November 2024

THE WALKER COURSE • AT CLEMSON UNIVERSITY •

Upcoming Events

November

- 01 Home Football Friday
- 02 Louisville at
- CLEMSON
- 03 Eastern Standard Time Change
- 4-5 Fall Golf Trip
- 06 LGA Season Finale
- 22 Home Football Friday
- 23 Citadel at CLEMSON
- 28 CLOSED:
- Thanksgiving
- 29 Home Football Friday
- 30 South Carolina at CLEMSON

December

- 01 Winter Rates Begin
 13-15 Golf Shop Christmas Sale
 14 Annual Membership Meeting
 14 Member's Tough Day
 23-25 CLOSED: Christmas Holidays
- 26 Open

BRENT JESSUP

PGA HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL

Fall Golf Trip: November 4 & 5

November kicks off with our annual Fall Golf Road Trip. This year, we are traveling to North Carolina to play at *River Bend /YMCA Golf Club* and *Cleveland Country Club* both located in Shelby. It's less than a two-hour drive from Clemson. We are planning for 16 golfers to make this trip. Cost is only \$180 per player for a shared room / \$250 for a single room. Fee includes hotel room for one night and two rounds of golf. Call the golf shop now if you would like to go with us!

New Golf Car Fleet

Our new golf car fleet is set to arrive by the middle of this month. We are all looking forward to a smooth ride again now that most of the paving work has taken place. The new cars will feature PACE technology that will provide exact distances from the car to the pin. his system also has geo-fencing technology so the golf cars will not operate in restricted areas of the golf course. No more cars within five feet of the greens!

Closed Mondays

We have reached the end of the "open Monday" season. We will now be closed on all Mondays until April 2025. Hope you enjoyed the extra day of play each week. Rest up and be ready for Tuesdays!

Eastern Standard Time /Hours of Operation Adjustment

November 3rd marks the beginning of Eastern Standard time (shorter days and longer nights). We will continue to open the shop at 7:30am each morning but will shorten our evening hours by closing at 5:30pm. The range will be open this month at 7:45 daily and close at 4:45pm. Once we reach December the opening time will be adjusted for frost delays and colder days.

LGA Season Wrap Up

Congratulations to our 2024 LGA season champions. Alyson Dildine won the gross division and Fran Moseley took the top net division title. The Ladies Golf Association season will culminate Wednesday, November 6th with a 10am meeting, followed by lunch, and nine-hole scramble at 1:00pm. Congratulations to Cindy DeCosta, outgoing president for a job well done.

Ron Schroder claims Senior Club Championship

Congratulations to **Ron Schroder** for capturing the 2024 senior club championship with rounds of 70-72 = 142. **Ross Tomberlin** finished five strokes back. **Bob Barker** won the super senior division over **Bill Dildine**. Congratulations to our winners.

Andy Walker Hole-In-One #18

Congratulations to Andy Walker for his ace on "big hole" # 18 on October 24th. Mr. Walker scored his ace with his PXG, eight-iron shot from 146 yards. Witnessing the "bucket shot" ace were: Keith Crownover, George Zangas, and John Rysinski. Mr. Walker was NOT in the hole-in-one club, so the jackpot continues to grow. Nice shot anyway!

DAC Update

Last month hopefully, we experienced the end of the major "dust bowl" distraction around the area as preliminary paving began around the new DAC building. There is still landscaping to complete but for the most part, the exterior of the building is approaching the finish line. As for the interior, the ground floor (golf shop, bistro, locker rooms) is nearing completion as well. Carpet is down and we are waiting on the arrival of fixtures to complete the ground floor. We anticipate moving into the new facility in mid-late February.

Range Update

We have been informed the driving range and practice putting green area will close for the

beginning on the renovation work around December 1st. The construction will include a 288-space parking lot and a new golf "turn house." We will also start the driving range work as soon as possible.

While the project is underway, we will begin play from hole # 10 for the duration to allow the workers additional morning time without golf car interruption in the work areas. The food truck and restrooms will be moved to the cart staging area until we move into the new building. The new bistro opening will coincide with our move into the building as well.

Since the practice areas will be closed for most of next season, we will not offer a range club membership in 2025. We will extend our range club privileges to our 2024 members for the rest of the 2025 season, once we re-open the new range configuration.



Welcome aboard!



Palmer Mills

Patricia Daniels

We are excited to announce the hiring of two new staff members last month. **Palmer Mills** has joined us as our new assistant golf professional and will be working to complete his PGA membership down the road. **Palmer** is a native of Greenville and has been on the seasonal staff at *Wade Hampton Golf Club* for the past three seasons and brings a great deal of youth and energy that will be needed in the days ahead. Please drop by the golf shop and say hello.

Also last month we hired **Patricia Daniels** to serve as our first golf shop merchandiser. **Patricia** has an impressive background in golf shop merchandising and is working diligently to get us ready for our new expanded golf shop. Please make her welcome as well.

Hybrid Cup Champion: Bill Sint

Your Tuesday/Thursday hybrid tee group held their annual championship last month and **Bill Sint** captured the title with 49 points. **George Zangas** placed second with 47 points. Below, is the group photo with the new champion. Notice the cool champion's trophy.



DON GARRETT, CGCS

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

October Status

After the 10 inches of rain we received with Helene at the end of September, it has turned dry again with no rain recorded in October. After a cool spell and a frost early in the month, temperatures have been quite warm again.

On October 15, we overseeded the tees on holes 8 & 17. The seed took a little longer to sprout due to the dry weather, but it appears we have a good stand. The first cut was made on the 28^{th} . Starter fertilizer was applied to help the seed establish. The mats will be utilized on the tees on 4 & 12 again this winter and will be put out the week of November 4^{th} .

In addition to our routine maintenance, we completed the following this month:

- Completed spring dead spot control applications on tees and fairways.
- Made Gypsum and 0-0-25 applications to greens.
- Treated the course for fire ants.
- Continued cleaning up trees down from Helene.
- Re-seeded some areas in the turnip patch natural area on #5 that were damaged by armyworms.

November Goals

The leaves have begun falling and leaf blowing and cleanup will consume a lot of our time this month. We will also transition from routine mowing as the grass shuts down and into more winter project type work. This work includes under brushing, dead tree removal, adding sand and repairing liner where needed in the bunkers and a few drainage improvements we hope to make.

We have started making our course-wide winter herbicide application to keep the course clean and weed free through the spring. This program has worked very well the last 3 years.

We will continue to work on cleaning up the trees downed in the storm as time permits.

New Access to 10 Tee

As part of the plan involving the new Alumni Center, the point of access to 10 tee is changing. This is necessary to accommodate the new parking lot that will be built where the current putting green and practice tees are located. A halfway house will be built near the existing putting green and when going from 9 to 10, you will cross the entrance road and head up to 10 via the new path. The sides of the path will be landscaped prior to using it.

18th Hole and Pond Project

This project is finally nearing completion. Over the last half of October, the area behind the green has been shaped including the final cart path routing and irrigation installed. The path should be paved in early November and once the grades are tied in, sod will go down.

We are awaiting the arrival of one more load of rock, which should complete the wall. Once it is done, the area behind the pond will be finally graded and sodded.

A new fountain has been ordered for the pond and should arrive soon. It will be installed once construction work is complete.

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 656-0236 Club House Grill 656-7518 Sole On The Green 656-7444 The Martin Inn 654-9020 The Madren Center 656-7155	<u>Membership by the Number</u> Individuals: 188 Family: 94 Life: 27 Non-Resident: 90 Young Alumni: 29 Inactive: 5 Legacy Life: 13 Total Membership: 446				
	<u>New Members</u> Peter Ortiz	David Chamberlain			
	<u>Member Resignations</u> Robert & Emily Howell Travis & Chandler Blanks	Tim & Kay Leaumont Robert Gibson			
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