



THE
Walker Course
AT CLEMSON® UNIVERSITY

Upcoming Events

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(noon shotgun)
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June

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- 7-11 Clemson Golf Camp Week #1
- 14-18 Clemson Golf Camp Week #2
- 19 Make A Wish Tournament
(pm shotgun)
- 21 MEMBER-MEMBER
- 23-27 CLOSED: FULL COURSE
AERIFICATION
- 28 Open

BRENT JESSUP

PGA HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL

MEMBER INVITATIONAL: May 16 & 17

The 29th annual Member-Invitational tournament is scheduled for Friday & Saturday, May 16-17. Walker Course “members” may either invite a “guest” or another “member” to play as their partner in this 27-hole affair. Both players must play from the same set of tees and have a current GHIN handicap index.

Practice rounds are available Monday through Friday, the “week before the weekend” for a cart fee only. The tournament officially gets underway Friday evening at 5:30pm on the Solé on the Green patio with a “players only” Low Country Boil. Following the “boil” teams will head out for 9 holes of adventurous golf. The committee will pair your team with another to form a four-person team. The best two scores combined on each hole will be the team score. This score will also be the first-round score for both separate teams.

Saturday play begins with a 9:00am shotgun start. Each team will play “best net” on the front nine and “best gross” on the back nine with full handicap stroke allocations. Friday and Saturday rounds will be combined to determine the overall team score. Following play on Saturday, a short game competition will take place while scores are being tallied. The awards ceremony will take place in Solé on the Green with drinks and snacks. Winners will be awarded in each tee division. Entry fee is only \$275 per team and includes everything except the practice round cart fees and the optional “skins game” cash pot Friday evening.

There is no tournament round on Sunday, but players are encouraged to stick around and play Sunday for only a cart fee. (Advanced tee time reservations are required). Additional information is available on the golf shop poster. Call now to sign up before the Tuesday, May 13th deadline.

Match Play

The final day to sign up for this year’s Match Play Championship is May 4th. Entry fee is only \$20 per member. GHIN handicap indexes are required. Match pairings will be posted on May 7th. There will be a one-month “window” to complete each round of matches. Call the golf shop to sign up.

Spring Trip Postponed

Unfortunately, we will not be planning a spring golf trip for our traveling golfers. Hopefully we can get back in “travel mode” this fall. We are targeting November 2-4 for the fall excursion. Stay tuned for details later this fall.

Locker Rentals

Men's and women's lockers are now available for “rent” in the new Nieri Alumni & Visitors Center ground-level restrooms. Your promotional deal: rent a locker for the remainder of 2025 for only \$50. The rate for the entire year (2026) will be \$120 per locker. Please see **Palmer Mills** (in the golf shop) to get an assignment and locker code issued.

Couple's Scramble Results

Last month our couple's twilight scramble was held with all three teams posting one under par rounds of (35). On the scorecard playoff, the ties were broken by a birdie on hole #16 by the team of **Larry & Janal Walton** and **Arnie & Mary Brock**. Following play the teams enjoyed “sip and snacks” at *Solé on the Green*. Congratulations to our winners and the other teams that played.

Super Senior Interclub

Interclub season is well underway. The Walker Course “Super Senior” team got off to a bumpy start losing their first two matches to (*Cobbs Glenn* and *Smithfields CC*). Their revenge matches are later this month. If you want to join the fun. Contact Captain **Jack Mansmann** to be added to the team roster.

The first “Senior” interclub match will be this month at *The Patriot*. Good luck to both teams as the season gets into full swing!

Record Play Month!

For the first time ever, The Walker Course had more than 5,000 rounds played in a single month. The previous record was 4,945 rounds in August of last year. The final count for last month was 5,321 rounds! Obviously, folks love your golf course and congratulations to Don Garrett and his staff for keeping the course in immaculate shape with so many rounds being played.

2025 Member Tournament Schedule

Mark your calendars!

May 16-17	Member-Invitational
June 21	Member-Member
August 2-3	Club Championship
October 3-4	Senior Club Championship
December 13	Tough Day

April Status

The grass has moved into active growth with full green up occurring earlier than normal this year. We are having to mow tees, fairways and roughs more frequently than what is typical for the first of May.

The micro core aeration of the greens on April 14th went well. This is new for this time of the year, but something we look to incorporate into our program every April moving forward.

The mats were removed from the tees on 4 and 12. This fall, we plan to use the mats on the 8th and 17th. By leaving 4 & 12 dormant we will be better able to control the high levels of poa annua that have built up over the years. We can use a non-selective herbicide once the turf goes dormant, in addition to a pre-emergent, to get these tees cleaned up.

Speaking of tees, they were fertilized mid-month to push growth to get them ready to recover from the aerification planned for May 12.

May Goals

During the month of May, we transition to more summer routine maintenance, which means lots more mowing of tees, fairways and roughs as the nights warm up and the bermudagrass starts to take off. In addition, we will be treating the course for fire ants.

On Monday, May 12, we are scheduled to aerify the tees. Hopefully, we get some warm nights, the fertilizer kicks in, and they recover quickly.

We will also be getting a little more aggressive with greens maintenance. We will be grooming the surface more often and beginning to topdress on a regular basis. The greens will also be treated for nematodes in early May.

May is also when we have staff turnover as student workers leave for the summer and new workers come on board.

Driving Range Project

Much like last month, there is little to update here. Most of the fill is in for tee area. The sewer line that runs under the tee is being installed. Delta Street will remain, but will be moved closer to the creek and behind the retention pond. Most of the main irrigation lines have been re-routed. By midmonth, we should see the greens and tees taking shape.

5,321

That's how many rounds were played during the month of April. 5,321, an all-time monthly record for the Walker Course. We were open 28 of the 30 days so this is an average of 190 rounds a day. And the golf course certainly shows the traffic associated with this many rounds. Ball marks, divots, and especially cart traffic are evident. There are some areas that are worn so bad that they will require re-sodding.

To help combat the cart wear, we have begun instituting some rolling cart restrictions. On a day where it would otherwise be the 90-degree rule, we have been picking one hole on the front and one on the back to be Cart Path Only, to give the turf a break. It's amazing how the turf bounces back after just a few days with no traffic.

You can also help by using the 90-degree rule properly. Many golfers think the 90 degree rule means that they can drive wherever on the fairways. You see everyone enter the same spot at the beginning of the fairway and then exit in one area just short of the green, which causes significant wear and tear in these areas. If you are unsure exactly what the 90 degree rule means, or just need a refresher, Google "90 degree rule for golf carts". There are many explanations and videos that cover it.

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: 88 Life: 27
Non-Resident: 83
Young Alumni: 31
Inactive: 4 Legacy Life: 13
Total Membership: 431

New Members

Lance & Carrie Fesperman

Member Resignations

Bill Stevenson
Brandon Lockhart

Ryan Stehle
Jim & Lisa Hills

May 2025

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