

ON THE COURSE...

The positive comments are very nice to hear and we still have lots of room to improve, but its light years ahead of the past couple years. Let’s go back a bit and revisit the past 6-7 years to understand how we got here and how we continue to grow. October 2015 we had the “flood” and lost our irrigation (Lower Legion) pond for the courses. Over the next several months we scrambled to adapt to irrigation at 20% the old capacity to maintain the two courses. Over the next three years the lower legion dam was rebuilt and we got back to full water capabilities in the spring of 2018. If you recall we suffered some winter kill on 8-10 greens and pushed to get the greens surface back to playable conditions. It took longer than expected as we learned that over the years of water shortage the level of nematodes built up to a height to not support healthy turf growth and sustainability. Through many conversations and testing with turf professionals we created a plan and started a program to get the greens healthy and growing correctly. 2020-2021 was the next challenge as we were gaining on the challenge but ran the two courses with a limited staff and again just tried to stay at a level to survive and let our members enjoy their time together on the courses.

So here we are 2022 toward the end of the growing season and it’s good to feel like we are not playing from behind every day and the two courses now stand on their own. The Old Hickory greens and course is a bit better than Wildcat but we have two courses that people are excited to bring a guest and show them THEIR facility. Thanks for all the support and comments and I think it’s important for us going forward to understand our past and we continue improve and regain the confidence of our FJ community and members. Please enjoy the facilities and share the good with the bad so we can communicate and get better together.

See you on the course!

Jeffrey S. Connell

THE RULES CORNER

1. If a player's ball in motion in the general area accidentally hits a person, there is no penalty.
True or False

2. The original ball is no longer in play if a player has played a provisional ball from a spot nearer the hole than where the original ball is estimated to be.
True or False

3. The player must hole out with the same ball played from the teeing area, except when that ball is lost or comes to rest out of bounds or the player substitutes another ball.
True or False

1.) True Explanation Rule 11.1a

2.) True Explanation Rule 18.3c(2)

3.) True Explanation Rule 6.3a

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RANGE CLUB

Make 2023 the year you dedicate yourself to lowering that handicap. Becoming a member of the FJGC Range Club is a great first step! The yearly membership to the Range Club is only \$250.00. Family members can be added to a Range Club membership for an additional \$50 per person.

Each Range Club member will be issued two range ball bags. Before each practice session, simply return your empty bags to the Golf Shop and exchange them for two full bags. Any lost or missing bags can be replaced for a \$5.00 charge.

We also want to thank our Range Club members for discontinuing the practice of storing in their vehicle. The storage of balls in your vehicle greatly reduced the number of balls available to our patrons. In turn, this requires us to collect balls off the range more frequently and increases our labor costs. Of course, increased costs will be passed along to all of our customers!

We would like to remind ALL Range Club Members that your range balls are for your personal use only and cannot be shared with another person.

Just a reminder...
User Fee must be paid for each round of golf you play. User Fees are not good for the whole day.

WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS.....

A growing topic has introduced itself to the game of golf. MUSIC. This topic has grown into an interesting debate over the last year, and it seems like there are differing opinions. Should music be played on the golf course? Short answer is it depends. It depends on the environment and other golfers around you. If others can hear your music, then that’s the sign it’s too loud. Remember we all have the responsibility to be courteous and respectful to others. Next time you’re ready to crank the volume up, stop and think about your surroundings. That’s our opinion. Let’s hear from you. Stop by and let us know what you think about this topic.

THINK ABOUT IT...

If you have paid fees to walk your round of golf, is it right that you hitch a ride with a patron that PAID cart fees or to put your clubs on their cart?

PROPER ATTIRE REMINDER...

For men, collared shirts or a sport shirt is required when playing golf at FJGC. Women may wear collared shirts or sleeveless blouses with broad straps across the shoulders. T-shirts, cut-offs, tank tops or similar attire is prohibited. For first time visitors, some leniency is provided in order to assure that their first visit to FJGC is a positive one.



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MEMBERSHIP DUES BILLING UPDATE

We are pleased to report that the golf club staff has made tremendous progress in the membership dues and billing department. Many of you may have received or will receive a letter in the mail detailing the status of your membership account. We ask that you contact Genavie Moore at (803) 787-4344 or genavie.moore.naf@army.mil with any questions and she will be happy to assist you in updating your account. We are confident that all payments and future payments will be applied to each member’s account correctly to avoid any future errors. Thank you to all the FJGC Members that have sat down with us to settle their account or provided documents showing that their account was up to date. Your golf club staff plans to wrap up this project in the next couple of weeks.

CIVILIAN / PUBLIC PLAY AT FJGC!

We are excited to continue a daily access opportunity to play a round of golf at Fort Jackson Golf Club for your civilian friends, neighbors, and family members. We need your help to get the word out!

Columbia area golfers can now play Fort Jackson Golf Club daily without being accompanied/sponsored by an Authorized Patron. This new policy also allows our Frequent Guest patrons to have guests join them for a round of golf.

Civilian golfers need to stop by the Visitor Control Center located just inside Gate #2/Forest Drive. Each person will need to present their current driver’s license to have a quick background check performed. Once the background check is completed successfully, their license will be noted in the DBIDS system to allow installation access through all gates for A YEAR! No additional card will be issued, simply present the driver’s license which will be scanned by security personnel at the gate.

Civilian golfers can obtain weekday tee times by calling the FJGC Golf Shop (803-787-4344) one day in advance. Individuals can call the Golf Shop on Thursdays to schedule their request weekend and holiday tee times. Payment of applicable daily fee is required.

GUEST DAY POLICY AND DATES (NEW SATURDAY GUEST DAY)

To provide FJGC members with a greater opportunity to take advantage of our monthly Guest Days, FJGC members are now permitted to bring up to three guests on Guest Days. We encourage all FJGC Members to bring your civilian buddies to play a round of golf and show off all FJGC has to offer for a low rate of \$29.

Our upcoming Guest Days:
October 7, 12, 15, 27 & 30, and November 3, 9, 12, 17, & 20

FALL HOURS OF OPERATION

Tee TimesBegin at 7:30 a.m. Daily
Golf Shop7 a.m. - 5 p.m. Daily (Effective November 6th)
Admin Office8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Weekdays

WINTER HOURS OF OPERATION

Tee TimesBegin at 8:30 a.m. Daily (Effective December 1st)
Golf Shop7 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Daily (Effective December 1st)
Admin Office8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Weekdays

NEED TO CONTACT US?

Admin Office: (803) 787-4344
Pro Shop/Tee Times: (803) 787-4437
Snack Bar: (803) 751-6367
Golf Course Maintenance: (803) 787-4723



TWILIGHT RATE REMAINS UNTIL 2023!

FJGC currently offers all authorized patrons and their guests the opportunity to play golf for a twilight rate of \$29. Our twilight rate will be offered Monday-Thursday after 1:00 pm. We hope you and your friends will take advantage of this outstanding offer!

CIVILIAN PLAY PUNCH CARD

Each Civilian player that has registered for the year access and provides their contact information (address, phone number and email) will be presented a Civilian Play Punch Card which rewards them with a FREE 18-hole round with cart on their sixth visit!

2022 SENIOR MEN’S CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

The 2022 Senior Men’s Club Championship was held on August 20-21 which featured 36 FJGC Members competing to win this year’s Senior and Super Senior Club Championship. In the Senior Division John Tucker (149) edged out Leon Hunt (151) and Randall Gaston (151) by two shots to earn this year’s Senior Club Championship title. This year’s Super Senior Club Champion is Jim Crow. Jim posted a two-day total of 160 which earned him a 2-shot advantage over this year’s runner-up Bill Bragdon (162). Thank you to all our participants for playing and appreciate your support of FJGC!

Flight Winners:	Super Senior Division:
Senior Division:	Championship-Jim Crow
Championship-John Tucker	First Flight-James Macon
First Flight-Chris Tate	
Second Flight-James Stembridge	



VETERAN INSTALLATION ACCESS
Honorably Discharged Veterans with a Veteran's Health Identification Card (VHIC) are now permitted to play golf at Fort Jackson Golf Club on a daily basis or by joining FJGC. Initially, you will be required to enter Fort Jackson through Gate2/Forest Drive/ I77 Exit 12, present your VHIC to the security guard and you will be directed to the Visitor Control Center. Visitor Control Center personnel will then conduct a background check. Once cleared through the background check, your VHIC Card will be scanned into the DBIDS System. This will provide you access to the Installation for THREE years and you will be permitted access through all gates. If you bring additional guests in your vehicle, you must come through Gate 2 and pass a background check at the Visitor Control Center. Once the background check is complete, they will be issued a day pass and must be with you at all times.

NATIONAL DRIVE, CHIP & PUTT QUALIFIER A HUGE SUCCESS
On Saturday, August 27th FJGC hosted the sub-regional qualifier for the 2022 National Drive, Chip and Putt Championship. A total of 139 junior golfers competed in the eight divisions, with the top two from each division advancing to the regional qualifier at Quail Hollow Golf Club in Charlotte, North Carolina on September 10, 2022. We wish the best to each of our sub-regional qualifiers and hope to see them competing next spring at Augusta National! The Carolinas PGA representatives, the participants and their family members were extremely complimentary of our volunteers and staff. We would like to recognize and thank the following FJGC members for volunteering and making the day a memorable event:

Bob Fancher, Mike Robichaud, Robert Dozier, Mike Shelton, Chris Dionne, Jim Crow, Eric VanSant, Wayne Jovanelly, Al Hethcox, Galen Grant, Chris Tate, Darryl Averyhart, Jill Averyhart, James Stembridge, Charlotte Briggs, Donna Cole, Tom Marable, Johnny McBee, Mike Thompson, Robert Parker, Bill Bragdon, Verman Buckner, Tom Leonard, Randall Gaston, and Rich Vaughn

UPCOMING EVENTS

2022 MEN'S CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP
The 36-hole, 2022 Men's Club Championship is scheduled for Saturday & Sunday, October 8-9. Tee times will be arranged based on handicap. Tee times will begin at 8:00 a.m. both days. The field will be flighted after the first round. Entry fee for the Men's Club Championship is \$50.00 and includes daily user fees and awards. All FJGC Members are invited to play!

2022 WOMEN'S CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP
The 36-hole, 2022 Women's Club Championship is scheduled for Saturday & Sunday, October 8-9. Tee times will be arranged based on handicap. Tee times will begin at 9:30 a.m. both days. The field will be flighted after the first round. Entry fee for the Women's Club Championship is \$50.00 and includes daily user fees and awards. All FJGC Members are invited to play!

TWO COURSE TOURNAMENT
FJGC will host the USC Letterman's Association Golf Tournament on Friday, October 28th. Due to all 36 holes being occupied the tournament committee will arrange reciprocal playing privileges at other course in the Columbia area. Tee Times must be arranged by one of our PGA Professionals. FJGC Members may start submitting their reciprocal tee time request on Wednesday, October 19th.

FIRST FRIDAY GOLF – (Red, White, & Blue Format)
The next First Friday Golf is scheduled for Friday, November 4. Registration will begin at 12:00 and will follow with a 1:00 shotgun start. Individuals are also encouraged to sign up. The PGA golf professionals will make teams of the individuals that enter. Entry Fee is \$45.00 for FJGC Members and \$55.00 for non-members. Entry Fee includes applicable green fee, user fee, cart fee, prizes, and a box lunch. Call the Golf Shop or stop by the clubhouse to sign up. Come and enjoy the FUN!

Each month will feature a different and exciting format. This month's tournament will feature a Red, White and Blue Format.

About the format....
All players will begin play from the Red Tees.
If a team birdies a hole the team will move back a tee
If a team pars a hole the team stay on their current tee
If a team shoots over par on a hole the team moves up to the closer set of teenships***



October				
3	Mon	APG Senior Golfers	Wildcat	10:00 Shotgun
6	Thu	Backman Group	Old Hickory	9:00 Shotgun
7	Fri	Guest Day		
8-9	Sat-Sun	Club Championship Weekend	Old Hickory	8:00 Tee Times
10	Mon	Columbus Day	Both Open	
12	Wed	Guest Day		
14	Fri	Dutch Fork High School Golf Tournament	Old Hickory	9:00 Shotgun
15	Sat	Guest Day		
16	Sun	Happy Hackers	Wildcat	10:30 Tee Times
16	Sun	U.S. Kids Golf Tournament	Old Hickory	10:30 Tee Times
17	Mon	3rd Annual "GUNS" Garin Memorial Foundation Golf Tournament	Old Hickory	10:00 Shotgun
21	Fri	First Presbyterian Golf Tournament	Wildcat	1:00 Shotgun
24	Mon	Cardinal Newman Golf Tournament	Wildcat	TBD
27	Thu	Guest Day		
28	Fri	USC Letterman's Assoc. Tournament	Both Closed	12:00 Shotgun
November				
3	Thu	Guest Day		
4	Fri	First Friday Golf	Wildcat	1:00 Shotgun
9	Wed	Guest Day		
11	Fri	Veterans Day		
12	Sat	Guest Day		
17	Thu	Guest Day		
18	Fri	DET 775 Golf Tournament	Wildcat	TBD
20	Sun	Guest Day		
23	Wed	SCJGA Golf Tournament	8:00 Tee Times	Michael McKee
24	Thu	Thanksgiving Day (Club Closed)		

