



THE WALKER COURSE

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

Upcoming Events

April

- 03 Open Monday (11 am)
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- 14 Block "C" Lettermen
Tournament (AM)
- 15 Spring Game Day
- 17 Course Closed
- 20 Clemson Construction
Science Tournament
(AM)
- 22 JLF Memorial
Tournament (PM)
- 24 Dabo's FCA
Tournament
- 28 Couples' Twilight on
the Links
- 29 Gibson Memorial
Scholarship Tournament
(PM)

May

- 01 Mulligans for Maggie
Tournament (AM)
- 02 Meyers Center
Tournament (AM)
- 04 CAFLS Tournament
(AM)
- 06 Demo Day
- 08 Open Monday (11 am)
- 8-10 Spring Golf Trip
- 11-12 Clemson Graduation
Days
- 15 Course Closed
- 18 Senior Interclub Match
vs. Cobbs Glenn
- 19-20 MEMBER-
INVITATIONAL
- 22 Blue Ridge CoOp
Tournament (AM)
- 29 Open Monday (9 am)

BRENT JESSUP

PGA HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL

Construction Update

The DAC building project is now full steam ahead, with many changes occurring daily. Demolition and site preparation for Phase One will include fencing off the entire project areas, tree logging, new cart path establishment for hole # 18, tennis court and swimming pool removal, grading, and construction of a temporary cart shed near the current golf clubhouse. Other preparations will also take place quickly. Everyone is required to **STAY OUT OF THE CONSTRUCTION AREAS**. The new cart path on hole # 18 will require you to drive a specific path through that area; that is the only exception! **All golf carts must be returned to the golf clubhouse immediately following play.** You cannot drive golf carts to Solé; access to Solé will only be allowed by walking through the Madren Center. Please follow all directional signs for your safety.

Parking Challenges

The fenced off areas of construction mean the loss of 60 parking spaces. Parking spaces will be a premium. Hopefully, this will encourage you to get here early for your tee time to find a parking spot. We strongly encourage you to "carpool," if possible, when you come to play.

Swimming Pool

Building permits for the new swimming pool were finally approved, and construction of the new pool (behind the *James F. Martin Inn*) will begin in May. Construction is scheduled to be completed in late August or early September. Therefore, unfortunately, we will not have a swimming pool this summer. We made multiple attempts to secure swimming privileges at other local pool locations, but liability and insurance concerns made that impossible.

Tournament Time!

As you can see from the upcoming schedule, multiple golf tournaments are scheduled at the Walker Course in April and May. None of these are new events. These tournaments are the same events we have hosted for several years.

Walker Course Members: Please be aware on days when we have “morning shotgun start” events and your access to the Walker Course is blocked; if you play at another course and bring us your paid receipt from that course, we will accept that receipt for a complimentary cart fee for your next round at the Walker Course. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation; these tournaments are Clemson University affiliated events. All part of the excitement of being a member at a university golf course!

Couples' Twilight on the Links

On Friday, April 28th, we will host our Spring Couples' Twilight on the Links event. Two couples will be paired as a team and play nine holes beginning with a 6 pm shotgun start. The format will be “Step Aside Scramble.” Following play, we will convene at *Solé On The Green* for the scoring, with snacks and drinks provided. The entry fee for the golf prizes and the scoring party is \$30 (plus cart fees). The entry deadline is Thursday, April 27th, at noon. Call the golf shop to sign up now.

Match Play Championship

The 2023 Match Play Championship play begins in early May. This is the month to sign up and get ready to go “one-on-one” against your fellow members. The entry fee is \$20 per player, and the sign-up deadline is Sunday, April 30th. As you sign up to compete from a specific set of tees, you will only compete against others playing from the same set of tees. Flight position seeding will be based on your May 1 handicap index. Scoring for each match will utilize your FULL HANDICAP STROKE ALLOCATIONS differences. This is a “net” championship event. Defending 2022 champions are **Ross Tomberlin** and **Debbie Abu-Eideh**. Sign up now!

Five Club Challenge Results

The 2023 member competitions got underway last month with our Five Club Challenge. Fifteen members competed with only five clubs in the gross and net competition. Congratulations to the following winners:

Purple/White Hybrid Tees:	1 st Gross	Mark Johnston
	1 st Net	Kirk Luna
White Tees:	1 st Gross	Paul Dygert
	1 st Net	Richard Albritton
Gold Tees:	1 st Gross	Bob Barker
	1 st Net	Arnold Brock
Red Tees:	1 st Gross	Nancy Barker
	1 st Net	Alyson Dildine

Each of the winners received golf shop credits, and everyone enjoyed a nice snack spread and drinks provided at *Solé' on the Green* following play.

Mevo Flightscope Launch Monitor

We recently purchased the *Mevo Flightscope* launch monitor to assist in club fitting specifications and decisions. The *Flightscope* monitor can also be used in golf lessons and game improvement sessions. If you would like to know more about your golf ball launch conditions, call us, and we will be glad to schedule a fitting session or lesson with you.

March Status

March brought us continued steady rain keeping the course on the wet side. Also, a cold snap at mid-month sent everything back into dormancy. However, things warmed up at the end of the month and into early April, and everything seemed to be up and growing.

The paving repair work scheduled for mid-March has been postponed until the week of May 15-19.

On March 6th, we were able to make our course wide application of slow release fertilizer and summer pre-emergent weed control. Fortunately, it was dry enough to put the bulk spreader truck out and get it done, except for holes 1 & 2, which we plan to do the afternoon of Thursday, April 13.

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 solid tine aeration of the greens mid-month, similar to the one we did last August. While significantly improving water infiltration and air and gas exchange, it is barely noticeable with little effect on ball roll.

18th Hole and Alumni Center

The work to relocate the 18th green to accommodate the new Alumni Center began in March. The work on the 18th green is coming along on schedule. We hope to be planting grass next month. The Alumni Center construction is beginning, and you need to know that this will be quite disruptive to our operation. We will do our best to keep you informed, but some things will happen very quickly and with little notice that are out of our control.

Rounds 4 Research April 25-May 1

Rounds 4 Research is an online auction of golf tee times founded in the Carolinas. The Walker Course is proud to donate a Stay & Play package to this great cause that raises money for turfgrass research. This program has funded over \$560,000 in turfgrass grants for research at Clemson University and North Carolina State University. If you would like to play golf at exclusive properties or find great deals, go to www.rounds4research.com between April 25 and May 1 to bid away!



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: 180
Family: 94 Life: 28
Non-Resident: 56
Young Alumni: 11
Inactive: 5 Legacy Life: 11
Total Membership: 385

New Members

Dave Smith (Rejoin) Allen Shelley

William Carter

April 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Open 11 AM	4	5	6	7	8
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