



THE Walker Course

AT CLEMSON® UNIVERSITY

Upcoming Events

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May

- 01 Match Play
- 03 Clemson Soccer (pm)
- 05 Mulligans Fore Maggie
- 08 Spring Graduation
- 09 Spring Graduation
- 12 Closed Maintenance
- 12-13 Spring Trip
- 14 LGA Bring A Friend
- 16-17 MEMBER-INVITATIONAL
- 19 Blue Ridge Coop (am)
- 22 Clemson Faculty Senate Tournament (am)
- 26 Open Monday (11am)
- 31 Arthrex Tournament (2pm)

BRENT JESSUP

PGA HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL

"Member Masters" Saturday, April 12

New event this season. The "Member-Masters" will be held on Saturday, April 12 in conjunction with "*The Masters*." Walker Course members will sign up to play golf on Saturday and pick any professional playing in *The Masters* that day as their partner! Each member's NET score will be added to their professional partner's score from Saturday's round at *The Masters* for the team total. You will only be competing against other members that play from the same set of tees. The deadline to sign up is Thursday, April 10th, at 12 noon. Entry fee is \$20 (plus cart fees). The entry fee forms the golf shop credit prize distribution jackpot. The golf staff will make all pairings.

Twilight Couples: April 25

Your annual Couples Spring Twilight will take place Friday evening, April 25th. Member couples will be paired with another couple to form a four-person team for a nine-hole scramble. Following play, we will gather at *Solé On The Green* for drinks and snacks. Entry fee is \$50 per couple (plus cart fees). Golf prizes and drinks/snacks are included. Call the golf shop to sign up by Wednesday, April 23rd.

Match Play Championship

The 2025 member's Match Play Championship begins May 7th. This championship is a "net" event with full course handicap stroke differences being used in each match. You must have a GHIN handicap to participate. Members will sign up to play by "tee" divisions. Entry deadline is May 4th, and pairing matches will be posted on Tuesday, May 7th. Entry fee is \$20 per player. Call the golf shop to sign up and play in our largest member participation event!

Busy Event Months

As you can see from the calendar, April and May are very busy outing months. Please be sure to check the calendar when you are planning to play golf. There are no new shotgun start events for either month. Our special events calendar has been "maxed out" on these months for several years. As a reminder, when we host a shotgun start event and you are unable to get a tee time, we will honor your receipt from a different golf course you played on the day of the shotgun event. Don't forget to save those receipts and bring them in for a complimentary cart fee.

Five Club Challenge Results

Your first member event of the year was held last month with eighteen members competing with only five clubs. The hybrid tees division winners were **Ron Schroder** 1st low gross and **Tom Turpin** 1st low net. 2nd gross was **Mark Johnston** and 2nd net was **Paul Dygert**. White tee division winners were **Howard Bodenhorn**, low gross and **Richard Albritton** taking low net honors. The womens division winners were **Mary Brock** low gross and **Nancy Barker** low net. **Bob Barker** won the gold tee division. Thanks to everyone that competed. The winners received golf shop credits to use for shopping in the new golf shop and realized they may be carrying too many clubs the rest of the year!

Senior Interclub Win vs. Green Valley

The first senior interclub match of the season was held last month at *The Walker Course* against the *Green Valley Country Club* team. *The Walker Course* team, led by **Jack Mansmann** and **Ross Tomberlin**, won the match: 45-35. Walker team won three out of four matches and halved the other. The next match is at *Cobbs Glenn* on April 17th. If you have not yet signed up to play, contact Captain **Jack Mansmann** to be added to the roster. The Super Senior interclub team also gets underway later this month.

Another Lesley Ace!

Congratulations to **Don Lesley** for his third hole-in-one at *The Walker Course*. Ace number three occurred on March 22nd at hole number twelve. The 126-yard, 8 iron shot was witnessed by **Glenn Loomer**, **Frank Limehouse**, and **Ray Johnson**. In addition to making the ace, **Mr. Lesley** won the Member's Hole-In-One Jackpot Club, collecting \$210 from the pot. It's time for everyone to renew their \$5 entry fee and build a nice jackpot for our next acer! Great shot **Mr. Lesley**!

"First Friday Free-For-All"

Last month we met with the Friday member's golf group leaders to discuss the situation about the lack of equal access for all members to Friday morning tee times. As our membership has grown, so has the demand for Friday morning tee times. The Friday member groups hold 2/3 of all tee times available before 1pm. This has restricted the number of available tee times for the rest of the membership.

After discussing a few options, we are going to run a "test program" called the "**First Friday Free-For-All**." On the first Friday of May, June, and July there will be NO GROUP TEE TIMES "pre-reserved" for any groups. This will allow all members equal access to the available tee times beginning two weeks prior at midnight. Any member wanting to play on those First Fridays will have to access the available tee times through the online member portal two weeks prior. You will only be allowed to reserve ONE tee time per log-in. Groups will need to have one person responsible for making a tee time for a foursome. If this proves successful, we will implement it for home football Fridays this fall. If you have questions or comments, please feel free to contact **Brent Jessup**.

GHIN Score Posting Reminders

Your handicap committee has asked us to remind everyone to be sure to post your golf scores *on the day you play* and be sure you are posting scores from the *correct set of tees* played. The committee is reviewing posted scores for accuracy and confirming that rounds played on our tee sheets are being posted. Remember your handicap index is only as accurate as your posting. Thanks for your cooperation.

Swimming Pool News

The Conference Complex Center swimming pool will be open for weekends only (Friday-Sunday) beginning Friday, April 4th. The official full service opening date for daily use is Friday, April 25th. The pool hours are 10am-9pm daily.

To access the pool & cabana, please pick up your new key cards and sign your **2025 Walker Course Member Pool Agreement** at any time at the *James F. Martin Inn* front desk. Your keys allow you access to the pool only during the hours of operation. Pass keys from 2024 will NOT work. Only one person listed on the membership needs to sign for your key. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact **Ally Emerson** (864-654-9020, ext 503) at *The James F. Martin Inn*. Happy and safe swimming!

March Status

March has seen temperatures warm up slowly and consistently and things were a little bit on the dry side.

On March 4th, we were able to make our course wide application of slow release fertilizer and summer pre-emergent weed control. The course was dry and firm, allowing the bulk truck to access all areas of the course with no issues.

We were also able to scalp down all the rough to 1 inch to get rid of the excess dormant material. This will allow us to get a better cut throughout the growing season.

The two extra cups in the greens were removed at the end of the month.

April Goals

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

We will perform a micro tine aeration of the greens on Monday April 14th, with 1/8th inch tines to improve water infiltration and gas exchange, and to help us manage organic matter in the upper rootzone. There will be little, if any impact on ball roll, especially after rolling the greens a couple of times. These are the same tines we used late last summer. Testing has shown the organic matter levels of our greens are on the high side, therefore we must get more aggressive in managing it.

The mats on holes 4 & 12 will be removed around mid-month. We need some warmer weather to get the grass growing a little more so that we will get 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.

Driving Range Project

There is little to report on the driving range. Not much has occurred in March with our portion of this project. We are waiting for the parking lot contractor to finish importing the fill needed to get the tee and green area up to grade, so that our contractor can do the detailed shaping and irrigation and drainage installation. Rerouting of the three major irrigation lines began but is not complete. We are also waiting on a decision from the university on the removal of Delta Street.

Rounds 4 Research Auction April 21-27

This year's Rounds 4 Research auction takes place April 21 through the 27th. This auction of tee times 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 \$850,000 in turfgrass grants for research at Clemson University and North Carolina State University. 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 21 and 27 bid.

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: 185

Family: 90 Life: 27

Non-Resident: 83

Young Alumni: 32

Inactive: 4 Legacy Life: 13

Total Membership: 434

New Members

Member Resignations

Brandon Becker

William Munn

Brian Cromer

April 2025

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