



THE WALKER COURSE

■ A T C L E M S O N U N I V E R S I T Y ■

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PGA HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL

Upcoming Events

March

- 04 Closed
- 06 LGA Kick Off Meeting
- 10 Daylight Savings Time
- 11 Closed
- 16 Five Club Challenge
- 18 Closed
- 19 Off the Block PT Seminar
- 21 Educating All Tournament (AM)
- 25 Closed
- 28 Home Interclub Match vs. The Preserve

April

- 01 Open 11am
- 04 Omega Psi Tournament (PM)
- 05 Block C Lettermen (AM)
- 06 Spring Game Day
- 08 Open 11am
- 15 CLOSED: Maintenance
- 18 Home Interclub Match vs. Green Valley
- 20 JLF Memorial (PM)
- 22 Dabo's FCA Tournament (AM)
- 25 Clemson Construction Science (PM)
- 26 Couples Twilight Nine & Dine
- 27 Gibson Memorial (PM)
- 29 Open 11am
- 30 Meyers Center Tournament (AM & PM)

LGA Season Kick Off: March 6

LGA President, **Cindy DeCosta**, invites all Walker Course women members to attend the season kick-off meeting, lunch, and play on Wednesday, March 6th. The meeting starts at 10:30am. Lunch at 11:30 and golf (9-hole scramble) at 12:40. Please contact **Mrs. DeCosta** to sign-up for the meeting and golf.

Yoga Therapy Warm Up

Dr. Nekita Sullivan will return to conduct an “outdoor” yoga warm-up session for our members prior to the Five-Club Challenge tournament. Even if you are not playing in the tournament, you are welcome to join us for the brief workout. **Dr. Sullivan** will conduct the warm-up session beginning at 9:00am. When you sign up for the Five Club Challenge, please indicate if you plan to attend the warm-up session. A warmed-up golf swing performs better and hurts less!

Daylight Savings Time

Sunday, March 10th is the first day of DST. We will maintain our opening schedule with the shop continuing to open at 8:30am and the first tee time each day still at 9:00am. We will extend the golf shop and range closing times a little longer in the evenings. The range will close at 6:00pm and the golf shop will close at 6:30pm beginning March 10. When we reach April, we will open earlier and close later.

Five Club Challenge: March 16

Saturday, March 16th we will host our Five -Club Challenge. As the event title indicates, you can only use five clubs (your choice) during the round. Members can sign up to play from any set of tees, but only compete against those playing from the same tee markers. Gross and net winners will be determined in each tee division. Entry fee is \$30 per player plus cart fees. Entry fee covers your golf prizes and a “snack and sip” social in Solé following play. Entry deadline is Thursday, March 14th. Call the golf shop to sign up now.

Off The Block PT Seminar: March 19

Cole Counts of “*Off The Block Performance Physical Therapy*” will be joining us for another evening of exercise training in the **Madren Center** on Tuesday, March 19th beginning at 7:00pm. If you missed his seminar in November, this is your chance to catch up. You are encouraged to come out and learn new drills and exercises to improve your flexibility and hopefully your golf swing. Please RSVP in the golf shop for this fun evening of exercise!

Senior & Super Senior Interclub Season

This year, *The Walker Course* will be fielding an CGA interclub team in two divisions: Senior and Super Senior. If you are age eligible, you can compete on both teams. Senior team minimum age is 55 years. Super Senior team age minimum is 70 years. Captain **Jack Mansmann** will lead both squads against our POD opponents. This year, two new courses have joined our PODS: **Green Valley CC** will join the senior division and **Smithfields CC** will compete in the super senior division.

You must also have posted 10 scores in the last 12 months to be eligible. Please sign up in the golf shop as soon as possible. Our team roster deadline is later this month. Home matches will be played here on Thursdays beginning March 28 and running through the end of June. Most of the away matches are also scheduled on Thursdays as well. A full schedule will be posted in later newsletters.

Senior Pod: *The Patriot at Grand Harbor, The Preserve at Verdae, The Walker Course,* and
***Green Valley CC*

Super Senior Pod: *The Patriot at Grand Harbor, The Walker Course,* and ** *Smithfields CC*

Tough Day Results

The rescheduled rain date for Tough Day worked. The weather was perfect for the seven, four-person teams. Format was Best (2) Ball total. When everyone finished, the team of **Lance Vischer, Laura Best, David Branca,** and **Janal Walton** posted a (56) to win by two strokes. Following play, everyone enjoyed a snack and sip in Solé. In addition to the team results, **Miles Vischer** won two “skins.” Closest to the pin winners were: **Tom Turpin, David Branca,** and **Doug McDonald** won two CTPs. Thanks to everyone that participated.

DAC Building Update

The outside “skin” of the new DAC building will soon be completed and look nearly finished. However, inside the building, construction is still chugging along “on schedule” with an estimated completion date of late November. The new cart shed construction is underway at the far end of the new parking lot northwest of the new building. Our “temporary” golf shop trailer is scheduled to arrive in April and we will transition operations into the trailer sometime in May. Once we move into the trailer, the current clubhouse and temporary cart shed will be demolished and prepared for a new parking lot. All golfer parking will be routed to the new parking lot near the temporary trailer. We will provide more updates as plans solidify.

Swimming Pool

The new swimming pool is nearly complete. If you have not seen it, you should walk around to the back of the **James F. Martin Inn** and take a peak. This will be the place to be this summer! We will be scheduling an opening day member’s event in mid-April. Details to follow, stay tuned.

Dues Increase Reminder

Last month you received a membership e-blast notice about the new dues structure that will take effect on April 1st. Your next monthly statement will reflect that incremental increase. Membership dues were last increased in 2021 and general public green fees were raised in September of 2022. Membership dues were scheduled to increase in September of 2023, but we have been able to hold off the increase until now. Thanks for your understanding and support.

New Legacy Life: Frank Eskridge

Congratulations to **Mr. Frank Eskridge**. **Mr. Eskridge** recently reached the longevity and age requirements for Legacy Life status at The Walker Course. He has been a charter resident member since 1992. His original membership number was 32. Here’s to enjoying many more years of dues free golf!

Winter Update

The rock for the pond on 18 is arriving slowly but steadily and we hope to get started back in late March and have the project wrapped up in April.

We have been busy with our winter project work and done lots of under brushing, bunker work, and dead tree removal. We have started mowing down the rough to remove the dormant material before things green up. We will continue with some of this work in March, along with beginning to spread mulch. Routine mowing will start as the grass begins to grow. The pre-emerge bulk spread was completed March 4. The golf course signs have been reinstalled and look great.

Below is the Major Maintenance schedule for 2024. Note the weeklong closing for green and fairway aerification is two weeks later this year due to the First Tee event in late June.

2024 Major Maintenance Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Condition</u>
March 4	Fertilize Course	No impact
April 1	Aerify Par 3 Tees	Minimal Impact
April 15	Solid Tine Aerify Greens	Closed - Minimal Impact
May 6	Slice Fairways	Minimal Impact
May 13	Aerify Tees & Collars	Closed - Tees poor 2-3 days
June 3	Aerify Practice Tees	Tees poor 2-3 days
July 8-12	Aerify Greens & Fairways	Greens poor 10-14 days
July 15	Rain Date for Aerification	Course Closed
Aug 12	Verticut Fairways	Fairways poor 2-3 days
Aug 19	Solid Tine aerify Greens	Minimal Impact
Aug. 19	Fertilize Course	No impact
Sept 23	Spray Fairways - SDS	Course Closed
Oct.7-8	Overseed Tees	Par 3's poor 10-14 days
Oct 21	Fall Pre-Emerge App	Course Closed

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Pro-Shop

Operating Hours:

Monday
(Seasonal)
Tuesday—Sunday
7:30 am—7:00 pm

Practice Range Hours:

Monday
12:00 pm—6:45 pm
Tuesday—Sunday
7:45 am—6:45 pm
(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: 189
Family: 84 Life: 27
Non-Resident: 70
Young Alumni: 14
Inactive: 4 Legacy Life: 12
Total Membership: 400

New Members

Ronald Schroder
John & Catherine Mercer

John & Shannon Nissen
Shawn Simpson

Resigned Members

Neal & Heather Barrow

Jake McKinney
Graham Eubank

March 2024

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