



THE WALKER COURSE
 ■ AT CLEMSON UNIVERSITY ■

Upcoming Events

July

- 01 Closed
- 04 Open: Holiday rates
- 8-12 Course Closed:
Aerification Week
- 13 Course Open
- 15 Course Closed
- 22 Course Closed
- 27 MEMBER-MEMBER
- 29 Course Closed
- 30-31 Junior Club
Championship

August

- 03 Grint Tour Event
(am)
- 05 Course Closed
- 12 Course Closed
- 15 CAFLS Tournament
(am shotgun)
- 16-17 MEMBER-
INVITATIONAL
- 19 Course Closed
- 24 Kappa Sigma
Tournament
(pm shotgun)
- 26 Clemson Women's
Invitational
- 31 Clemson vs. UGA

BRENT JESSUP

PGA HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL



2024 Club Champions!

New blood has broken into the winner's circle for the men's club championship. New member, **Connor Moore** cruised to his first championship last month with rounds of 70-69 (139). **Mary Brock** captured her second championship title with rounds of 83-79 (162). **William Gaddis** won the purple tee flight, **Hal White & Larry Kuykendal** tied the white tee flight, and **Robert Gibson** won the gold tee flight. Thanks to everyone who endured the oppressive heat!

Member-Member This Month

Your annual Member-Member championship will take place on Saturday, July 27 with a shotgun start at 8:30am (to beat the heat)! Three six-hole segments will make up the 18-hole event. Six holes of best ball, six holes of captain's choice, and six holes of alternate shot. Following play, everyone will meet in Solé for snacks and awards.

Full course handicap allowances for the best ball portion will be used, pre-handicapped team strokes for the captain's choice, and alternate shot formats will apply. Your team can sign up to play from one of three tee divisions: purple/white hybrid, white tees, or red tees. Both players on a team must play from the same set of tees. Winners will be determined for each format and an overall champion. Entry fee is \$60 per team (includes social), plus cart fees. Entry deadline is Thursday, July 25. Call the golf shop to sign up. If you don't have a partner, we will be glad to pair you with another single to form a competitive team.

Our New Temporary Trailer Home

The transition to our new “temporary” trailer home went well. We were able to move all our inventory and 29 years of accumulated “stuff” on Monday and open for business on Tuesday. Things seem to be going according to plan so far. As a reminder, there is a restroom trailer located behind our golf shop trailer for your use.

The transition for food and beverages was delayed due to a utility hook-up issue. The food truck is now up and running for everyone to grab something to eat or drink before your round and also on the turn. Target date for moving into the DAC building is late December/early January. Keep your fingers crossed!

Demo Days

Last month “Mizuno” was here for a demo day on the range. Several members purchased equipment and we thank you for that support. We are working with other vendors to schedule other demo days later this summer. As we are able to arrange those vendors, we will let you know of dates to participate. Stay tuned.

Golf Camp Thank You!

Coach **Jordan Byrd**’s Clemson Golf Academy camps finished last month after two weeks of fun, laughter, and heat! Thank you to our membership for making way for these golfers to use the Walker Course in the afternoons and Wednesday mornings. Hopefully, you were able to play other area courses during the closures for camp. If you did play other tracks, don’t forget to bring us those receipts for a free cart ride. Isn’t it nice to be “back home”?

Member Guest Pass Cards 24-25

Hopefully, you received your 24-25 Member-Guest Pass Card with your most recent monthly dues statement. If you did not receive the “red” card, please contact **Brent Jessup** to get a replacement. Remember the time and date restrictions listed on the back of the card. Enjoy!

First Tee National Championship

Last month we hosted our second *First Tee National Championship*. The 54-hole tournament was contested in extreme heat. Thankfully, no one suffered from heat exhaustion! Forty-eight junior golfers from across the USA enjoyed perfect course conditions.

Norah Yand of Los Altos, California fired a final round (65) to win the girl’s division with a total of (-6) by two strokes over **Jillian Fatkin**. **Trent Mierl** of Austin, Texas shot (-9) for a two stroke victory over **Spencer Ives** in the young men’s division. Based on comments from the tournament staff and players, they hope to return in three years for another event at your beautiful Walker Course.

The First Tee staff and Walker Course staff want to give a loud “shout out” to all of the wonderful volunteers who helped make the tournament a huge success. We could not host these events without your support. THANK YOU!

Richard Abbott, David & Tonya Bendigo, Mark Boutchard, Jack Coggins, Jery Crabtree, Alyson Dildine, Bob Dobson, Joyce & Tom Doss, Mark Edwards, Carl Ford, Louis Holleman, Jack Jackson, Terry Kozma, Maurice Lopez, Tim Loyd, Marie Mall, Dee Mango, Jack Mansmann, Pam McCall, Charles Rutland, Gary Schneider, Alex Scott, and Dave Trinder.

Match Play Championship Reminder

The Match Play Championship has been moving right along this season, but there are still a couple of division matches that seem to have stalled. If you are still playing, please call your next opponent to schedule that match. Don’t wait for them to call you. The final match in each division should be played by August 25th. Let’s finish on time!

June Status

June turned very dry, very quickly. We did not record any measurable rain from June 6-28 as I write this month's column. Combined with mid-90's temperatures, wind and low humidity, the turf has begun to show stress, and it's easy to see the limitations of the irrigation system.

All in all, it was a productive month as the maintenance staff worked hard to get the course in top shape for the First Tee National Championship immediately followed by the Club Championship.

July

As I mentioned last month, aerification was postponed this year until the week of July 8-12 due to the First Tee event. We will be aerifying greens and fairways and are planning to verticut the fairways as well.

Typically, full recovery for the greens takes about 28 days. As they begin to recover, we will begin lowering the mowing height back down, begin brushing and grooming daily, applying growth regulator and verticutting every 7-14 days. All these processes will help to smooth the greens and increase ball roll.

Also, in July, we will be cutting the natural areas back. The "Turnip" patches on holes 2, 5 & 6 will have run their course. We will cut them back and then get them ready to reseed about September 1st. The fescue areas will be cut back and sprayed for weeds.

Because of the timing of aerification week this year, we will not be doing any additional projects at this time. Hopefully, we can return to our traditional aerification dates in 2025 and do some course improvement projects then.

18th Hole Update

The work on #18 pond sped up a bit in June, and we have completed most of the golf course side and placed sod between the wall and the newly paved cartpath. Work was suspended the week of June 24th for the First Tee event.

Before the back side of the pond is completed, we are going to take the opportunity to dig out the sediment at the bottom of the pond. This will allow us to deepen the pond back to its original specs and should improve water quality and appearance. Now is the time to do it before the wall is completed.

National Golf Day Follow Up

As I mentioned here last month, I attended National Golf Day in Washington DC, May 8-10, representing GCSAA with the American Golf Industry Coalition.

The three main priority topics that we addressed with members of Congress were;

1. Continued support for Turfgrass Research and Development in the Farm Bill to continue researching turfgrass genetics and how to use this genetic information to produce turfgrass varieties with heat, drought, salt disease and traffic tolerance.
2. Modernizing the US tax code to remove golf courses from the list of businesses and industries that are disqualified and unworthy of various forms of disaster relief and economic stimulus programs that are available to other businesses such as restaurants, hotels, and attractions. For example, if a hurricane hit Myrtle Beach and it was declared a federal disaster area, restaurants and hotels could apply for disaster relief funds and low interest loans while golf courses could not.
3. Support for the PHIT act, which would offer over 100 million Americans the option to use their HAS/FSA funds on activity expenses to lower the cost of healthy lifestyles.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Pro-Shop

Operating Hours:

Monday
(Seasonal)
Tuesday—Sunday
7:30 am—7:00 pm

Practice Range Hours:

Monday
(Seasonal)
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: 190
Family: 92 Life: 27
Non-Resident: 83
Young Alumni: 25
Inactive: 4 Legacy Life: 13
Total Membership: 434

New Members

MacKenzie & James Rash	Sarah F & Joel Bosco
Malissa & Demetrios Spiropoulos	Geoffrey Boyer
Anthony Mathis	Jeremy & Shawna Rogers
William Coole	David Morrow
Michael Schwartz	John Rysinski
Robert & Christine Tompkins	Paul Capobianco

Member Resignations

Justin Geary John Barry Joey Maxon

July 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Closed	2	3	4 Open: Holiday rates	5	6
7	8 Course Closed: Aerification Week	9 Course Closed: Aerification Week	10 Course Closed: Aerification Week	11 Course Closed: Aerification Week	12 Course Closed: Aerification Week	13 Course Open
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