

# Walker Course

AT CLEMSON® UNIVERSITY

## **Upcoming Events**

## July

04	Open Holiday Rates
07	Course Closed
14	Course Closed
21	Course Closed
24	Senior Golfers of SC
	(AM Shotgun)
28	Course Closed

#### August

2-3	CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP
04	Course Closed
07	Vets Helping Vets (AM Shotgun)
9-10	Clemson Women's Golf Camp
	(PM)
11	Course Closed
18	Course Closed
23	Kappa Sigma Tournament
	(PM Shotgun)
24	Clemson Women's Invitational
	Practice Rounds (PM)
25	Clemson Women's Invitational
	(AM Shotgun)
28	Tiger Golf Gathering (All Day)
29	Home Football Friday

LSU vs. Clemson

30

## **BRENT JESSUP**

#### PGA HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL

## 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Club Championship: August 2-3

The 30<sup>th</sup> annual stroke play club championship will take place on Saturday and Sunday, August 2 & 3. This is the "pure golf" championship, there are no handicap strokes involved. Players will compete against other players playing from the same color tees and may be flighted based on first round scores and size of field. This is a tee time event. No shotgun start. Starting tee times will begin at 8:00am each morning.

Sign up to play from any set of tees you desire. Overall winners (men and women) will receive a championship trophy and shop credits. All other division winners will receive shop credits. The entry deadline is Thursday, July 31<sup>st</sup> at 12 noon. The entry fee is only \$10 per player. Call the golf shop to sign up now! Defending champions are: **Connor Moore** and **Mary Brock**.

## **Member Guest Pass Cards**

You should soon be receiving your new 25-26 "Guest Pass Card" under separate postal mail. All previous year cards are now null and void. If you did not receive your new "blue" card, please contact **Brent Jessup** for a replacement before the end of the month. These cards are good for three "accompanied" guest greens fees during the allowable dates and times. Please review the restrictions listed on the back of the card. It is also a good idea to store the card in a safe place. Don't wait until June 2026 to use them. Enjoy them now as they tend to get lost later in the year! Lost cards will not be replaced.

## **Golf Camp Thanks**

Clemson golf camp weeks are now behind us. Thanks for making room for the (76) junior golfers we had each week playing the Walker Course. If you played elsewhere during the camp closure times, bring us your receipt and we'll trade you for a free cart fee for your next round!

## **Match Play Reminder**

We are making good progress with everyone scheduling and playing their matches so far. The deadline date for this month's quarter-final matches is July 15 and August 18<sup>th</sup> for the semi-finals. Call your next opponent and get those matches played soon.

## **Golf Cart Clarification**

Several members continue to report situations about other members abusing the golf carts by riding on the back of the cart or hitching a ride around the course without paying the proper cart fee. If your clubs "ride" on the cart (even if you don't), you owe a cart fee. You also don't get to decide to ride certain holes only (1,2,6,9,12,13, 16, etc). If you pay to ride nine it's either the front or the back, not riders' choice of which holes! Again, please do not ride on the back of the carts. It is extremely dangerous. People are watching and reporting! Do the right thing. Either walk or pay to ride. Thanks for your cooperation!

## **Couples Honey Moonshiners**

We would like to make our newer members aware of the opportunity to play "couples" golf on Sundays. The "Honey Moonshiner couples" have four tee times reserved each Sunday beginning at noon for you to join the fun! Each week there is a different game and most of the time you play your own ball. The couples are known to "celebrate" all birdies...thus the name "Honey Moonshiners." Following play, they often get together afterwards at a local restaurant to replay the day and relax. Members and guests are welcome. If you would like to be included on their email list, contact Nancy Barker at: <a href="mailto:nbarker@barkersearch.com">nbarker@barkersearch.com</a>

## **Member-Member Results**

Your annual Member-Member multiple format championship is in the books for 2025. Congratulations to **Ron Schroder & Chris Shelnut** for taking the gross division title with a score of (66) and **Lucas Harper & Duke Craft** taking the net title with a (65).

We had a record number of teams participate this year. Thanks for such a great turnout. Hopefully, next year we can have a few more teams! Twenty of the (32) teams received golf shop credits for winning a 6-hole segment. The credit amounts are listed in the golf shop for your review. We have some really great merchandise selections in the new shop, and we are selling through them quickly, so don't wait until the end of the year to use those shop credits on the leftovers!

#### **Interclub Report**

The regular season for both super senior and senior division is coming to an end. There are just a couple of regular-season away matches remaining for the seniors this month before the playoffs begin. Captain **Jack Mansmann** has navigated another successful season of double duty for both divisions.

#### **June Status**

June was a Goldilocks month...not too hot, not too cold, not too dry, not too wet. Well, at least it wasn't too hot until the last few days of the month when we had some upper 90's during aerification week.

Aerification week went very well. We were back to our traditional aerification date of the last week of June. While it was rather hot, it was dry, which we like. Things need to be dry to sweep, vacuum, blow and clean up.

For the greens, we used a 1/2-inch hollow magnum quad tine, set on 1.5-inch centers to a depth of 2.5 inches. The plugs were cleaned up to remove this organic matter then topdressed with sand that was brushed into the holes. The following day, we contracted with a company to Dryject the greens. This machine injects sand 4-5 inches into the green on a 3x3 inch spacing. I feel this combination of techniques allows us to remove organic material; while maximizing the amount of sand we can get into the upper profile. This provides good drainage which keeps the greens surface firm. Expect a 28-day healing period before the greens are fully recovered. As they begin to recover, we will begin lowering the mowing height back down, begin brushing and grooming daily, applying growth regulator and lightly topdressing and verticutting every 7-14 days. All these processes will help to smooth the greens and increase ball roll.

All fairways were core aerified for the first time in several years. We cored with a 13/16-inch tine. All cores were swept up followed by vertical mowing to remove more thatch. All this debris was vacuumed and removed. The fairways were then brushed to stand up remaining turf, then crosscut and scalped to remove as much as possible, and the remaining debris was then blown off. The fairways are recovering rapidly and should be back to normal in a couple of weeks.

On the following Monday, June 30<sup>th</sup>, we aerified collars and approaches and lightly verticut tees. We accomplished quite a bit of work over eight days, and I am appreciative of my staff, many who worked 15-hour days, from sunup at 6am to sundown at 9pm. I know it disrupts playability for a few weeks, but the work we do over this one week has a lot to do with the condition of the course for the other 51 weeks of the year.

#### July

As mentioned above, we will be working to assist the greens recovery and get them back in shape as quickly as possible.

Also in July, we will be cutting down the natural areas. The "Turnip" patches on holes 2, 5 & 6 will have run their course. We will cut them back and then get them ready to be reseeded about September 1<sup>st</sup>. The fescue areas will be cut back and sprayed for weeds. Tees will be lightly verticut again around midmonth. Lower 9 fairway will be aerified again and topdressed as we continue to work on sand capping this area. The rest of the month consists of lots of routine mowing. This is also the month many of our staff take vacation time.

## **Driving Range Update**

Work continues to progress slowly on this project, but it appears things are about to pick up speed. The green and the tee are built, and we have added about half of the greens mix to the green. Irrigation installation has begun, and the target greens are shaped. The practice bunker has begun to take shape as well. Curbing and paving were to begin July 3<sup>rd</sup>. I'm hopeful we will be laying sod by the week of the 21<sup>st</sup>.

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

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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: 91 Life: 27
Non-Resident: 84
Young Alumni: 36
Inactive: 3 Legacy Life: 14
Total Membership: 440

#### **New Members**

Cindy & Mike Miller Spencer Hynd Dale Wilde & Elaine Roberts Russell & Christy Hebert

## **Membership Resignations**

Ben Sullivan
Carl & Teresa Hollingsworth
Clay & Eileen Caldwell

Carl Schmidt
Frank Fiumefreddo
Artie & Krinn Burns

#### **JULY 2025** Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday 1 2 3 5 Open Holiday Rates 8 10 11 12 6 Course Closed 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 Course Closed 20 21 22 23 24 26 25 Senior Golfers Course Closed of SC (AM Shotgun) 27 28 29 30 31 Course Closed