



Meadows Monthly

Meadows Farms Golf Course

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

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Jermom Bushrod Tournament

On Friday, June 9th, 2017, Meadows Farms Golf Course was proud to host Jermom Bushrod's Visualize and Rize Tournament. Visualize and Rize is a charity with the mission to support youth sports and educational programs. The founder of the program seeks to inspire youth to be positive influences in their communities, and motivate them to reach their goals starting at a young age.

The Visualize and Rize foundation was founded in 2010, by 2-time Pro Bowler, Super Bowl XLIV winner and current Miami Dolphin, Jermom Bushrod. Jermom was born and raised in the small town of King George a few counties over from Orange, Virginia. Over the years, Visualize and Rize has raised over \$100,000. The program provides 20+ scholarships a year to local youth, and also hosts an annual free football clinic for over 300 student athletes. Jermom started this charity "because our kids are the future and education is important."

Meadows Farms was honored that we could be apart of this awesome day and help contribute to Visualize and Rize. The course would also like to thank all

of the golfers that came out and participated in the tournament, hole sponsors, and the generous auction donations. We would also like to thank Radley Chevrolet for coming out and sponsoring the hole in one challenge.



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Upcoming Events:

July

16- Meadows Farms Parent Child Tourney

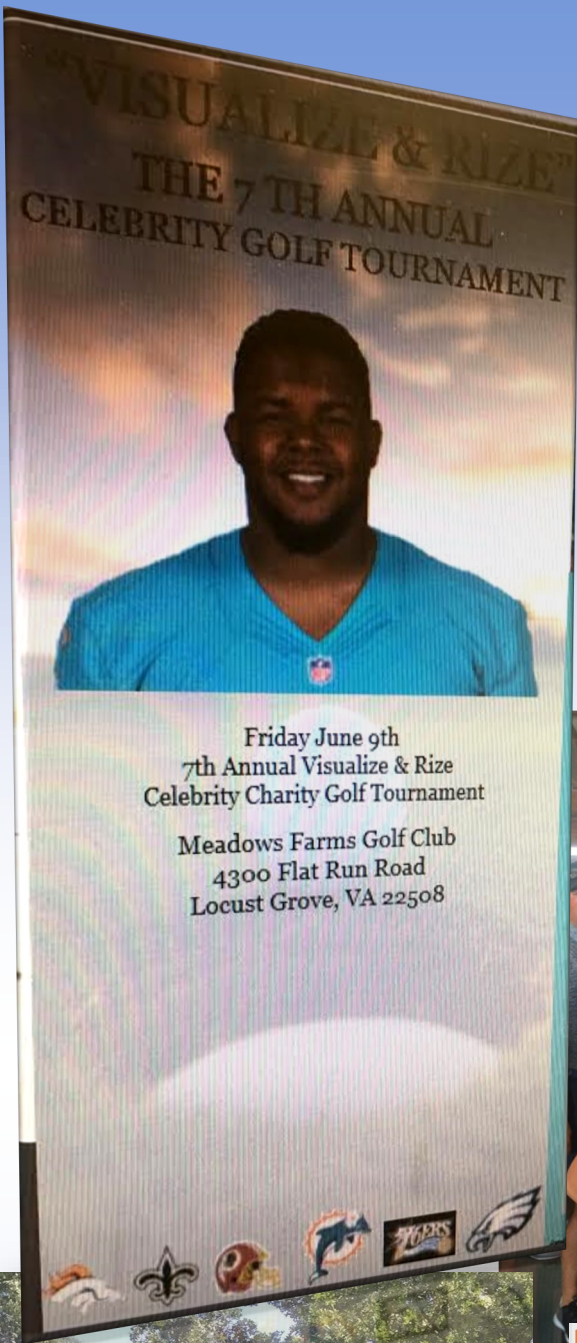
17-21- Junior Camp

22- British Open

29- All Fur Animal Classic

August

12- PGA Championship



Pictured left to right
Torrey Smith-Philadelphia Eagles, Justin Anderson-Philadelphia 76ers, Jermon Bushrod- Miami Dolphins



Brooke Dotson and Christian Hackenburg
Quarterback of the New York Jets



Dak Prescott's, QB of the Dallas Cowboys, signed jersey

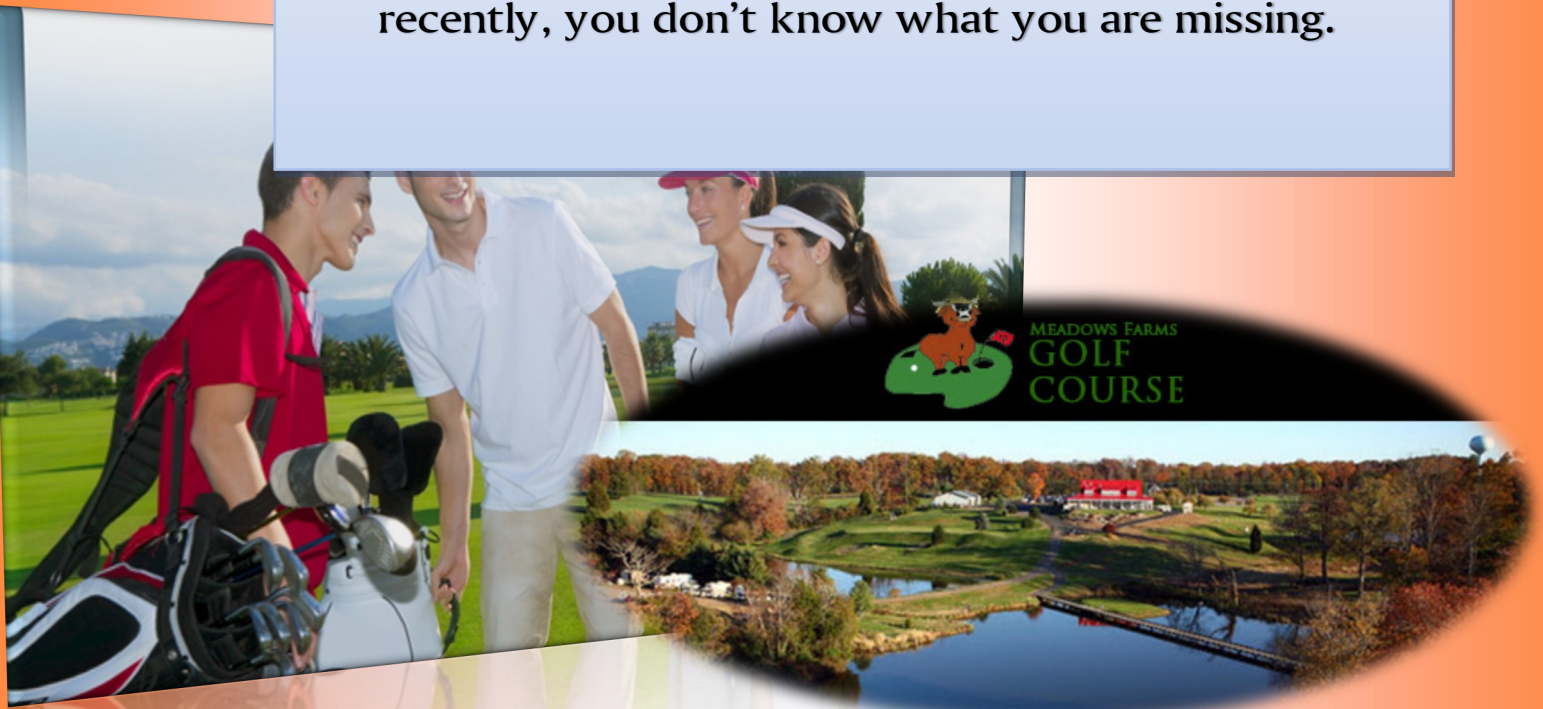


Kenny Dotson and Miami Dolphin's Defensive End Andre Branch





Thank you to everyone that voted us Fredericksburg's Favorite Golf Course. We appreciate your business and we look forward to exceeding your expectations for years to come. If you haven't been out to the course recently, you don't know what you are missing.



Online Ratings

Our online profile is one of the most important aspects of our business. Two 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 spring 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.

Here's what our current customers said about the course in June:

"I play Meadows at least once a week. Every time I play the course just keeps on getting better and better. The changes/clean-up of the course are outstanding and it really opened-up the course and made it look much cleaner. The fairways are great and the greens are in very good shape. You can't beat the price compared to other surrounding courses. I'll definitely keep on going to Meadows. Keep up the great work guys!"

- mgen10 (Golf Advisor) Spotsylvania, VA

"What a GREAT course! Interesting and very pretty...loved the Waterfalls!!! We can't wait until we return and make it an overnight stay!!!"

- Shirley Knight- Southern Maryland

"These folks know how to treat golfers the right way. I loved the layout, it was fun and in great shape. The staff was friendly and very helpful. The all you can play after 2pm rate is a huge value. Although there are some blind shots, the holes are not that hard to figure out. Really like how the Willis house and the family burial plot are treated with respect. Would recommend this course to anyone, you must play it if you can."

- Patrick Flanagan- Waterloo, Iowa



PLENTY OF EXCITEMENT IN 2017 AT MEADOWS FARMS!

Meadows Farms wants YOU to be excited about every visit to see us. We'd also love to have a program or event that gives you something to look forward to participating in. Here is just a sampling of some NEW and returning FUN in store for you this year!

NOW thru September 16 — Season Long Skins Championship—One of the most fun events you can imagine. The Skins Game on Monday Nights and in our tournaments are always well received. In this format, Skins players add \$2 to their entry in any event where Skins are offered. A season long Skins Point Leaders list is compiled and updated weekly. At season end, the Top 10 Leaders will go head to head in a 9 hole Shootout where ALL finalists win something. Of course, you know the last two will be going for the BIG prize! ALL TOURNAMENT SKINS WON EARN DOUBLE POINTS! More info on the next page!

July 16— Meadows Farms Parent-Child Tourney. Young and old it's your chance to get together and have some fun!

July 22 — British Open

July 29 — All Fur Animal Classic

Aug — Inaugural Farmer Bill Meadows Memorial Scholarship Golf Classic. 4 person scramble. Watch for details to emerge. It will be HUGE as The Farmer would have insisted. Raising scholarship proceeds for boys/girls in Orange & Spotsylvania Counties

Aug 12- PGA Championship

Aug — Night Golf at The Farm! 9 holes. 4 person scramble. No carts. You're going to love it!

Sept— Mid Atlantic PGA Folds of Honor Gala. Any play guarantees a donation to our wounded veterans and their families

Sept 8- Orange Fire and Rescue Tournament

Sept 16— Skins Championship Shootout

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**Save \$10 off Winter rates & \$5 off
Summer rates. \$5.00 off VSGA
handicap fee. 10% off range balls.
Tournament Eligible. Valid for 12
months from purchase date! It pays
you back every time you play at The
Farm!**



MEADOWS FARMS MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Lloyd Knappenberger

July 2017 Member Spotlight goes to *Lloyd Knappenberger*, Lloyd quotes “I love it. It is a great place to be a member of. The people are great. The staff is great. There is first class treatment everywhere. I would recommend this course to anyone. All my friends that I bring here love the hospitality. Meadows Farms is my home away from home.”

Thank you Lloyd. We love having you apart of the Meadows Family! If you see Lloyd give him a friendly hello.

SEASON LONG SKINS COMPETITION AND CHAMPIONSHIP

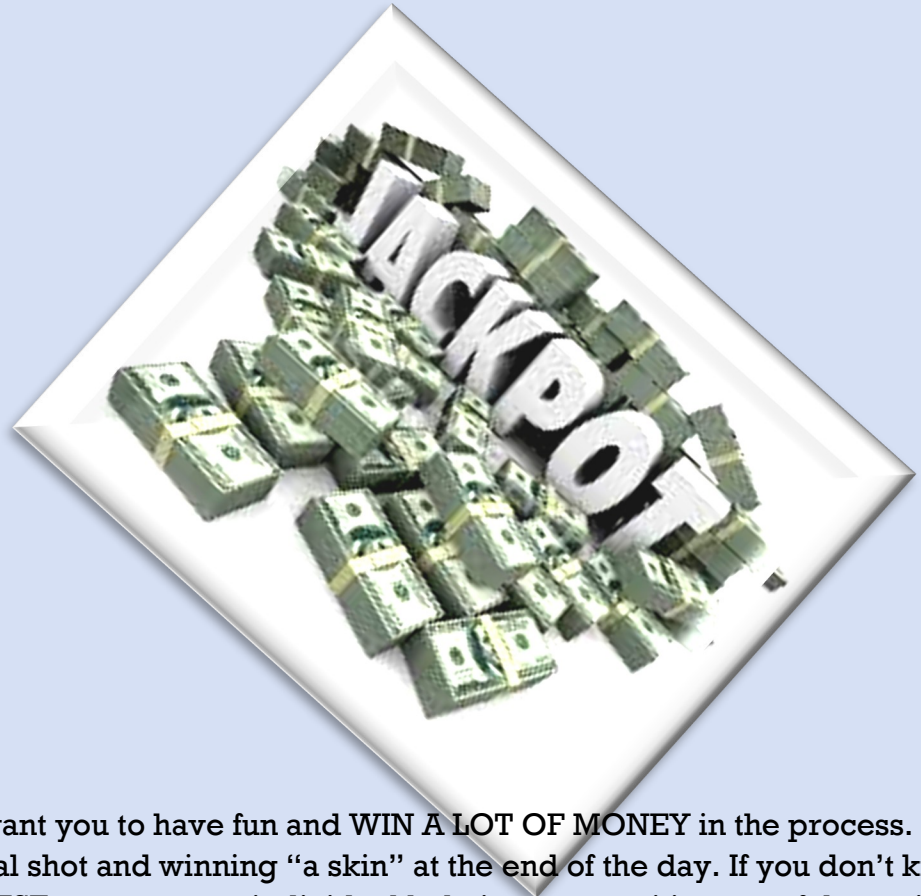
STANDINGS THRU 06/25/17

Roy Clatterbuck	17
Adam Thurston	14
Nate Longfellow	14
Craig Moranville	12
Ken Wallace	10
Tim Arbisi	10
Don Allen	10
Stan Sherman	9
Darron Ritter	9
Todd Nash	9
Lloyd Knappenberger	8
Dave Carli	6
Landon Knappenberger	6
Adrian Updike	6
Tim Bowers	4
Gavin Ritter	4
Alvin Carter	4
Rand Southworth	4
Mike Smith	4
Mark Zabel	3
Darwin Guyton	3
Bishop Stern	3
Brandon Obrien	2
Rusty Gilliam	2
Chrissy Baker	2
Shawn Baker	2
Dave Gonier	2
Ted Jarrel	1
David Names	1
Leroy Baggette	1
Mark Long	1

SKINS EARNED

PROGRESSIVE POT: \$581.00

Projected Progressive Pot: \$1550.00



The premise is simple. We want you to have fun and WIN A LOT OF MONEY in the process. Everybody loves hitting that special shot and winning "a skin" at the end of the day. If you don't know what a skin is, it is THE LOWEST score on any individual hole in a competition out of the entire field of players. If two people tie for lowest, there is NO skin. Skins can be won by individuals or teams.

ANY league, event, or group you play in at Meadows Farms GC this season that offers skins as part of the competition is eligible for this additional competition. When you pay for your skins just add in \$2 for "The Season Skins." If you win a skin that day, you earn 1 point. Any eagle you make on YOUR OWN BALL on a Par 4, 5, or 6 earns 2 points. A hole in one earns 5 points! A skin won in any Meadows Farms monthly tournament will earn double points!

Each week we will publish the skins winners and their cumulative point totals for the season. The competition will close on September 10. The Top 10 Skins points leaders will automatically qualify for The Skins Championship on September 16 at 4:00 pm. EVERYONE WHO QUALIFIES WINS \$\$\$.

All ten people will tee off #1 together with the highest score being eliminated on each hole. Any ties for high score will be settled by a sudden death chip, pitch, putt, or bunker shot. On the 9th tee there will be just two players remaining for THE BIG PRIZE! Note: Any ties for #10th place at season end will go into a separate shootout at 3 pm on September 16th immediately preceding the Championship proper.

The competition began March 26. If you have questions or would like to make sure you are included please see Brad Patterson in the golf shop or call 540-854-9890. Good luck to everyone!

Scott's Corner



This month begins the magic! When I first started in this business I was told the job is "9 months of hard work and 3 months of pure magic!" June was no exception to the rule yet we never counted June as one of the MAGIC months. Warmer than usual days and much lower humidity made for some scrambling for your green team, yet we persevered and corrected issues that have haunted certain greens for years!

All the issues have not been corrected yet so you WILL see us working around the greens from time to time. Every effort is made to stay out of the way of play, however, it is not impossible to impede play for a few hours to gain months of healthy vigorous playing surface. Which brings me to another point...emergency repairs. Almost all of these require the pumps turned off and as many bodies around to quickly make the repair. If we happen to be in the line of fire I will instruct my team members to park a shield (a cart) to provide some form of protection. Please remember time is critical so please consider the cart "a temporary immovable obstruction" and take the nearest relief, no closer to the hole. This is the same rule that protects professional golfers from grandstands, ice cream stands and novelty shacks!

-Scott Caskie

Superintendent



GOLFER FEEDBACK: May 2017

USGA

MODERNIZING GOLF'S RULES: BUNKERS

The proposed new Rules for 2019 clarify what a player may and may not do in a bunker. Here's a breakdown.

In bunkers, the fundamental challenge is to play out of sand.

The proposed Rules permit you to touch the sand for **nearly any reason** that doesn't affect this challenge, including:

- 👍 Move any loose impediments
- 👍 Lay down or touch the sand with your clubs
- 👍 Rake sand to care for the course

Examples of the limited times when touching the sand results in a penalty include:



❶ Using your hand, your club or another object to deliberately test the conditions of the sand.



❷ Taking practice swings that contact the sand.



❸ Touching sand in front of or behind the ball, or in your backswing for your stroke.

SOCIAL MEDIA REACTION: WHAT WE'VE HEARD

🐦 @RT_sports98:
"Love the #USGA rule changes today would like to see clarification on the grounding rules and bunker rules tho"

🐦 @rynogregg:
"Love many of the proposed rules changes. How about no restrictions in the bunkers? #GolfRules2019"

🐦 @asamaha:
"USGA and R&A propose sweeping changes to golf rules in effort to simplify game <http://usat.ly/2m7GCUB> via @USATODAY. Relief in the bunker?"

👤 Susan Wickware via Facebook:
"Absolutely yes to moving leaves and pine cones. The challenge is the sand, not loose impediments."

SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS

Visit usga.org/rules to submit your feedback, or use #GolfRules2019 to post on Twitter or Instagram.

FREE TIP OF THE MONTH



David Carli, Meadows Farms Director of Happy

When you are out on the course pretend like you're on T.V. playing professional golf.....

Belly button toward the target, right heel off the ground, hands above the shoulders at the finish of every swing just like on T.V.

Note from Josh...

June was an exciting Month at The Farm. At the tail end of May, I asked my girlfriend of 7 years for her hand in marriage which was extremely exciting. I was able to propose on the back terrace of the clubhouse on a wonderful evening as the sun was setting, with friends and family surrounding us. It was perfect.

As for the rest of June, it was one for the books. We did over 4,300 rounds of golf this month which is incredible. With that many rounds, it makes it extremely hard to maintain a golf course for our mowers trying to navigate around the customers.

We have to mow greens every day. Tee boxes and fairways almost every other day, and roughs twice a week to maintain the superior level of this course. So what does that mean?

We mow 30 acres of greens, 11 acres of tees, 98 acres of fairways, and 264 acres of rough every single week. This 400+ acres takes 16 people mowing a combined 450 hours a week to keep the course in pristine condition. If you play here Monday through Thursday, you will usually see a mower out on the course. If he has to pull over and let your group pass, it usually amounts to 5 or 6 minutes of sitting idle. If he does that just 10 times, it amounts to almost an hour he is not mowing grass. If he loses just one hour, or one acre every day, at the end of the week, just one employee has left 5 acres not maintained. If you multiplied this by just half of our maintenance staff, that would mean 40 acres aren't professionally groomed on the course. In turn, you have taller rough which is never fun to play out of.



Turf Surfaces	Turf Type(s) variety/cultivar	Mowing Heights		Acres
		low	high	
Greens	Bentgrass	.135	.165	4.41
Tees	Rye / Bermuda	.500	.650	3.82
Fairways	Bermuda	.650	.650	32.78
Roughs	Tall fescue	2.00	2.50	138.20
Other: (e.g., lawn, practice range)	Bunkers (1.77 acres) and other turf (.40 acres)			2.17
Total Acres				181.38

The policy we have in place now is to fully close nine holes on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays so our mowers can be productive while they are on the course. This ensures the optimal conditions you deserve every day you come to Meadows Farms Golf Course. We try to change up which nines will be closed and on which day of the week, so if you are a weekday regular, you are not forced to play the same nines each week. We apologize for any inconvenience, but this policy is in place so the course stays in great shape. Our staff, as always, will do our best to make sure we accommodate your requests, but we ask for your patience throughout the week, so we can make sure you have an enjoyable playing experience.

As always, if you enjoyed our course, please let your friends and family know. If you did not enjoy your round for any reason, please let me know so I can make it right.

Thanks,

Josh Dotson

**Take a look at the General Manger
Josh Dotson and the Director of Happy David
Carli....**



Remember when.. The Couple Who Turned Green to Gold..

Flashback to Farmer and Betty's 50th Anniversary in 2003

Betty and Bill "Farmer" Meadows wanted their 50th anniversary to be the "party of all parties." So they're throwing a \$500,000 two-day bash for 200 of their nearest and dearest at the Greenbrier resort. Black-tie dinner-dance tonight, six courses, entertainment provided by the Coasters. Everything first class. Paid in cash, since you asked. And Betty's anniversary present to her husband is a \$370,000 Rolls-Royce convertible, but ssshhhhhhh . . . it's a secret.

Okay, maybe not much of a secret. The couple posed in the Rolls for the cover of "Nearly Perfect," their rags-to-riches story of two coal miners' kids from West Virginia who turned tomatoes into gold -- or more precisely, \$72 million, at last count. They own Meadows Farms, a chain of 22 nurseries in Maryland and Virginia, all sitting on plenty of very valuable commercial property.

They're launching the book and holding their 50th at the Greenbrier because when Farmer was a little boy, his family's pickup was turned away from the luxury resort for being far too scruffy. "This here fence is about as close as you'll ever get to that place," his brother predicted. Tonight, the Greenbrier staff will unveil the Meadows's' self-published book on silver platters.

Revenge, served up with a big ol' grin, is especially sweet.

"I love life, but I love being rich even better," Farmer Meadows says.

If you're looking for low-key, you've come to the wrong place. When they decide to do something, the Meadows's do it bold and proud or they don't do it at all.

Take the car: A 2002 Limited Edition Rolls. Betty wanted to give Farmer something special for their golden anniversary and got the idea after seeing "Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood" -- one Ya Ya drives a yellow Rolls convertible. "I don't think he'd ever considered buying a Rolls-Royce, but he picked right up on it. He loved it."

"Nearly Perfect" is a love story. And a get-rich story. A love story about getting rich, and a rich story about love. Husband and wife are 68 years old, both topped with bright white hair and both playful as colts. It's clear these two are still crazy about each other, thrilled about the life they created together and willing to share just about all of it with everybody -- including probably more details about their sex life than you need to know. But goodness gracious, it sure sounds like they're having fun.



"I have a huge ego and always have," Farmer says. "And I like to surround myself with people with big egos. If you need to show off, you need to make more money. I don't know of anyone who has an ego even half as big as mine."

"Oh, I agree wholeheartedly!" Betty says, laughing. "When we were teenagers, he was the show-off. He always had to be the center of attention. And I was totally the opposite."

But they fell for each other and are still, to quote Betty, "madly in love."

They met when they were 12 years old, married when they were 18. They were children of the Depression in one of the poorest places in the country. Betty was born in a two-room coal mining shack with no running water; Farmer's family was just a bit better off. Everyone in Crab Orchard, W.Va., knew they were going to get married. Even then, Farmer had a Plan.

The plan included college -- they both got teaching degrees -- work and starting a family when they were 26. And that's how it happened: They moved to Northern Virginia and were hired by the Fairfax County school system -- Farmer as a physical education teacher, Betty as a librarian. Their first son was born when they were 26, and then a daughter a year later. The millionaire part of the plan was obviously not going to happen on teachers' salaries, and so Farmer started rooting around for ideas on how to make more money. He wanted something to supplement the annual \$16,500 they each made, something they could do during the summer break. Tomatoes. Farmer started selling baskets of them door-to-door and tripled what he made as a teacher.

Then came roadside trucks, and tomatoes eventually turned into plants and Meadows Farms. They scrimped, saved and went without. They invested in commercial real estate. They were already millionaires when Betty told her husband, "Farmer, we've been married 15 years and we're still living in apartments. When are we going to buy our own house?" And so they did, paying cash for every little thing. "We don't spend money for ourselves unless we pay cash," Farmer says. That includes houses and cars, for all you future investors sitting on a wallet full of plastic. Never charged, don't believe in it. The only debts were mortgages for commercial real estate, which now accounts for more than half of the Meadows fortune. Now they live in a gorgeous house in Spotsylvania; it once belonged to former Redskins coach Joe Gibbs. They were living on a nearby \$2 million farm when Gibbs, an old friend, suggested the Meadows's buy his house because he was moving to North Carolina. "My house is 13,000 square feet and yours is 7,000. I'd be moving down. Can't do that." But six years later, Gibbs offered again, and this time they accepted. Paid \$1,200,000. Cash.

They have been enormously blessed, but not without their share of tragedy. The Meadowses' older daughter was killed in an automobile accident in 1981. Six years ago, Betty got a diagnosis of breast cancer. Two years after their daughter's death, they talked about having more children -- maybe adopting, maybe foster children. But they embarked on a new and unusual adventure at age 47: two more children, from two surrogate mothers. Their daughter and son, now 19 and 18, will be off to college this fall -- leaving Betty and Farmer with an empty nest.

Which will probably work out just fine. The longest they've ever been apart was for five days, back when Farmer went to California to buy produce. They have lunch together every day. If Betty doesn't call him by 11 a.m., he calls her: "Honey, where can we meet for lunch?" And they have dinner out every night, and often a movie.

"So it's like dates every night," he says. "And even a little date for lunch. Sometimes we call it 'afternoon delight.' " No telling what's going to happen at the Greenbrier tonight. But you can bet they're going to have a good time.

—Washington Post, Roxanne Roberts August 2003



**10th ANNUAL
GARY WAUGH MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT
JUNE 23, 2017
MEADOWS FARMS
GOLF COURSE**



Meadows Farms Golf Course would like to thank everyone that contributed the 10th Annual Waugh Tournament. Whether you participated in the tournament, sponsored a hole, or participated in the 50/50 raffle, or even just came out to spend the day with us your support does not go unnoticed.

This year the Annual Waugh Tournament was able to support a special someone from the local community, Kathy Blough. She is 65 years old, and has been battling Turner Syndrome since she was 13. If you are unfamiliar with Turner Syndrome it is a genetic mutation that is only found in females that affects them their entire life. In addition, Kathy, also battles heart problems, kidney issues, as well as vision and dental deficiencies. However, Kathy still goes to work serval days out of the week.



Our goal this year was to raise Kathy \$10,000.00 to help alleviate some of her living expenses and give her some additional income to help take some of the stress off Kathy. We are pleased to announce that we exceeded our original goal and we were able to raise well over \$10,000.00 Wow!!!


June 23rd was a day to remember at the farm. From the breakfast, prizes, and awesome steak dinner provided by Texas Roadhouse but most importantly being able to support the Blough Family.

The Annual Waugh Tournament has been going on for many years trying to give back to the local community for those in need. Every year we look forward to being able to be apart of such a great fundraiser . Thank you again to all of those who were apart of this day! Meadows Farms Golf Course looks forward to the future of many more Gary Waugh Annual Tournaments!



2017 Tournament Winners: Harold Hicks, Melissa Early, Mark Zabel & Allen Clevenger (-17)

JULY 2017

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23	24	25	26	27	28	29 All Fur Animal Classic

AUGUST 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4 St. Michaels	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 PGA Championship
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 Callaway Cup
27	28	29	30	31		