



# THE Walker Course

AT CLEMSON® UNIVERSITY

## Upcoming Events

### February

- 10-12 Back Nine Holes Open Only
- 14 Couples Event
- 21 ATO Father / Son

### March

- 10 Harper Construction Tournament (AM)
- 14-15 Peggy Kirk Bell Junior Girls Tournament
- 16-20 Clemson Spring Break
- 21 Member's Five Club Challenge
- 23 Carolinas CGSA Outing
- 26 Educating All Tournament (AM)
- 27 Block "C" Lettermen's Tournament (AM)
- 28 Clemson BYX Outing
- 28 Spring Game Day
- 30 ONE CLEMSON Tournament

## BRENT JESSUP

## PGA HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL

### Even / Odd Couples Valentine Day Competition

On Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup> (Valentines Day), we will host a special member's couples golf tournament. The tournament will feature two member couples paired together (by the staff) to form a four player "team." One couple's best net score on the "odd" holes will count and the other couple's best net score on the "even" holes will count for the team 18-hole score.

Players will receive full course handicaps on handicap holes 1-14. Play will begin with a 10:30am shotgun start and finish at ***Solé on the Green*** for Sip & Snax following play.

Entry fee is only \$60 per couple and includes golf, cart fees, and post golf Sip & Snax. If you don't have a mate, find a date and sign up to play before the Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup> deadline.

### Bowl Contest Winner

Congratulations to ***Lisa Canton***, winner of our holiday bowl pool contest. **Ms. Canton** won the closest contest we have had in years. She and **Duke Craft** picked the same number of winning games (24 of 37). This forced the tiebreaker playoff, and she won with a one-point difference. She collected the \$180 jackpot and will defend her title in 2026.

### SCGA-GHIN Handicap Service

The 2026 annual handicap service fees were billed on your January 30<sup>th</sup> dues statement. You will notice an increase in the fee for the first time in 15 years. During the past 15 years, we absorbed four rate increases from the CGA without passing along the increase. The increase for 2026 is \$5 for members and \$10 increase for non-members. (Member fee = \$35, Public fee = \$45). February 24<sup>th</sup> is the last day to notify us if you want to drop your handicap service. After February 24<sup>th</sup>, we will not be able to refund any handicap fee charges.



### Albritton Ace!

Congratulations to **Richard Albritton** for his ace on hole #4 on December 4<sup>th</sup>. The perfect shot was made from 157 yards with a Ping 5-hybrid. Witnesses finding the ball in the cup were: **Barry Grant, Tim Wright, and Matthew Madison**. Great shot! Hole-In-One Club was not affected.

**Albatross Deuce!**

Congratulations to **Miles Vischer**. Young **Mr. Vischer** canned his 243-yard second shot on par five, hole #14 with his 7-wood on January 3<sup>rd</sup>. Witnesses included dad and brother: **Lance** and **Max Vischer**. Bam!

**ALBATROSS Too!**

Congratulations also to **Andrew Simmel** (Clemson student). **Mr. Simmel** scored a “2” on par five, hole #5 on January 14<sup>th</sup>. Holing his 2<sup>nd</sup> shot from 232 yards out. Very rare indeed.

**Hybrid Cup Winner**

Congratulations to **John Prysinski** for capturing the annual Hybrid Cup Championship this past season. **Mr. Prysinski** collected 48 points to edge **Bob Dobson** by one point. **Mr. Prysinski** will hold the coveted trophy until next fall. Congratulations

**Handicap Committee Reminder**

As the new year begins, we would like to again remind everyone to *post their scores on the day of play*. Our goal this year is to see that at least 80% of our members post scores on the day of play. If you are interested, there is a report in the golf shop that shows how each member did in 2025.

Beside posting scores timely and accurately, we would like to encourage everyone to use the GHIN app to post your scores hole-by-hole. The data collected will be valuable as we consider future projects.

In future newsletters, we will be covering such things as the Handicap Index (HI), the Course Handicap, the Playing Handicap, Soft Caps, Hard Caps, and other important concepts associated with the World Handicap System. Should you have any questions, feel free to contact the Handicap Committee. (handicapcommittee.walkercourse@gmail.com).

**GHIN Posting Questions to Ponder**

How accurate are your score postings?

Are you posting your scores from the correct tees? Check your default tees.

How many of your scores are you posting? See our score posting report in the shop.

**Denny F. Dillon (1951 – 2026)**

**Denny Dillon** passed away early last month. He had been a member of the Walker Course since 2015 and served as a part time ranger / starter until his health began to fade. He was a native of West Virginia, served in the United States Marine Corp Reserves and was a talented chef. He was great to share his cooking talents and gifts with others in need. He will certainly be missed. Rest in peace our good friend.

**Winter Update**

We ended January with a cold snap that required the covering of the greens for an extended period. As I write this, more cold weather was on the way. Therefore, the greens will remain covered into the first few days of February.

**February Plans**

February will see us working hard to complete winter project work. We will also be applying spring pre-emergent weed control.

During the week of February 9<sup>th</sup>, the front 9 will be closed for a couple of days to allow us to upsize the irrigation line, leaving the pump station and up through the 1<sup>st</sup> tee. This work is necessary due to the upsizing of the lines feeding the back 9 and the range that was done last summer.

**Maintenance Schedule**

Below is the 2026 Major Maintenance Schedule. Most work takes place during the same time frame as last year.

**2026 Major Maintenance Schedule**

Date	Activity	Condition
Feb 23	Fertilize Course	No impact
March 16	Aerify Par 3 Tees	Minimal Impact
April 13	Micro Core Aerify Greens	Closed - Minimal Impact
May 4	Slice Fairways	Minimal Impact
May 11	Aerify Tees & Collars	Closed - Tees poor 2-3 days
June 1	Aerify & Topdress 1 & 9 Fairways	Closed
June 8	Fertilize Fairways	Closed
June 22-26	Aerify Greens & Fairways	Greens poor 10-14 days
June 29	Rain Date for Aerification	Course Closed
July 13	Verticut Tees	Course Closed
August 3	Verticut Fairways	Closed Fwys poor 2-3 days
August 31	Micro Core Aerify Greens	Course Closed Minimal Impact
	Fertilize Course Fall Feed	Course Closed No impact
Sept 21	Spray Fairways - SDS	Course Closed
Oct 12/13	Overseed Tees	Par 3's poor 10-14 days
Oct 19	Fall Pre-Emerge App 2 <sup>nd</sup> Fairway SDS App	Course Closed

\* Note: This is an overview of the most disruptive maintenance practices. Other less disruptive procedures, such as verti-drain aerification of fairways and topdressing of greens, will be scheduled on Mondays and around play as time and weather permit.

**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: 189**

**Family: 96 Life: 25**

**Non-Resident: 93**

**Young Alumni: 39**

**Inactive: 4 Legacy Life: 14**

**Total Membership: 460**

**New Members**

**Peter & Mary Margaret Thomas**

**Dean Marianos**

**Wiley D. Jenkins**

**Jack Gingras**

**Rocky & Estephanie Timms**

**Michael Marianos**

**Cal Looney**

**Member Resignations**

**Ryan Bakken**

**Tony & Sandy Alford**

**Daniel & Rebecca Crosby**

**Sean Conlin**

**Kirk & Suzanne Luna**

# February 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 CLOSED	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 CLOSED	10 Back Nine Holes Open Only	11 Back Nine Holes Open Only	12 Back Nine Holes Open Only	13	14 Couples Event
15	16 CLOSED	17	18	19	20	21 ATO Father / Son
22	23 CLOSED	24	25	26	27	28