



Meadows Monthly

Meadows Farms Golf Course

Home of the Longest Hole in the USA (841 yard Par 6)

December 2018

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Upcoming Events:

December 2018

Christmas Day

CLOSED

**HAPPY CHRISTMAS
AND A HAPPY
NEW YEAR**

Tom Newson



Tis The Season

Here is your "PERFECT" Christmas gift idea

Don't leave your favorite golfer hanging this holiday season. Bring happiness to that saddened golfer's eyes by buying them something from The Farm. We have gift cards that can be used towards golf, merchandise, and food. If you really want to impress them, stop by and we can help you stuff their stockings with balls, tees, and all the accessories they will need for the season ahead.

If we do not get to see you before Christmas, The Meadows Farms Family wishes you a blessed holiday.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays. We can't wait to see you back at the farm.

GIFT CARDS



SOLD AT THE PRO SHOP



Rate us today so we can be the best course in Virginia in 2018 please!!!

Our online profile is one of the most important aspects of our business. Three years ago, our golfers rated us as one of the top 10 courses in the state of Virginia, and we would like to remain there. So many golfers go online and read ratings before choosing to spend their hard earned money on a round of golf. We are fortunate our golfers are spreading the word about how great the course is. Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to play the course this year and give us your thoughts.

If you haven't rated us recently, please help us by going to Golf Advisor, Facebook, Yelp, or Google and letting us know what you think. If you had a great experience, let everyone know online. If you didn't, let the staff at Meadows know so we can make it right.

WELCOME TO MEADOW FARMS GOLF COURSE

Weekday

↓ Mon.—Fri. ↓

Public

\$40.00

18 HOLES

\$35.00

SENIOR

\$25.00

TWILIGHT
9 HOLES +

Member

\$30.00

18 HOLES

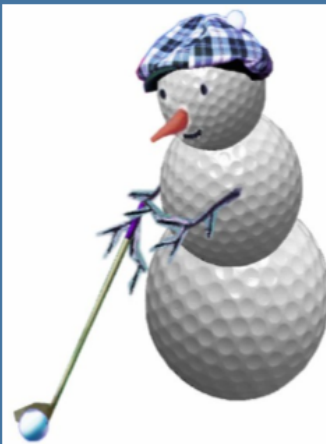
\$25.00

SENIOR

\$20.00

TWILIGHT
9 HOLES +

18 HOLE RATES WINTER



Weekend

↓ Sat.—Sun. ↓

Public

\$45.00

18 HOLES

\$40.00

SENIOR

\$30.00

TWILIGHT
9 HOLES +

Member

\$35.00

18 HOLES

\$30.00

SENIOR

\$25.00

TWILIGHT
9 HOLES +

Prices do not include tax

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Non player cart fee \$10.00

**Advantage Card Membership
\$49.00 per year**



Winter prices are now in effect . Thank you for a great summer and your understanding of the amount of rain we received. We always try to be fair in our pricing but realize it still takes a certain amount of finances to keep a quality course up and running. Many courses around us are struggling and some have closed. We are doing everything we can to give you a quality course with a fair price. We look forward to you visiting us throughout the winter months.



SUNDAY LEAGUE

**\$700.00
IN
PRIZE MONEY**

CONGRATS TO ADAM
THURSTON FOR WINNING
THE BIG MONEY SKINS
SHOOTOUT

BIG MONEY SKINS SHOOTOUT

TOP 10 SKINS WINNERS FOR THE YEAR

This is probably the most exciting league at The Farm. Every Sunday, **starting in the Spring again**, everyone in the league plays a predetermined 18 holes of golf. Once everyone is finished, we divide players into A players and B players. If there are 20 players the lowest 10 scores will be A players and the highest 10 will be B players. Each player A will randomly draw a B player. Once those two people are paired together the computer will generate a best ball score between the two players. Come out this spring and join the fun.

Our "NEW" Assistant Superintendent Matt Murdock



I was born and raised in Northern Va. where at 15 I started as a shop helper after school at the Chantilly National Golf and Country Club. I spent 2-3 hours a day cleaning the equipment for the grounds department. After about 2 years of that they moved me to running equipment. As I learned to mow greens, rake bunkers, and line trim, I eventually left the golf world to become a firefighter and paramedic. While doing that I moved down to Newport News Va. as a paid firefighter for the city. I also worked part time at their city course, Deer Run, for 2-3 seasons. After 10 years in the fire service and a son I left and focused my world on turf. I worked with a variety of landscaping companies including being a foreman for Meadows Farms grounds department. In 2014 I left and worked at Westwood Country Club in Vienna Va. as a crew foreman. Then in 2016 I went back to where it all started, to Chantilly National as an Assistant in training. I have studied at the University of Georgia for a certificate in turf and I'm currently enrolled at Penn State for a 4 year degree in turf management.

On my free time I enjoy working on the farm, hunting, fishing, golfing, and baseball. If you see me on the course feel free to stop by and say hello and ask any questions you may have. I look forward to working with the crew here and making Meadows Farms as my home.

The 7 silliest complaints about The Match between Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson

The Match between Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson certainly had its flaws, from a lack of promised side bets to a mini-golf finish, but a lot of the complaints were over things that were either, A.) out of anyone's control, or B.) not worth complaining about. Here's a run-down of the seven silliest complaints we keep seeing.

1. "They didn't play well!"

It's true, Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson didn't have their A (or even B) games, but they're not machines. You can't just flip a switch — especially during the off-season — and expect them to play their best. There's a reason "That's why they play the game" is a saying. You never know how things are going to turn out in a sporting event, let alone a round of golf. Remember that NCAA men's basketball final between UConn and Butler a few years ago? That was absolutely brutal to watch, but hey, it happens. Move on.

2. "It took away from the World Cup of Golf!"

If you are a golf purist and enjoyed watching the World Cup more because of the Metropolitan Club's fantastic bunkering, that's totally understandable (seriously, that bunkering looks glorious). However, complaining that The Match took away from that event is absurd. The World Cup was played in a different hemisphere so even with The Match going long, it didn't overlap with Golf Channel's coverage. And Tiger or Phil haven't played in it in nearly two decades, meaning they wouldn't have been in Australia even if they weren't in Vegas. So pipe down from Down Under.

3. "The money is obscene!"

Playing a round of golf for \$9 million seems ridiculous. And regardless of who won, both guys were probably guaranteed to make more for four hours of work than the average person will make in his/her lifetime. But it's not like Tiger and Phil forced Turner Sports, Capital One or any other of The Match's sponsors to put up the money. And we'd like to see someone else turn down a payday that big. Also, appearance fees in golf aren't exactly a new phenomenon. Golfers get fat checks to show up at certain tournaments and plenty of other outings all the time. You think people played in Shell's Wonderful World of Golf for free?

4. "The money doesn't mean anything to them!"

Guys, you can't have it both ways.

5. "The announcers talked too much!"

It's true, they did, especially Peter Jacobsen. But when was the last time you let the announcers truly ruin your viewing of a sporting event? And if it was that bad, you could have turned the volume off and listened to the new Michael Bublé album instead. What? It's supposed to be really good. . . Also, as much as solely listening to a mic'd up Tiger and Phil for four hours sounded like a good idea, we're guessing there would have been complaints by the fifth Fred Couples story.

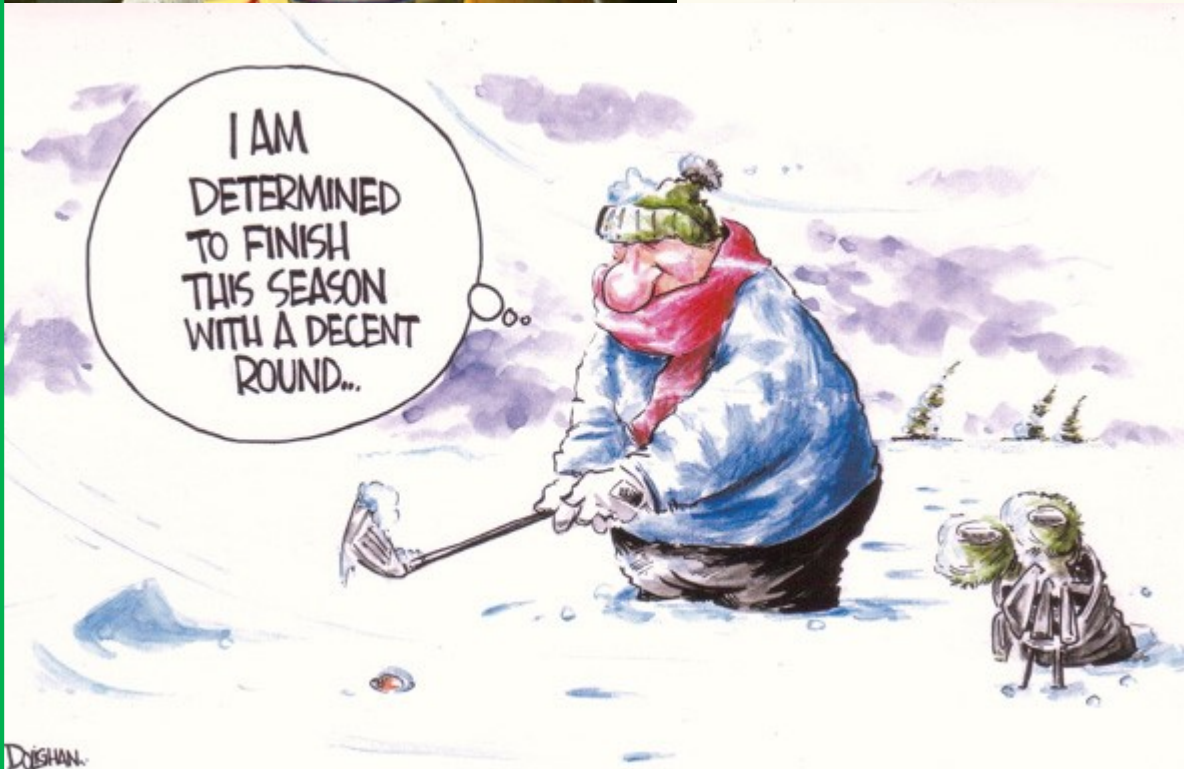
6. "They shouldn't have given so many putts!"


Tiger and Phil both gave generous concessions on testing (particularly with \$9 million on the line) par putts to keep The Match going. In any other context, this would have been unanimously viewed as a sign of great sportsmanship (*Remember when JACK gave that putt at the Ryder Cup 50 years ago?!)* and what SEPARATES GOLF FROM OTHER SPORTS. Instead, people criticized Tiger and Phil for either being too nice or not caring enough about the money. You know, the same money they were complaining about them playing for.

7. "I'd rather see someone else play!"

Really? No, really? Sure, this matchup would have generated even more buzz during Tiger and Phil's peak years, but don't act like they're total chops now. Phil entered The Match at No. 27 in the Official World Golf Ranking and Tiger at No. 13. Also, keep in mind that Tiger would be No. 5 if only 2018 results were counted. And in terms of generating interest and headlines, they are still the top two in the sport by a mile. That's why *this* was The Match. The TV powers that be knew what they were doing. Well, except when it came to collecting all that Pay-Per-View money. . .

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE





One of the Elves out on the course said that I should extend this until Dec. 31.

HOHOHOHOHOHOHO
Ok Lets do it!!!!!!

Meadows Farms Black Friday Membership Extravaganza

One day only event!!!

The Meadows Farms Black Friday Membership Special is here again for both individuals and family. The savings are \$600.00 for individuals and \$1,000.00 for families respectively. (See below)

Our three nines, Island, Longest, and Waterfall, 28 holes total, attracted a lot of attention in 2018 as we were voted Outstanding course in the Virginia Living Magazine and BEST Virginia course on the Wander List.

Membership participation will be limited to the first 50 golfers that sign up on Black Friday. Pro Shop will open on 8 am on Friday.

Preferred Membership Program

\$1895.00

2019 Price will be \$2595.00

(600.00 Savings)

Preferred Family Membership Program

\$2995.00

2019 Price will be \$3995.00

(\$1,000.00 Savings)

Membership is a full 12 months from date of purchase.

Our Memberships includes: **

Unlimited Golf 7 days a week – including Holidays

Cart Rental 7 days a week

Unlimited Grass Tee Driving Range use (free range balls)

VSGA Handicap

One Month in advance Tee Times

Two complementary rounds for Guests

Membership only events and tournaments

10% discount of merchandise and food items

**No additional cart fees for rentals, range balls, early tee time booking, and on course events other than entry fees used for prizes.

EXTENDED!!!
to Dec. 31st

ICE CHALLENGE

If you have never participated in our ICE CHALLENGE before, you have no idea what you are missing. As the ice forms on the big lake behind the club house, we hold closest to the pin contest to the green that sits 235 yards on the other side of the lake. The key is to bounce your ball across the frozen lake and get it to stop as close as you can to the pin, without it bouncing over the green. So when it is cold outside, and you would love to swing a club, give us a call and find out when our ICE CHALLENGE will be held.



GOOD ONE's at the Farm!!!!!!



None last Month

Must be something
in the
water.....



Tom Newson

How to enjoy your golf and play better over the cold months.

Winter Golf Tip #1 - Walk don't drive

Don't use a cart in winter, you will get cold and your swing will suffer. Walk to stay warm.

Winter Golf Tip #2 – Warm hands

- Ways to keep your hands warm -
- Velcro or otherwise attach mits to your trolley so you can put your hands straight in as you push.
- Become Tommy Two Gloves for the winter. US PGA Tour player Tommy Gainey always wears a glove on each hand regardless of the weather. [Winter gloves](#) have improved considerably in recent years.
- Carry some hand warmers in your pocket.

Winter Golf Tip #3 - Warm balls

Cold golf balls don't fly as far as warm balls. Warm 2 balls on a radiator before you leave for the course. Keep them in your pocket until needed. Use each ball on alternate holes, keeping the other in your pocket to keep them as warm as possible. As long as you do not artificially heat the balls during the round you are within the rules.

Winter Golf Tip #4 – Know your winter club distances

Check your club distances now in readiness for winter - go to the practice ground and use the practice feature on your golf GPS to accurately measure your distances for each club. You will find your distances are significantly less in cold winter weather and little ground run.

Winter Golf Tip #5 - Allow for soft greens

Unless it is frosty then you will get little if any run on green approaches so factor this into your club choice.

Winter Golf Tip #6 - Adjust your strategy & expectation for winter

Just because it says par 4 on the card and you easily hit the green in 2 in summer does not mean you should expect the same in winter. If you are not going to make it in 2 consider mentally adjusting it to a par 5. Play it as a 3 shotter with a strategy that leaves you a preferred lay up distance to the hole. This allows you to swing within yourself and maybe use a couple of mid irons to get in position. If you have taken the time to know your winter wedge distance and take account of the soft greens you stand a good chance of producing a satisfying deadly accurate approach to set up a chance of a par/winter birdie.

Winter Golf Tip #7 - Use the winter green function for accurate winter green distances

Until now, it was difficult to judge distances accurately to winter greens. A laser rangefinder was the only really easy and accurate method and even that failed on blind holes. Lots of the GPS devices now offer a winter green facility.

Winter Golf Tip #8 - Be smarter from the rough

Wet grass can grab the hosel of the club which often produces a snap hook. On longer shots from the wet rough consider using a rescue club as this cuts through the grass more effectively than a iron. For the shorter shots cock the wrists earlier than normal to create a steeper angle of approach which will help to get to the back of the ball without getting caught up in the grass before contact.

Winter Golf Tip #9– Ensure a solid set up on winter tee mats

Widen your stance slightly to form a more solid base on slippery tee mats. Don't assume the mat is lined up correctly for the hole. Pick your line and address accordingly ignoring the line indicated by the position of the mat.

Winter Golf Tip #10 - Continue to Keep Your Stats Through Winter

Use the Tee Position mark on your GPS – Turn off Auto Advance in the options menu. When standing on a winter tee tap the Tee icon on the bottom right of the screen to set the Tee position. This sets the exact point that you are teeing off from even if its half way down the fairway. When you get to your ball simply tap the top of the screen, with Stats set on, to record accurate vital carry distances. Great information for your approach shots throughout the year.

Winter Golf Tip #11– Always clean your ball whenever possible

Use the Winter Rules/Preferred Lies – Don't get lazy here the R&A have given clubs the provision of allowing this local rule to "to protect the course or to promote fair and pleasant play". So make sure you take advantage when this lift, clean and place rule is in play. Lift and clean your ball even if you look down and it appears clean and to be lying well. Any mud on the bottom of the ball will affect the flight of your next shot so make sure the ball is totally clean. Just be careful not to wipe your ball on the green as this can be construed as "TESTING THE SURFACE".

Winter Golf Tip #12 – Play the "Gimme2Rule"

- If the winter greens are not the best, or you are worried that your game may suffer through winter then this tip is for you. For non-competition rounds adopt the "Gimme2Rule". The rule allows you the option to pick up and 'take two putts' if your ball is anywhere on the putting surface. If you choose not to pick up then you must hole out.
Lots of better players choose not to play through winter, one of the reasons is that conditions are so different they feel it can affect their game. They feel that it could affect their chances of winning through the summer when the more important competitions are up for grabs. The best example of this is that the greens will not run as smoothly and as fast as they will in summer. The change to adapt to winter conditions has the potential to permanently affect your putting stroke. With uneven greens and holotined surfaces naturally more putts are missed. It's easy to let your mind start believing that you need to make changes.

Don't hang up your clubs for winter. Instead adopt the "Gimme2Rule" and you can continue to play through winter without worry. It's also a great way to speed up play when we don't have as much light to play with.

Winter Golf Tip #13 – Make the most of empty courses

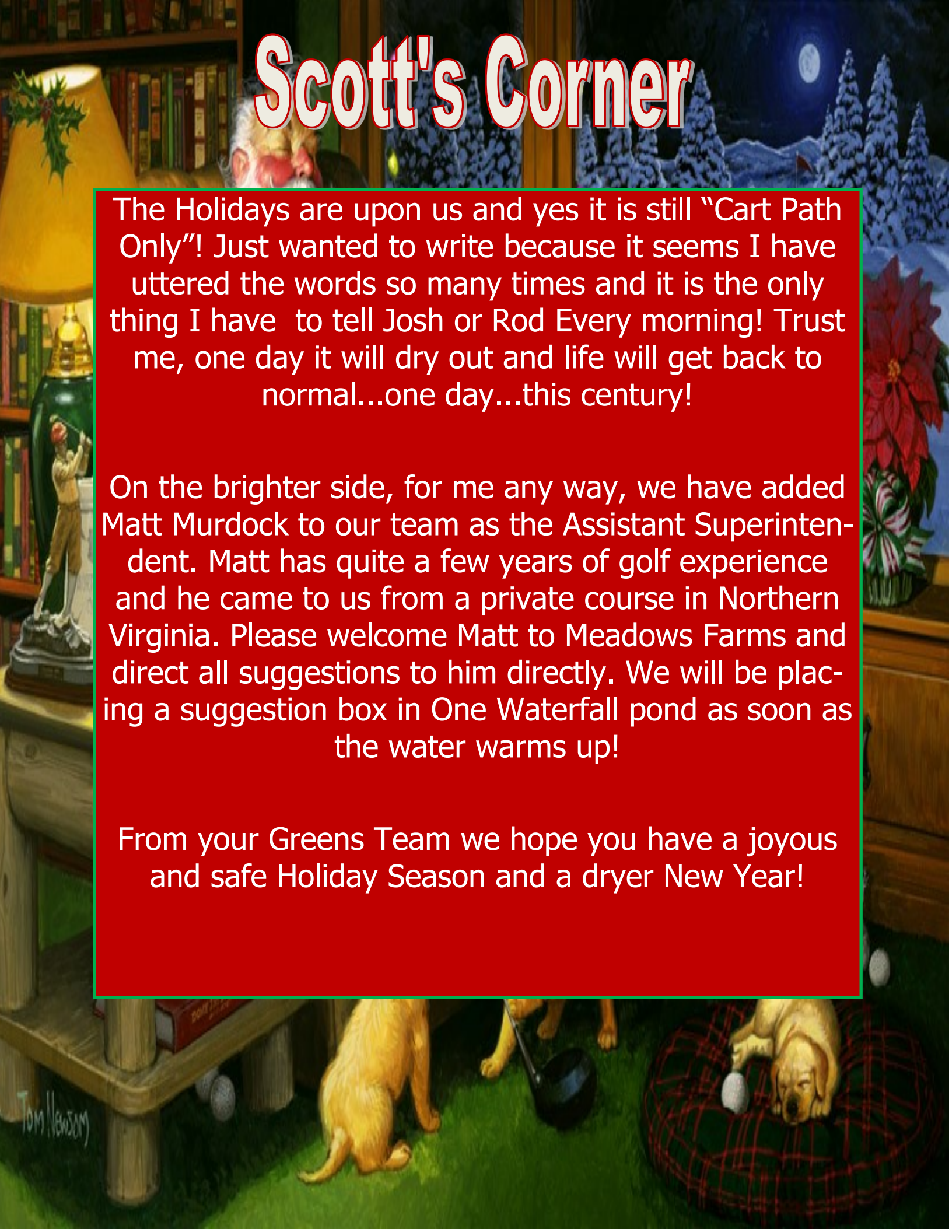
Get out there and you will most likely have the course to yourself. Play as fast or slow as you like. Experiment with different strategies. Enjoy yourself.

Scott's Corner

The Holidays are upon us and yes it is still "Cart Path Only"! Just wanted to write because it seems I have uttered the words so many times and it is the only thing I have to tell Josh or Rod Every morning! Trust me, one day it will dry out and life will get back to normal...one day...this century!

On the brighter side, for me any way, we have added Matt Murdock to our team as the Assistant Superintendent. Matt has quite a few years of golf experience and he came to us from a private course in Northern Virginia. Please welcome Matt to Meadows Farms and direct all suggestions to him directly. We will be placing a suggestion box in One Waterfall pond as soon as the water warms up!

From your Greens Team we hope you have a joyous and safe Holiday Season and a dryer New Year!



Note from Josh

The Best Athlete Is Made During The Offseason.

December can be a great month to work on your game. We are in winter rates, and with the advantage card giving you \$10 off the rack rate, you can't afford to not be here. So what do I do when it comes to winter golf? I stop hitting off my regular tees, and I move up, way up.

I cannot get comfortable hitting my driver with a jacket on, or even a thick pull over. The worst is even if you learn to hit your big clubs wearing thick clothes, you are now adjusting your swing which will hurt you in the spring.

So I move up to the forward tees, I leave my driver in the bag, and I start learning shots that you don't need to necessarily make a full swing for. Off the tee, use a mid iron to hit to some random target on the course, like a tree to the side of the fairway. Once there, practice punching the ball out from under the tree. Learning this shot now, will save you during full season.

Now you are back within range of the green and can practice your chipping and putting. These are by far the most important parts of your game, and I rarely see anyone working on them.

So take advantage of winter golf. When you see a day in the upper 40's, jump on it as an opportunity to get out and really practice your game. You will be so far beyond your foursome when the season starts, and it is all because of the little things you did during the offseason.


Always remember, you don't get much done, if you only work on the days you feel like it. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Merry Christmas,

Josh Dotson, GM



DECEMBER 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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JANUARY 2019

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