



THE WALKER COURSE

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

Upcoming Events

October

- 07 Open Monday (11am)
- 09 LGA Member Guest
- 11-12 Senior Club
Championship
- 14 Regional High School
Tournament (AM)
- 17 NHC Scholarship (PM
Shotgun)
- 18 Home Football Friday
- 19 UVA at Clemson
- 21 CLOSED: Course
Maintenance
- 22-23 LGA Championship
- 28 Open Monday (11am)

November

- 01 Home Football Friday
- 02 Louisville at Clemson
- 03 Eastern Standard Time
Begins
- 4-5 Fall Golf Trip
- 06 LGA Season Ending
Meeting
- 22 Home Football Friday
- 23 Citadel at Clemson
- 28 Closed: Thanksgiving
- 29 Home Football Friday
- 30 South Carolina at
Clemson

BRENT JESSUP

PGA HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL

Senior Club Championship: October 11-12

The senior club championship will take place on Friday & Saturday, October 11 & 12. The entry fee is only \$10 for this stroke play (no handicaps) championship. Tee times are set for 9am both days. Depending on the number of entries, there may be flighted divisions. If you are age 55 or older, you are eligible to compete from the white tees. If you are 70 or older, you can sign up for the Super Senior division and play from the gold tee markers. Both rounds count toward a total score for the 36-hole event. Championship winners in both divisions will receive trophies. Your entry fee goes toward golf shop credits for the winners. Deadline for entries is October 9th. Call the golf shop to sign up now. Your defending senior division champion is **Keith Crownover**. Your defending super senior champion is **Jack Mansmann**.

Storm Report

Helene will be remembered for many years to come. Many of you suffered personal property damage and will be working to clean and clear that away for some time. So will we! We lost around 25 trees to the storm. Thankfully, most fell “away” from the play lines, so we were able to get the front nine open rather quickly. We did have several trees fall across cart paths that required removal before we could reopen the back nine.

Don Garrett’s team did a fantastic job of clearing away the roadblocks as quickly as possible so we could get you back on the golf course. Amazingly, there was minimal damage from the Hunnicutt Creek along the front nine. It appears those retention areas along Perimeter Road are working to reduce the flow of water coming down the creek. As we continue to clear away the remaining debris, please be careful and obey the cart path rules to avoid further damage to the course. We are glad you all survived the storm. Keep those in the mountain areas in your thoughts and prayers.

Home Football Friday No Shows / No Cancellations

Already this season, we have had a number of “no show / no cancellations” from our members on home game Fridays. These no shows represent significant revenue loss for The Walker Course. Please, if you make a tee time and determine later you are not going to use the time, please CALL us and cancel the time so we can re-sell it to someone that wants to play. We are turning away more golfers than we are able to accommodate every home football Friday. We desperately need your cooperation! If this trend continues, we will reinstitute the old “no show” penalty fees for the lost tee time revenue. Be aware that you cannot cancel “online” within 24 hours of the tee time. You must call the golf shop to cancel within 24 hours.

DAC Update

This month, significant work has taken place, and we are beginning to see some finished projects and the beginning of the next phase of construction. We are now projecting an early February move to the new golf shop space. The upper floors of the new building will not be occupied until early spring due to additional design changes.

Fencing along the road is coming down as the paving begins to take place around the perimeter of the new building. This will also make for safer travel along the road to our parking lot. The practice areas (range and putting green) will soon be closing for the renovation and redirection of the range and the building of a halfway house near the entrance.

Golf Carts

We apologize for the condition of our golf cart fleet. We have had these carts longer than any fleet in the history of The Walker Course (five years). We were not able to “flip” the fleet when our normal trade-in time came because of the COVID-19 epidemic. They have been used beyond the call of duty and will soon be replaced with a new fleet next month. In the meantime, we are doing our best to nurse them along and keep them operable.

The paths around the construction project have been very rough on the carts and have affected golfer driving patterns as well. The carts have been more like ATV vehicles than smooth riding golf carts since construction started. We have replaced and repaired more than 25 golf cart tires with nail punctures and broken suspension bars this season.

The new fleet will have enhanced amenities: padded bucket seats, GPS tracking, geo-fencing controls, and personal coolers. We expect arrival mid-November. Not a minute too soon!

Pool & Cabana Closed for Season

The first season of the new swimming pool is now complete with the seasonal closure occurring on September 26th. We hope everyone has enjoyed the new facility, and we look forward to an early spring opening in 2025. Thank you to pool manager **Ally Emerson** and her staff for another safe season of swimming.

“Lucky” Friday the 13th

Friday, September 13th was a great day to buy a lottery ticket, or at least **Stephen Cobb** and **Gregg Meyers** should have! Both gentlemen played golf that day and scored a hole-in-one on the same hole, #17. **Mr. Cobb** playing early in the morning scored his ace with a 115-yard gap wedge shot and later in the afternoon, **Mr. Meyers** jarred his 161 yards, 8-iron shot on the same hole. Neither were in the member’s hole-in-one club, so the jackpot continues to grow slowly.

Mr. Cobb’s ace was witnessed by **David Sinclair** and **Tom Doss**. **Mr. Meyers’** shot was witnessed by **Jerry Handegan**, **Tom Turpin**, and **Steve Simoneaux**. Congratulations gentlemen. Should have bought that ticket!

After your round, if you are visiting Solé on the Green

Please refrain from parking at the entrances of the Martin Inn or the Madren Center.

September Status

September continued our theme of a very dry summer, with only a quarter of an inch of rain. That is until Helene dumped 10.15 inches on us. Remarkably, we only had some minor flooding of the creek and holes 1,2 & 9 had a little debris and barely any silt deposits. The high winds with the storm only brought down about 25 trees, mostly on the back nine. I say only because I've only heard of one course in the area that has less than 100 trees down. The staff cleaned up the ones in play and blocking access, however we still have several that fell away from the course to clean up when things slow down a bit. There were a lot of leaves, sticks and smaller debris everywhere, but all in all, we were very fortunate to escape serious damage.

Special thanks to my staff, many of whom came in on Saturday when they were scheduled to be off, for all of their hard work in getting the course cleaned up.

Aside from routine maintenance and storm cleanup, we accomplished the following last month:

- Made our first application of fungicide to the tees and fairways to control spring dead spots.
- Applied a growth regulator to the greens to control seed heads.
- Re-seeded the natural area 'turnip' patches between 2 & 6 and to the right of 5 tee.
- Topdressed greens twice.
- Made two soil amendment applications to the green, Gypsum and 0-0-25.
- We raised the height of cut on the fairways at the end of the month for hardening off prior to dormancy, which coincided nicely with not being able to mow for several days.

October Goals

October is the month we transition from the growing season and prepare the turf to move into dormancy. Mowing heights are raised, and fungicide applications are made to help protect the turf for its winter nap. It is also the month that leaves begin to fall faster than we can clean them up! Please bear with us.

Other things planned for October include:

- Treat the course for fire ants which was delayed due to the storm.
- Treat greens and tees for spring dead spots and make the second application to the fairways.
- Continue storm cleanup.

Overseeding

Overseeding of tees, originally scheduled for October 7th, has been moved to October 14th.

We will not be overseeding the practice tees as they will be impacted by the Parking lot/Driving Range realignment project, which is projected to start in November.

As for the Par 3's, we will only be overseeding holes 8 & 17 and using the hitting mats on 4 & 12 again this winter.

Please keep in mind that the overseeded tees will be soggy as we water light and frequently to promote rapid germination and establishment.

18th Hole Update

Work finally resumed on the rock wall after a lengthy delay. Work was progressing nicely until we were hit with Helene. I am not sure at this time how much longer we will be delayed as we are unsure about our supplier's status in Tennessee.

The construction fence has been taken down behind 18 green and we should be able to tie things in back there before too much longer. There is grading work, irrigation installation and cart path work to be done before we can wrap it all up in sod.

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

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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: 96 Life: 27
Non-Resident: 89
Young Alumni: 30
Inactive: 4 Legacy Life: 13
Total Membership: 448

New Members

Michael & Courtney Alexander
Kevin Krzeminski

Carl Nelson
Jeff & Janet Halliburton

October 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
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