



THE WALKER COURSE

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

Upcoming Events

March

- 01 LGA Season Kick Off
- 06 Closed
- 12 Daylight Savings Times Begins
- 13 Closed
- 18 5 Club Challenge
- 20 Closed
- 23 Educating All-Tournament (AM)
- 27 Turf Day Golf Outing

April

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

BRENT JESSUP

PGA HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL



“5” Club Challenge

We kick off the 2023 golf season with our first member’s event on Saturday, March 18. Members will choose FIVE clubs and play 18 holes against their course handicap, from the designated set of tees, against only those playing from the same set of tees. The entry fee is \$25 plus a cart. The entry fee covers the golf prize fund and a post-golf social at Sole on the Green. Depending on the number of players in each tee division, we will award golf shop credits to the low gross and low net winner in each division. If we have more players in a division, a 2nd place net will also be awarded. We will utilize a modified shotgun start beginning at 10:30 am so everyone can finish at the same time and enjoy the Sole social. Sign up deadline is Thursday, May 16. Come on out and play!

Daylight Savings Time

Sunday, March 12, is the first day of DST. We will maintain our golf shop opening schedule at 8:30 am and the first tee time at 9:00 am each day until April. We will extend the golf shop and range closing time a little longer in the evenings. The practice range will close at 6:00 pm, and the shop will close at 6:30 pm beginning March 12.

Alumni Center Building Project Update

Following last month's groundbreaking ceremony, the demolition phase is starting slowly due to permitting and weather delays. The contractors will get equipment, storage facilities, and offices ready to set up in the lower-range parking area. We hope to see the beginning of activities any day now.

Please see Don Garrett's comments below for more information about the re-design of hole # 18. We will soon begin play there as a "temporary par three" hole until the re-design is complete in late summer.

Ladies Golf Association Reminder

The 2023 Ladies Golf Association (LGA) league gets underway March 1 with an opening meeting and "Around the Horn" golf game following lunch. President **Alyson Dildine** invites all Walker Course women members (especially new members) to join the association and get involved this season. Each week, the LGA league plays on Wednesday mornings with a different game with prizes and fun. For more information, please get in touch with Alyson Dildine.

Senior Interclub Team

Captain **Jack Mansmann** is issuing the annual call to all male Walker Course members over 55 to join the Walker Course senior interclub team. Matches are played home and away throughout the summer, with playoffs leading to the team championship in Pinehurst this fall. If you want to know more, contact **Jack Mansmann** or one of the golf staff. Always need more players; sign up now.

Legacy Life!

Congratulations to **Stan Hill**. **Mr. Hill** has reached eligibility for our Legacy Life membership. **Mr. and Mrs. Hill** joined the Walker Course in August of 1993 and have been active, non-resident members for all those years. Congratulations, and enjoy your Legacy Life classification!

Winter Update

Unfortunately, February has seen the same mild, wet weather we experienced in December and January. The golf course is very wet and doesn't have time to dry out between rains. We know it is frustrating for you to keep carts on the path so much. It is disappointing for your maintenance staff, as it limits what we can do. Hopefully, this pattern will break soon. In the meantime, we are taking good notes and planning some drainage projects for this summer.

The mild weather has the bermudagrass greening up across the course. This is very early and puts us at risk of a late hard frost that could set things back. The good news is that there wasn't much damage from the severe cold spell at Christmas. However, it remains to be seen for some of the heavily shaded areas that always green up later, as these are the areas most at risk for winterkill.

March Goals

We will continue doing some winter project work in March—underbrush work, sand replenishment, mulch spreading, and treating beds for weeds.

On the greens, we will begin with light rates of fertilizer as the weather dictates. We will also start to apply fungicides as needed. We also plan to do a solid tine venting of the greens late in the month, which is minimally invasive with little impact on the ball roll. The greens need a hole poked in them to allow for water movement and to allow them to breathe a bit.

We will also apply pre-emergent herbicide and fertilizer to the course on March 6 with the bulk spreader truck.

As mentioned above, routine mowing will begin as the weather and turf green-up dictate. Regardless, we will scalp the rough to eliminate all the dead, dormant material.

Alumni Center-18th Hole Update

The Alumni Center project was expected to start by now but has been delayed as they are waiting on permits. As for the related work on the 18th hole, we have our permits and are ready. Our golf course architect, John LaFoy, has designed the new greens complex, and Environmental Landscape Inc. is prepared to do the work. Irrigation supplies and drainage pipe have been ordered, and we visited a sod farm last month to reserve some grass.

So, when will the work begin? The best I can tell you is to be prepared to play the 18th hole as a temporary par 3 any day. We plan to start around mid-month, but some of that will depend on the Alumni Center getting the go-ahead because we need to move some of the dirt on the mounds behind the green to build up the new green site.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Pro-Shop

Operating Hours:

Monday
Closed
Tuesday—Sunday
7:30 am—7:00 pm

Practice Range Hours:

Monday
Closed
Tuesday—Sunday
7:45 am—6:30pm
(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: 177
Family: 95 Life: 28
Non-Resident: 56
Young Alumni: 10
Inactive: 5 Legacy Life: 11
Total Membership: 383

New Members

Douglas McDonald Webb Jones

Member Resignations

Bob Reaser

March 2023

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