



THE Walker Course

AT CLEMSON® UNIVERSITY

Upcoming Events

October

- 3-4 Senior Club Championship
- 06 Open Monday (11am)
- 7 AnMed Kids Classic
(12:30 shotgun)
- 08 LGA Member Guest
- 09 NHC TGFE Classic
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- 10-12 **30th Anniversary Celebration**
- 13 Cely Construction Tournament
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Tournament (AM tee times)
- 17 Home Football Friday
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Pre-emerge Maintenance
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November

- 01 Dook at Clemson
- 05 LGA Season Finale Meeting
- 07 Home Football Friday
- 08 FSU at Clemson
- 21 Home Football Friday
- 22 Furman at Clemson
- 27 Closed: Thanksgiving Day
- 28 Holiday Rates Apply
- 29 Clemson AT South Carolina

BRENT JESSUP

PGA HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL

Walker Course 30th Anniversary Month

The Walker Course opened for play in October 1995. In honor of those 30 years of business, we will celebrate that milestone October 10-11-12. On that Friday-Saturday-Sunday, all Walker Course MEMBERS will be allowed to play and ride with NO CART FEES. Any guests and public golfers will pay only \$30 total to celebrate our 30th anniversary.

On Saturday (October 11), we will have additional celebrations with an afternoon cookout from 12 noon until 5pm at the new clubhouse and free door prize drawings. Everyone is encouraged to come out and enjoy our 30th anniversary celebration. Tee times will be at a premium, so book your time as soon as the 2-week window opens!

Senior Club Championship

Our senior club championship is scheduled for October 3 & 4, Friday and Saturday. We will have two divisions: regular and super senior. You must be 55 or older to compete in the regular division and 70 or older to compete as a super senior. Entry fee is only \$10 per player plus cart fees. Call the golf shop to sign up now! Defending champions are:

Ron Schroder
Bob Barker

Senior Club Champion
Super Senior Club Champion

Match Play Complete

Now that the last two divisions are complete, golf shop credits have been applied to the individual accounts for the winner and runner up of each division. Please check with the golf shop staff to insure your winnings were recorded.

Congratulations to **Kirk Luna** and **Cherryl Meadows** for winning their respective divisions! Thanks to everyone that participated this past year.

Ace Report



Dale Wilde

Congratulations to **Dale Wilde** for her hole-in-one on September 2nd. She aced hole #8 with a 124-yard Ping 8 iron shot. Witnessing the ace were: **Michelle Willoughby & Lori Diem**.

David Patton

Congratulations to **David Patton** as well. He aced hole #4 on September 12th. Using a 7-iron from 145 yards, **Stephen Cobb & John Coakley** witnessed.

LGA Interclub vs. Cross Creek Victory

The inaugural *Cross Town Classic* interclub golf match between the *Cross Creek Plantation* Ladies Golf Association and *The Walker Course* Ladies Golf Association was played last month. Five teams of two players from each club participated in the match play event on consecutive days at both clubs. Our *Walker Course* team came away with an impressive victory with a score of 98-82. Congratulations to our *Walker Course* ladies! The winner's plaque is located in the women's locker room.



LGA Clemson Cup

Congratulations to the "Purple" team in this year's annual Clemson Cup Challenge of the Ladies Golf Association. Two-person teams competed in three formats (best ball, alternate shot, and captain's choice) for 18 holes. Teams received 1 point for each hole won. When the scores were tallied, the Purple Team beat the Orange Team by a score of 30-24. Purple team members were: **Anna Tollison, Alyson Dildine, Tammy Bryan, Elaine Roberts, and Margie LaRue**. Congratulations ladies!

Busy Event Month

We have several shotgun start tournaments this month. Please check the event calendar to be sure you are not surprised on arrival here. Walker Course members: remember when we have a shotgun start event that keeps you off the course, if you play elsewhere on that event date, bring us your receipt for a complimentary cart fee on your next round.

September Status

September was on the warm side and dry until the last few days of the month when we received over 2 inches of rain.

Goals accomplished this month include:

- Performed a micro-tine aerification of the greens on September 1st.
- Spread our course wide fall fertilizer application on Wednesday the 3rd
- Made our first application of fungicide to the greens, tees and fairways, to control spring dead spot.
- Applied a growth regulator to the greens to control seed heads.
- Re-seeded the natural area 'turnip' patches between 2 & 6 and to the right of 5 tee.
- Topdressed the greens three times.
- Raise the height of cut slightly on tees and fairways around mid-month to allow some additional growth prior to the onset of dormancy. This assists the bermudagrass in surviving the cold months of the year while it is not actively growing and gives us more of a base to withstand traffic during the months when it is not growing.

October Goals

October is my favorite time of the year. Warm days and cool nights can't be beat. It's also the month we transition from the growing season and prepare the turf to move into dormancy. Mowing heights are raised and fungicide applications are made to help protect the turf for its winter nap. It's also the month that leaves begin to fall faster than we can clean them up! Please bear with us.

Other things planned for October include:

- Treat the course for fire ants. The cooler temperatures and recent rains have brought them to the surface.
- Make the second application of fungicide to tees, greens and fairways to control spring dead spot.
- Catch up on general trimming and detail work.
- Edge all bunkers.

Overseeding

Overseeding of tees is scheduled for October 6th, weather permitting

Once again, we will only be seeding a couple of the Par 3's. In a change from the past 3 years, we are overseeding holes 4 & 12 and using the hitting mats on 8 & 17. Typically, 4 & 12 are skipped as they have the most difficulty transitioning back in the spring. But holes 8 & 17 have been overseeded for 30 consecutive years now and the poa annua (aka annual bluegrass or just poa) populations have gotten to a point that they are impossible to control when overseeded. By leaving them dormant, we will have many options to get this weed controlled, including using non-selective herbicides that would otherwise damage the ryegrass. With 4 & 12 left dormant for 3 years now, I feel that the Bermuda grass should be able to handle seeding and transition.

Please keep in mind that the overseeded tees will be soggy as we water light and frequently to promote rapid germination and establishment.

We appreciate your compliance with using the mats. They should be deployed in late October.

Driving Range Update

The driving range project continues along. The parking lot and new cart path are now open.

Approximately 80% of the range has now been grassed. At this point, we are waiting on the parking lot contractor to enlarge and shape the retention pond at the far end. This work began this week. Once it is complete, our contractor, Environmental Landscapes, will be able to install the last bit of irrigation, do the final shaping and lay the remainder of the sod.

The green has really come along in the last couple of weeks. While it is not where we would have liked it going into the fall (due to planting 4 weeks late), we are hoping to open it later this month. It will not be as smooth or as fast as the greens on the course and, because we have run out of time in this growing season, it won't be until we get into next growing season.

Question of The Month

Question: What are the large brown spots on the right of number 7?

Answer: The bermudagrass on these areas on top of the mounds have been sprayed out with herbicide to be converted to natural areas and will be planted with fescue later this month. They are well off the line of play and will add some texture and contrast, while mirroring the natural area on the left side of the hole.

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

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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: 188
Family: 97 Life: 27
Non-Resident: 93
Young Alumni: 42
Inactive: 4 Legacy Life: 13
Total Membership: 464

New Members

Lee Allman*
Ryan Bakken
Jonathan & Callie Fogle
Mary Beth Amaker
Harrison Fisher

October 2025

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