



THE WALKER COURSE

■ A T C L E M S O N U N I V E R S I T Y ■

BRENT JESSUP

PGA HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL

Upcoming Events

March

- 01 Pi Kappa Alpha Outing
- 04 New Golf Shop Opens
- 08 JLF Memorial Tournament (1pm shotgun)
- 20 Educating All Tournament (9:30am shotgun)
- 22 Five Club

April

- 01 8am Tee Times Start
- 04 Tiger Lettermen Tournament (10am)
- 05 Phi Kappa Tau Reunion
- 05 Spring Game
- 07 Course Open 11am
- 10 Sig Ep Reunion
- 12 Beta Theta Pi Outing
- 14 Course Closed: Maintenance
- 21 Course Open 11am
- 22 Dabo's FCA Tournament
- 24 Clemson Construction Science Tournament
- 25 Walker Course Couples Twilight
- 26 Gibson Memorial Tournament (2pm shotgun)
- 28 CAFLS Tournament



New Golf Shop!

The long-awaited arrival is finally here. We moved into our new permanent home on March 4th. With more than 1,600 square feet of retail space, the new golf shop will be the talk of the town for quite a while. We have expanded our footprint and have brought in several new and exciting clothing lines. Congratulations to our merchandiser, **Patricia Daniels** for an outstanding job of buying, receiving, organizing, and displaying our new selections! Come on out and take a look. You will be impressed!

Five Club Challenge

Your first “member” event of the season begins Saturday, March 22 with the annual “Five Club Challenge.” We start with a 9:30AM modified shotgun start. Entry fee is \$20 plus cart fees. Players select only FIVE clubs to play the round with. Sign up and play from any set of tees and compete only against others playing from the same set of tees. Players will compete with their GHIN Course Handicap as of March 20. The number of prizes will be determined based on the number of entries from each set of tees. Entry deadline is Thursday, March 20 at 5pm. Call the golf shop now to sign up for this fun season kickoff event! Following play, try out the new **Lucky Duck Bistro** for lunch.

Interclub Season Sign Ups and Matches

Captain **Jack Mansmann** is currently building his 2025 roster for both the senior and super senior interclub teams. Matches begin later this month, so we need interested members to sign up with “Captain Jack” to be eligible to play in these matches. For more information or to sign up, you can reach “Captain Jack” at: jmansmann@aol.com. This is a great way to play several good local courses and get those competitive juices flowing.

Golf Parking Paving Schedule

The final paving cap of the golf parking lot will take place the week of March 17-22. All golfers will need to park in FRONT of the new Nieri Alumni & Visitors Center for that week only. Once the paving is complete, we will return to the permanent golf parking lot located near the cart storage building. Please drive slowly and carefully as you follow the signs and share road space with oncoming golf carts!

Daylight Savings Time

Sunday, March 9 is the first day of Daylight Savings Time. Since it will be lighter later in the mornings, we will continue to open the golf shop at 8:30am and the first tee time will be at 9:00am for the month of March. We will keep the golf shop open until 6:30pm. In April we will go back to 8:00am tee time starts and 7:00pm golf shop closing times. Spring is coming!

Greens Fees & Dues Increase Notice

Earlier last month we notified you of an April 1st dues increase. As you know, the costs of maintaining the excellent conditions of the golf course and the new golf shop continue to rise. However, to ensure we maintain the quality you have come to expect, it is necessary to adjust both our membership dues and our public golf greens fee rates. We understand increases are never popular, but we are confident this adjustment will allow us to continue to offer a superior experience at The Walker Course. We sincerely thank you for your continued support!

Boo Wilson (1940-2025)

Mrs. Boo Wilson passed away January 15th. **Miss “Boo”** was an active member and played many rounds with her husband (**John Wilson**) through the years on The Walker Course until her health declined. **Mrs. Wilson** was a public relations executive professional for many years, she was the first female Rotarian in the Rotary Club of Clemson and served on the Clemson University Foundation Board. She was a devoted member of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church and leaves a large family of children and grandchildren to cherish her memory.

Richard Ringeisen (1944-2025)

Dr. Richard Ringeisen passed away on February 18th. From 1979-1993 he was head of Department of Mathematical Sciences at Clemson University. He served as Dean and Chancellor at Old Dominion and East Carolina Universities and was Chancellor Emeritus at The University of Illinois Springfield. In retirement, he loved to play golf with the Walker Course senior group and continued to play despite his battle with Parkinson’s. He is survived by his wife, Carolyn, two children, and six grandchildren.

Winter Update

January and February were a bit drier than the last couple of years which was nice. We did have two cold snaps that required covering of greens. There was a third cold snap where we considered covering, but because of several factors – warmer soil temperatures, good soil moisture, and the short amount of time below freezing – we elected not to cover.

Our Winter project work has gone well, but we still have several things we would like to accomplish before the growing season starts. One thing of note was the re-decking of the bridge near 2 green. Another was the replacement of a collapsed drainage pipe on 16. We took advantage of the course being closed due to the greens being covered to do this work.

18th Hole

The 18th hole is finally complete. Finally! Other than a little mulch to spread and an irrigation controller to relocate, we are done. The temporary path has been removed, all the sod is down, and the wall is complete. The new fountain has been installed, is operational and looks great, especially at night.

Driving Range Relocation Project

The driving range project is in full swing. Right now, it just looks like a big pile of dirt. We are at the mercy of the parking lot contractor to complete certain phases of their work so that our golf course contractor can get on with building the practice greens, tees, and target greens and install irrigation and drainage throughout. We are still hopeful for an August opening.

March Goals

March will be a busy month for the maintenance staff as things warm up. Goals include:

- Spreading Spring fertilizer and pre-emergent.
- Mow down all the rough to remove dead material and keep the rough from being too thick and fluffy.
- Complete the end of our winter project work.
- Transition to routine mowing as the grass emerges from dormancy.
- Spreading mulch in beds throughout the course.

Home Lawn Tip

Now is the time to apply a pre-emergent herbicide to control summer annual weeds such as crabgrass and goosegrass. Crabgrass begins to germinate when the soil temperatures are at or above 55 degrees for 3 days, and we are right at that threshold.

Follow this link to get more information on maintaining a weed free lawn from the Clemson Extension Service. <https://hgic.clemson.edu/factsheet/managing-weeds-in-warm-season-lawns/>

Warmest congratulations to Don Garrett & Brent Jessup on celebrating 26 years of exceptional service at the Walker Course. We appreciate their leadership, loyalty, hard work, and commitment, knowledge of the Golf Industry & the Walker Course. This has helped make the Walker Course a well-known success today.

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

656-0595

Golf Pro-Shop

656-0236

Club House Grill

656-7518

Sole On The Green

656-7444

The Martin Inn

654-9020

The Madron Center

656-7155

Membership by the Numbers

Individuals: 185
Family: 90 Life: 27
Non-Resident: 83
Young Alumni: 31
Inactive: 6 Legacy Life: 13
Total Membership: 435

New Members

Katy & Josh Nahm

Patrick Tierney

Thomas & Virginia Evans

Member Resignations

Gene & Ann Marie Smith

Frank Hartsell

Brandon & Kimberly Cashion

Richard Ringeisen

March 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Pi Kappa Alpha Outing
2	3	4 New Golf Shop Opens	5	6	7	8 JLF Memorial Tournament (1pm shotgun)
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 Educating All Tournament (9:30am shotgun)	21	22 Five Club Challenge
23 30	24 31	25	26	27	28	29