



THE Walker Course AT CLEMSON® UNIVERSITY

Upcoming Events

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(2pm shotgun)
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October

- 3-4 Senior Club Championship
- 06 Open Monday (11am)
- 07 AnMed Kids Classic
(am shotgun)
- 08 LGA Member-Guest
- 09 NHC Classic (noon shotgun)
- 13 Cely Construction (am shotgun)
- 17 Home Football Friday
- 18 SMU at Clemson
- 20 Course Closed Maintenance
- 27 Open Monday (11am)
- 31 Home Football Friday

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Wooten & Brock Repeat Winners at 30th annual Club Championship

Congratulations to **Raymond Wooten** for winning his 11th club championship title last month and to **Mary Brock** for capturing her fourth championship title. **Mr. Wooten** and **Ron Schroder** were tied after the first round with opening 73's, but Wooten closed with a round of (67) to separate himself from the rest of the field.

Mrs. Brock held the first-round lead and edged out the victory over a two-way tie for second with **Alyson Dildine** and **Jill O'Connor**. Other division winners were **Jacob Wisniewski** and **Greg Meyers**. Thanks to everyone that competed in this year's championship event!



Junior Champions

Congratulations to **James Epting**, **Brady Grove**, and **Charles McCord** for winning their respective age division championships last month. The 12-17 year olds played nine holes each day. The 11 & under division played three holes each day. Each winner received a trophy and a gift card to **Chick-fil-A**.

Clemson Women Win 2nd Annual Tiger Classic

Congratulations to the **Clemson** women's golf team as they captured their season-opening **Tiger Classic**, 36-hole marathon event at The Walker Course on August 25th. Led by sophomore **Juliette Demeaux**, who fired rounds of 66 and 71, the Tigers finished 8-under for a two-shot victory over UNC Asheville and nine schools. Great playing ladies!

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Match Play Championship Nearing Completion

Congratulations to the winner of our annual Match Play Championship. **Greg Carroll** defeated **Carl Sitler** on the 19th hole to win the men's championship. There are still two final division matches to be played this month and then the winners will be recognized with their shop credits. Other division winners are listed below. Thanks for another great turnout this year. Winners will receive golf shop credits for the efforts soon.

Men's Championship:

Women's Championship:

Men's P/W Hybrid:

Men's White:

Men's Gold:

Greg Carroll defeated **Carl Sitler**

Alyson Dildine vs. **Cherryl Meadows**

Doug McDonald vs. **Kirk Luna**

Ryan Grant defeated **Richard Albritton**

Ray Johnson defeated **Eddie Brow**

Senior Club Championship: Oct 3-4

The annual men's senior club championship will take place on Friday and Saturday, October 3 & 4. Entry fee is only \$10 and we will have two divisions: regular (age 55+) and super senior (age 70+). Call the golf shop to sign up now! 2024 defending champions are **Ron Schroder** and **Bob Barker**.



Nancy Barker Hole-In-One!

Congratulations to **Nancy Barker** for her first career hole-in-one scored on Tuesday, August 19th on the Tiger Paw #17. **Mrs. Barker's** perfect 100-yard shot made with her new *Callaway* 9 Hybrid, was witnessed by her husband **Bob Barker** and **Bill & Alyson Dildine**. Not only was this her first ace but she was also a member of the Walker Course Members Hole-In-One Club. She collected the largest jackpot (\$345) to date. The jackpot had been building since March. Time for everyone to drop by and get your \$5 in the 41st jackpot so you can be the next winner! Great shot **Mrs. B!**



David Sinclair Ace!

Congratulations to **David Sinclair** for his first career hole-in-one on August 26th. **Mr. Sinclair** was playing with **Stephen Cobb**, **Smiley Sanders**, and **John Coakley** when his *Taylormade* 9-iron tee shot found the bottom of the cup on hole # 17 from 119 yards away. He was not a member of the hole-in-one club, so the jackpot continues to grow. Great shot none the less. Way to go **David!**

Member Portal Tee Time Reminder

Members are reminded to be sure you are reserving tee times for the correct number of golfers in your tee time. We are seeing a few members book for four golfers when they only have two players. This will result in no show fees being charged to your account.

Also, please remember member portal tee times CANNOT be cancelled inside the 24 hours of the reserved tee time. You MUST call the golf shop to cancel times withing 24 hours of tee times. Thanks for your cooperation.

August Status

After a very dry July, August turned wet. The course really greened back up, but all the rain had a major impact on our maintenance activities. Because it rained on two consecutive Mondays, the verticutting of the fairways was cancelled, as were two scheduled topdressing of greens and lower 9 fairway. It was also necessary to postpone our course wide fall fertilization from August 11 to September 3. The rain made it difficult to keep up our regular mowing schedule. Fortunately, we were up to date on our growth regulator applications, and nothing got away from us.

Even with the rain, play has not slowed down. The course shows some wear and tear, especially some of the par 3 tees.

The natural areas on the course have been mowed as scheduled. The "turnip patches" have been mowed as well, and we will be reseeded them in September.

September Goals

Last year we did a micro tine aerification of the greens on Tuesday and Wednesday after the Clemson Women's Golf Team event. Due to hosting the Tiger Golf Gathering on the Thursday after the Women's event, we pushed this work to Monday September 1. This work is not disruptive to ball roll and should only remain visible for 7-10 days.

In addition, we will be focusing on the following:

- Continue to verticut and lightly topdress greens as long as the temperature stays warm.
- Spread our fall feed fertilizer application on Wednesday the 3rd
- Treat the course for fire ants which will be emerging with the cooler temperatures
- Begin Spring Dead Spot control applications to greens, tees and fairways, once the soil temperatures reach 72 degrees. This is the temperature at which the pathogen becomes active and when fungicides are most effective.
- Apply a Potassium based fertilizer to the greens to assist hardening off.
- Apply growth regulator to greens to control seed heads that occur around the third week of the month.
- Prep and re-seed natural areas on 2,6 and 5.

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.

New "Employee"

We have a new "employee" on staff. On July 23rd, we took delivery of a Husqvarna 580L EPOS automower. "Otto", as we have named him, was purchased to mow the area between and around the pond, 18th green, Sole' patio and the Neiri Alumni Center. As it became apparent to us that this was going to be a difficult area to mow due to noise, dust and clipping cleanup issues, we knew we needed an alternative. Having seen other clubs utilize this technology and recalling the demo we had last year; we had another demo to make sure the mower could handle the steep slope and tight terrain.

The mower is entirely autonomous. It's nearly set it and forget it. It mows nearly constantly and docks and charges itself as needed when its battery runs low. Because it is constantly mowing, it never produces many clippings, thus minimizing any cleanup, and is very quiet. The mower is controlled by satellite through an app on our phones. Maintenance is minimal. The only requirements are to clean it occasionally and change the blades every couple of weeks.

We are looking to employ this technology on the driving range once it re-opens.

Driving Range Update

Work continues on the driving range and parking lot project. We were hampered in August by all the rain but were able to lay 25 truckloads of sod the last two weeks of the month. The tee is coming in nicely. The green is growing in slower than I would like. Currently there is not a set day or timeline to say when the range will open.

The parking lot should be complete this month, and we will be switching over to a new entrance to the golf course as well as beginning to use the permanent new cart path to get to hole 1.

Home Lawn Tip

For those of you with warm season lawns who want to try to keep them weed free this winter, now is the time to apply a pre-emergent herbicide for winter annuals and poa annua (annual bluegrass). Most Home and Garden centers have a material in granular form that you can apply. Often times you can find it impregnated on a Potassium fertilizer carrier such as a 0-0-7 or an 0-0-15. Potassium is important for warm season lawns in the fall as it helps the turf to better handle the stress of dormancy. A follow-up application of herbicide in December or January will likely be necessary to achieve season long control and keep your lawn weed free until spring.

Question of The Month

Question: Why is there never a purple flag on the 4th and 9th greens?

Answer: The purple flag indicates a pin placement in the middle third of the green. Because these two greens are very shallow, it's difficult to divide them into front, middle and back like the other greens. Therefore, they are divided into front and back only, and left, middle and right from side to side to give us 6 sections like the other greens.

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: 187
Family: 94 Life: 27
Non-Resident: 92
Young Alumni: 40
Inactive: 5 Legacy Life: 13
Total Membership: 458

New Members

Hank Foy
Charles & Rachel Clark
Curt & Elizabeth Nesbitt
Stephen Brown, III
Sean & Karen Conlin
Darrell & Michelle Owenby
John G. Nesbitt
Jeff Hall*

Membership Resignations

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September 2025

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