



THE  
WALKER COURSE  
AT CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

### Upcoming Events

#### November

- 01 Back to Standard Time
- 02 Closed Monday
- 06 Home Football Friday
- 07 FSU vs. Clemson
- 08-10 Fall Golf Trip (Lake Norman)
- 09 Closed Monday
- 14 Super Saturday #8
- 16 Closed Monday
- 20 Home Football Friday
- 21 Clemson vs. UVA
- 22 College -Am Scramble
- 23 Closed Monday
- 26 Thanksgiving Day (Close at Noon)
- 27 Holiday Rates
- 28 Clemson at USC
- 30 Closed Monday

#### December

- 04-06 Golf Shop Christmas Sale
- 24 Closed Christmas Eve
- 25 Closed Christmas Day
- 26 Open

#### Membership by the Numbers:

Individuals: 95 Family: 144  
 Non-Resident: 38 Young Alumni: 21  
 Inactive: 6 Life: 37  
 Total Membership: 341

#### Seasons Gift Certificate Winner

Fredrick & Neoma Brinson

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#### Resigned Members

Carolyn Miller  
 Jason White

### BRENT JESSUP

PGA HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL

#### 13<sup>th</sup> College-Am Scramble

It is hard to believe but our 14<sup>th</sup> season is winding down and it is again time to host our most popular College-Am Scramble with the Clemson University Golf Team on Sunday afternoon, November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Coach Penley and Coach Byrd will bring nine members of the nationally ranked Clemson golf team to serve as captains of our 18-hole scramble and social.

Teams will consist of four Walker Course members and a drawn golf team member to make up the only "fivesomes" allowed on The Walker Course! The entry fee remains \$60 per member and includes: golf, cart fees, prizes, and the social following tournament play in the *Madren Center*. Members may sign up as individuals or with ONE other member partner. The golf staff will make team pairings from those entered to complete the four- member teams.

Deadline for entry is Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup> or when we have a total of 36 members signed up. Don't miss out on the fun!

#### Closed Mondays

The Walker Course will be closed on Mondays from November through March. We will resume our Monday play in April and May of 2010.

#### Fall Golf Trip

The Fall Golf Trip scheduled for November 8-10 to Lake Norman, North Carolina is full. We have twenty golfers signed up and ready to roll. If you are still interested in going, you can call the golf shop to be placed on a waiting list. If someone drops out, we will take waiting list golfers in order of their signup. Thanks for the great turnout!

## **Super Saturday Finale**

Because of the rainout in March, our season finale was bumped back one month. The final Super Saturday for 2009 is scheduled for November 14<sup>th</sup>. Six members still need to play this final round to have a total of four scores for the competition. The remaining thirty participants need to play once more to improve their standings. Sign up deadline is Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. After this final round, winners will be determined and credits awarded to best in each division.

### Standings after Round # 7

White Tees	Gross Division	<b>Carl Ford</b>	306
	Net Division	<b>Dwight Vines</b>	258
Purple Tees	Gross Division	<b>Spencer Thompson</b>	322
	Net Division	<b>Spencer Thompson</b>	283
Red Tees	Gross Division	<b>Julie Fletcher</b>	303
	Net Division	<b>Nancy Payne</b>	267

## **(November) Hours of Operation**

One Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, we returned to Standard Time, losing one hour of evening light, gaining one hour of sleep. With that time change, we return to our short season hours. Don't you just hate winter time!

### **Golf Shop**

Open 7:30 am  
Close 5:30 pm

### **First Tee Time Daily**

8:00am

### **Practice Range**

Open: 7:45am  
Small Bucket Only: 4:30pm  
Close: 5:00pm

## **Holiday Schedule**

The Walker Course will observe the upcoming holiday schedule:

Thanksgiving Day	Golf Shop closes at 12 noon.	HOLIDAY RATES apply.
Friday after Thanksgiving	Normal hours	HOLIDAY RATES apply.
Christmas Eve	Golf Shop & Course:	CLOSED ALL DAY.
Christmas Day	Golf Shop & Course:	CLOSED ALL DAY.
December 31 <sup>st</sup>	Normal operation hours	
New Year's Day	Normal hours	HOLIDAY RATES apply.

**October Status**

October has been another abnormally wet month and has made it difficult to get things done at times. Overseeding tees was delayed nearly 2 weeks and we also went 17 days without being able to mow fairways. We normally mow fairways 2-3 times a week in October but each time they would be about dry enough to mow, it would rain again. Fortunately this period coincided with us raising the height of cut in preparation for winter dormancy, so this helped to compensate. The one positive to all the rain is that the drought is over and the lake is nearly full!

**Greens**

On Monday November 2, we will be doing some selective aerification similar to what we did last year at this time. Low and or weak areas on select greens will be done. This will give us a chance to target these areas and remove extra thatch and add back in some sand. We will also take this opportunity to experiment with a new tine that may benefit our aerification program. Since only small portions of greens will be done, we will be able to keep the pins out of these areas during the recovery.

**Tees**

As I mentioned above, we were delayed in overseeding the tees due to the weather. We overseeded the practice tees on October 8<sup>th</sup> and were not able to do the par three's until the 19<sup>th</sup>. Hopefully the weather will remain mild and we can get the ryegrass to catch up. As always, they will look thin after the first killing frost but they should be fine once the ryegrass has some additional time to fill in.

Thank you for your patience as we utilized the mat at the practice tee during overseeding. This really helps the ryegrass get off to a good start and insures that we have a good base to hit from during the winter months. The tee gets a lot of use this time of year so we will begin to re-seed and fill divots this month.

**Cart Restrictions**

With all of the rain the last two months, it has been necessary to restrict carts to the paths rather frequently. As Golf Course Superintendent, it is my responsibility to balance the needs of the turf and the needs of the golfer when making this decision. Please understand that when we make the decision to restrict carts to the paths, it also has an impact on the maintenance staff and what we are able to accomplish. With few exceptions, if carts are restricted so is the maintenance staff, so it makes our job more difficult also. I have had a longstanding policy that if it is too wet to allow carts on the fairways, then it is also too wet to mow fairways. As I mentioned above in the October status, we went 17 days without mowing fairways last month because it was too wet. We adjust what we can do on wet days and instruct our staff to stay on the paths wherever possible. Sometimes during the summer months, we may mow some rough on the drier holes on a wet day, but that is about the only exception.

When carts are restricted to the path, we will issue "red flags" that allow someone with a medical condition who otherwise could not play to drive in the rough. On some, but very few occasions, we may not permit red flags either. We do not like to do this as we know this may prevent someone from being able to play, however in extreme wet conditions it can become necessary to do so.

Again, please understand that my assistants and I do not take this responsibility lightly. We take no pleasure in restricting carts as it also restricts us in our ability to maintain the course. But sometimes it must be done. Hopefully, November will be a little on the dry side.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**Pro Shop**

**Operating Hours:**

Tuesday - Sunday  
7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

**Practice Range**

**Hours:**

Tuesday - Sunday  
7:45 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
(Weather Permitting)

**Brent Jessup**

Head Golf  
Professional  
656-7516

**Don Garrett**

Course  
Superintendent  
656-1814

**Nancy Porter**

Accounting  
656-0595

**Golf Pro Shop**

656-0236

**ClubHouse Grill**

656-7518

**Joe's Place**

656-7517

**Seasons Restaurant**

656-7444

**The Martin Inn**

654-9020

**The Madren Center**

656-7155



Thanksgiving on the Lake

**Featuring.....**

Roast Turkey with Pecan &  
Wild Mushroom Stuffing  
Honey Baked Ham with Cranberry Sauce

Prime Rib with Horseradish Sauce  
Crab & Oyster Fritters  
Grilled Salmon with Lemon & Capers

Reservations recommended 656-7444

Three Seatings: 11:00a.m., 12:30p.m. & 1:45p.m.

**\$24.95 Per Person**

**TUESDAY NIGHTS - Shrimp, Grits & Suds**

A variety of grits and toppings

Featuring Shrimp & Grits

Entree, vegetables, salad bar and dessert

Draft beer specials with buffet

from 5:00-8:00 p.m.

**\$14.95 Per Person**

**FRIDAY NIGHTS -Prime Rib**

Served with bake potato, salad

& vegetable of the day

Full Dinner menu is also available


**\$16.95 Per Person**

Located at the Madren Conference Center, Seasons accepts Paw Points, Tiger Stripe, cash and credit!

Call 656-7444 for more information

# November, 2009

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