



THE WALKER COURSE
 ■ AT CLEMSON UNIVERSITY ■

Upcoming Events

February

10 Member's Tough Day (AM)

March

- 6 LGA Kickoff Meeting
- 13 LGA Play Days Begin
- 16 Member's Five Club Challenge
- 19 Off The Block Training Seminar (7 PM)
- 21 Educating All Tournament (AM)
- 23 Clemson Alumni Association Tournament (PM)
- 31 Easter Sunday

BRENT JESSUP

PGA HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL

Rescheduled Tough Day: Saturday, February 10th.

We will try (again) to get our Member's Tough Day competition completed on Saturday, February 10th. The competition will begin with a 10:30 am shotgun start. This event is a 9-hole-only team competition. We will meet in Solé for a "Snack & Sip" social following play. There is no entry fee for playing other than the regular cart fee (\$10 per player). Food and first beverage are included! You must sign up before the Friday, February 9th 1:00 pm deadline. Call the golf shop to sign up to play in this FUN event.



Richard Coleman Wins Holiday Bowl Contest

Congratulations to **Richard Coleman** for his recent victory in our annual holiday bowl contest. He and **Don Garrett** picked 30 winners from the 43 games, but **Mr. Coleman's** 42-point tiebreaker was the difference against **Mr. Garrett's** 65-point tiebreaker prediction. The winner parlayed his picks into a \$350 jackpot win. **Congratulations, Mr. Coleman!**

Hole-In-One: John Barry

On December 21st, **John Barry** scored a hole-in-one on hole # 12 from 135 yards out. Don Haynie, Tripp Dukes, and Jamie Groeber witnessed his perfect seven-iron shot.

Hole-In-One: Fran Moseley

Congratulations to **Fran Moseley** for her recent ace of hole # 18 on January 18th. Joel Brawley and Vince Brawley witnessed her perfect seven-iron shot. Great shot!

Carolinas Golf Association Ace Winner

Congratulations to **John Garrett**, who recently won the random drawing from all of the registered hole-in-one golfers in the Carolinas for 2023. **Mr. Garrett** received a nice golf "care" package from the CGA.

This is the second winner from the Walker Course in the past few years. **Glenn Cantrell** also won a care package drawing in 2022.

GHIN Service Master Bill

If your name was on our roster for GHIN services last month, you should receive your automatic renewal bill for 2024 (\$30.00) on your most recent statement. If you do not want this service, you must let us know before February 28th. We cannot refund fees after February 28th.

Range Club Update

Your 2024 Range Club fees will be billed this month. At some point (late Fall), the range will be closed completely for the redesign/reorientation work. Since we don't know the exact date of the closure, once the new range opens, we will pro-rate any "closed months" remaining on your range membership at that time for the 2025 range membership.

LGA Season Kickoff: March 6

The Walker Course Ladies Golf Association will have its opening meeting on March 6th at 10:30 am in the *Madren Center*. All new members are welcome to attend. If you are interested, please email **Cindy DeCosta** at decostac24@gmail.com. The ladies group play on Wednesday and Friday mornings. They would love for you to join them!

Yoga Therapy Bar Seminar

Special thanks to **Dr. Nekita Sullivan** for hosting last month's seminar on yoga exercises to relieve and prevent back, knee, and shoulder issues. Everyone in attendance received a good workout! If you are interested in attending another seminar in the future, please let the golf staff know. Happy stretching!

Employee Christmas Fund Thank you!

Thanks to your wonderful generosity, we distributed more than \$7,000 to our staff employees for the annual employee Christmas bonus fund. Please see the notes of thanks on the clubhouse bulletin board. Also, thanks go to **Steve Trojan** and **Eddie Brown** for heading up the fund drive. Our staff members are most appreciative.

2024 Member Events Schedule

February 10	Tough Day
March 16	Five Club Challenge
April 26	Couples Twilight
May 17-18	Member Invitational
June 29-30	Club Championship
July 27	Member-Member
August 17	TBA Play Day
October 11-12	Senior Club Championship



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In December, we mourned the loss of another Walker Course "Life" member. **Doug Kingsmore** was an active member of our senior golf group for many years following his retirement from a successful textile career. **Mr. Kingsmore** was a 1955 Clemson University graduate and an outstanding baseball player at Clemson and with the Baltimore Orioles organization. He was also an Emeritus Trustee of Clemson University, awarded the Distinguished Alumni Service Award in 2011 and was inducted into the Clemson Athletic Hall of Fame. A true gentleman that will be missed by many. Rest in peace, good friend.

Winter Update

While December was more normal weather-wise, January has been crazy. The 4.5 inches of rain that fell in 12 hours on Tuesday, January 9th, caused the creek to flood and spread some debris and silt on holes 1, 2 and 9. Things were much better with the new retention ponds along Perimeter Road. I have noticed other issues related to the surrounding watershed that might be causing some problems and have contacted the City's stormwater engineer to look at these issues.

The following week, we were hit with a cold snap that required us to cover the greens for several days to protect them from winter injury. We recorded a low of 13.3 degrees at our weather station.

Once the covers came off on the 22nd, we were hit with another week of rain, bringing our monthly total to over 8 inches. The good news about all the rain is that the lake is almost full, and the Corps website projects it to be at full pool by early March!

Project Update

The wooden cart bridge at 1 tee was rebuilt as scheduled the week of December 11th. The bridge and concrete approaches look very nice. It feels good to have this important piece of infrastructure rebuilt.

While the bridge work occurred, we used the closed front nine for some much-needed tree work on holes 1, 2, and 5.

The directional signs were removed on January 8th to be refurbished. After ten years, they needed new paint and lettering. The posts have been painted, and the panels should be reinstalled before the end of the month.

During February, we will be underbrush along the 15th and 16th holes in the wooded areas bordering the lake, allowing for a better water view. We met with the Army Corps to clearly understand what we can and cannot do. As this land is leased to the golf course, we have more flexibility than a homeowner bordering the lake.

On February 5th and 6th, we will remove the large tree behind #11 green next to the cart path. This large double leader oak is in bad shape. From the path, it looks fine, but step around to the backside, and you can see a large cavity rotted out of the trunk. We have tried to hang onto it for years, even adding a cable for stability, but it is too much of a liability. On the 6th, the back nine will be closed, and you will play the front 9 twice.

#18 Pond Update

Due to more supply chain issues and a desire to get a better-quality rock, work on 18 pond has been paused, and we have resumed playing 18 as a par 4. We will continue to play 18 as a par 4 until we have the rock on hand to finish the wall. We are all frustrated that this work is incomplete, but as someone said the other day, it is better to finish it right than quickly.

Please, for your safety, stay out of the construction area. Refrain from crossing the construction fence to retrieve a golf ball.

Maintenance Schedule

The annual Major Maintenance Schedule normally appears here in the February issue, but we are still trying to finalize a couple of things, so look for it next month.

Thank You!

Thanks to everyone who gave to the employee appreciation fund in December. It is a real treat to hand out these awards to my staff. Thank you for thinking of them and showing your appreciation for the job they do throughout the year.

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: 85 Life: 27
Non-Resident: 70
Young Alumni: 13
Inactive: 5 Legacy Life: 11
Total Membership: 399

New Members

Sam Walker

Hayden Grooms

Member Resignations

Jeffrey & Lisbeth Hill

Daniel Conley

February 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5 Closed	6	7	8	9	10 Member's Tough Day (AM)
11	12 Closed	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 Closed	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 Closed	27	28	29		