations

Jim Palmer	Dean Hardister	William Cox
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August 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 Grint Tour (AM Times)
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