



Meadows Monthly

Meadows Farms Golf Course
Home of the Longest Hole in the USA (841 yard Par 6)

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Meadows Farms Makes Its TV Debut

Out of the depths of Orange County, comes a TV program worth watching. Meadows Farms Golf Course was featured as one of the most interesting courses in North America. Hosts Wayde and Charlie, from Highways to Fairways, traveled to all ends of the continent looking for the most unique places to golf. Here's what they had to say about the course...

"The golf course at Meadows Farms was as spectacular as the first time we visited back in 2010. The core difference lies in the new ownership group, more specifically the Dotson family. While "Farmer" was the man who put this place on the map, the Dotsons will be the ones to keep it there. It felt almost as if I had found myself a new best friend in General Manager, Josh Dotson, and at times I contemplated booting Charlie off the show and issuing myself a new running mate. Josh is as real as it gets, maybe one of the best "people persons" I've ever met in my travels. The course itself still features approximately 412 "unique factors", this much remains the same. The most noticeable difference was the condition of the course, which has been transformed from farmers' fields to a legitimate manicured and professionally maintained golf course. Safe to say, the Dotsons know what they're doing. " (Continued on Page 2)



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Upcoming Events:

June

- 9— Jermon Bushrod Visualize & Rize
- 16— Couples "9, Wine, and Unwind" Social Begin. FUN! Call Pro Shop for Details
- 17— Two Person Team Championships
- 23 — Gary Waugh Memorial Tournament
- 26 —30 Meadows Farms Junior Golf Camp

July

- 1- Med Spa
- 2— Independence Day Poker Run
- 8— Flag Tournament
- 16— Meadows Farms Parent Child Tourney

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Meadows Farms would also like to thank Chris Haney, former MLB pitcher, for coming out and adding to all the fun at the course. Chris is an incredible athlete and a good family friend, we were lucky to have him on the show with us. We appreciate that Wayde and Charlie loved the course so much. We hope our guests and members enjoy playing here as well. Our players can now show off YOUR course to your friends and family by sharing the YouTube video. All you have to do is type into YouTube "Highways to Fairways Virginia" and it will pop right up. We are featured on Episode 6, which is called "Sacred Grounds."





TOM'S TIPS

I am sure a few of you have noticed that I have not been around the last couple of weeks. I got a call a few weeks ago from a good friend asking me if I wanted to interview for a job in Florida that he thought would be perfect for me. After talking to several people about the job I decided to take it. There are many factors that I considered before I accepted the job. I believe the course is just where I need to be at this point of my career and the fact that it is in Florida was very important to me. All my family and most of my friends live within a couple hours of where I will be. The course is called Indian wood and it is located in a retirement community in the town of Indiantown about 30 minutes northwest of West Palm Beach.

I would like to tell everyone at Meadows Farms how much I enjoyed my brief time working at the course. I would especially like to thank the Dotson family for giving me the opportunity to come up to Virginia and work. Josh has been a good person to work for and I thoroughly enjoyed everything about my time up here. This is a great area to live in, the golf course is in great shape, I love the layout and all the signature holes that it has on it. Most of all I am going to miss the great people that come out to play the course on a regular basis and provide us with such a fun atmosphere to work in.

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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!



June 2— Tailing Type 1 Diabetes Golf Tournament. Fundraiser to help pay for a service dog

June 3— Orange Madison Young Life Golf Tournament

June 5— Knights of Columbus Golf Tournament

June 9 — Jermon Bushrod of the Miami Dolphins hosts Vizualize and Rize Golf Tournament

June 16 — “9, Wine, and Unwind” Friday Night Couples golf and social. 12 weeks

June 17— Meadows Farms 2 Person Team Championships; Men’s; Seniors, and Ladies Divisions

June 23— Gary Waugh Memorial Tournament. See flyer in this newsletter!

June 26—30; July 17—21 Meadows Farms Junior Camp. Our signature program. Watch for details to come soon!

July 1st— Med Spa Tournament

July 2 — Independence Day Poker Run. Scramble with special prizes for the best poker hand

July 8th— Flag Tournament

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

July 29th— 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

Of course all your favorites like The Masters, US Open, Ryder Cup, 2 Person Team, Club Championships, Superintendent’s Revenge, and New Year’s tourneys will be there also!

MEADOWS FARMS MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Each month we will feature one member of our family that we feel makes Meadows Farms the best facility anywhere to belong to! We'd love the next one to be you!

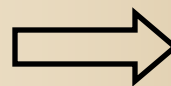
As an avid golfer, what attracted me the most to become a member was the knowledgeable staff and friendly atmosphere. Three nine hole courses offer challenges to golfers of all skill levels. Visit the Red Bull Grille after your round to satisfy your appetite. The service is great. -Donnie Allen



Donnie Allen first joined Meadows Farms Golf Course as a Twilight and Tune-Up Member. We are now happy he has upgraded to a full membership and he is an active participant at the course and we are lucky to have him. Next time you see him around the course, tell him Congrats on being member of the month.



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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 May:

"I hadn't played here in 20 years because of the distance from Centerville but that will certainly change in the future as we had a fabulous experience at Meadow Farms! We played all 3 nines and found all of them to be very interesting and the course was in great shape -- especially the fairways and greens. There were several holes with forced carries over water that were especially fun and the signature 841 yard par 6 has a lot more to it than just distance. The staff was very friendly and laid back and the pro shop has nice clothing for much cheaper prices than most. I've played a lot of golf at a lot of courses over the years and the experience here ranks near the top of my list." -Ron from Centerville, VA

"Excellent course Excellent staff. Very fun and challenging course with a bit of civil war history to boot. Highly recommended to everyone." -Mark from Mechanicsville, MD

"I've played this course several times each year since it opened, but this year the course is in the best shape ever. Staff is always courteous, friendly and helpful." -Donald from Spotsylvania, VA

If you haven't had a chance to play the course this season, you don't know what you are missing.
Book your next tee time today!!! (540) 854-9890



Cart path ONLY discount:

In May, we saw over 10" of rain. Fortunately, our course drains well and we usually do not have to stay cart path only for long. However, if we are cart path only, we are one of the only courses to actually give you a discount to play that day. You will save an additional \$5.00 off your regular rate, just for coming out and playing.

Remember, saving money is like making money. So next time it's just a little soggy, load up the clubs and still head out to the farm for a great round of golf.



Driving Range Technique

We are the only local driving range and one of the only places that does not upcharge golfers for hitting off grass. Many may ask yourself, why should you get charged more for hitting off grass? Our driving range facility takes more wear and tear than our entire golf course. Shot after shot is taken off the same piece of turf, and eventually, the turf is killed. We have worked diligently this spring to cultivate our top turf, so please take care of it when you golf.

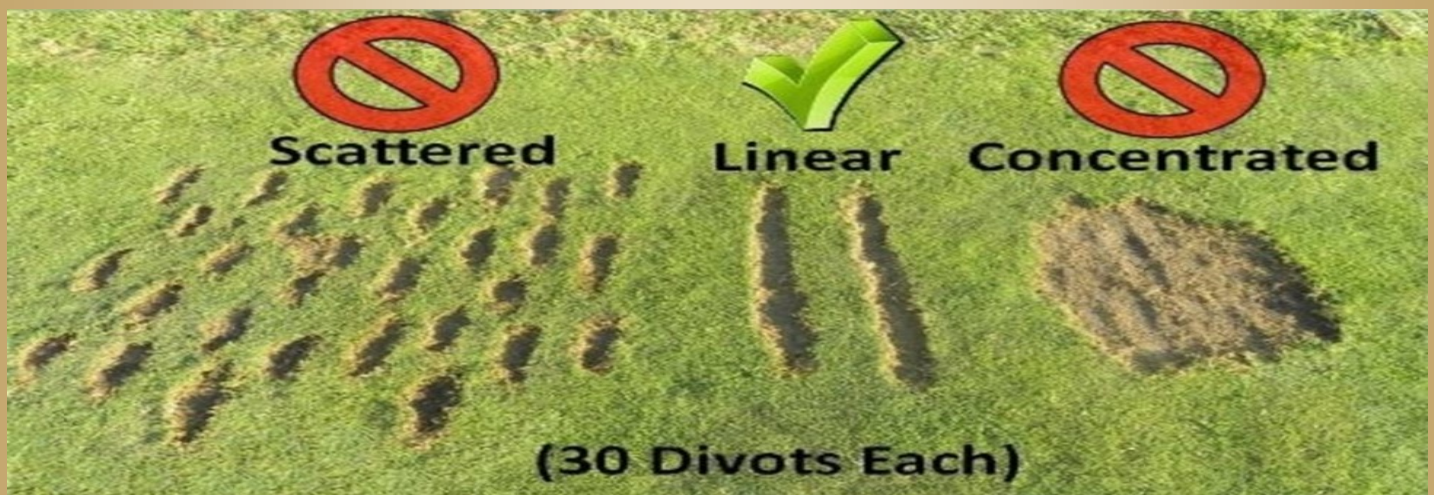
Here is what our driving range looks like currently. Golfers randomly hit balls off any service and eventually kill all the grass. Here's the USGA's explanation: a scattered divot pattern removes the most amount of turf because a full divot is removed with every swing. Scattering divots results in the most turf loss and uses up the largest area of a tee stall. This forces the golf facility to rotate tee stalls more frequently, and often results in an inefficient use of the turf. A concentrated divot pattern removes all turf in a given area. While this approach does not necessarily result in a full-sized divot

removed with every swing, by creating a large void in the turf canopy there is little opportunity for timely turf recovery. So what can we do to better save the driving range?

According to the USGA, the linear divot pattern involves placing each



shot directly behind the previous divot. In so doing, a linear pattern is created and only a small amount of turf is removed with each swing. This can usually be done for 15 to 20 shots before moving sideways to create a new line of divots. So long as a minimum of 4 inches of live turf is preserved between strips of divots, the turf will recover quickly. Because this divot pattern removes the least amount of turf and promotes quick recovery, it is the preferred method.



SEASON LONG SKINS COMPETITION AND CHAMPIONSHIP

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!

Standings thru 5/31/17:	Skins Earned	Progressive Pot: \$472
1. Roy Clatterbuck	15	Projected Progressive Pot: \$1550
2. Nate Longfellow	11	
3. Craig Moranville	11	
4. Adam Thurston	11	
5. Darren Ritter	9	
6. Stan Sherman	9	
7. Tim Arbisi	8	
8. Donnie Allen	8	
9. Ken Wallace	8	
10. David Carli	6	
11. Todd Nash	6	
12. Lloyd Knappenberger	6	
13. Landon Knappenberger	6	
14. Adrian Updike	5	
15. Tim Bowers	4	
16. Gavin Ritter	4	
17. Bishop Stern	3	
18. Mark Zabel	3	
19. Alvin Carter	3	
20. Chrissy Baker	2	
21. Shawn Baker	2	
22. Brandon O'Brien	2	
23. Rusty Gilliam	2	
24. Darwin Guyton	2	
25. Rand Southworth	2	



SCOTT'S CORNER

MEADOWS FARMS COURSE SUPERINTENDENT

Summer is coming! Sure does not seem like it with April showers in May to drown all the spring flowers that bloomed in February! Say that fast three times!

Greens are responding well to cultural activities performed this season with very pleasing results. In the next few weeks I plan on a very light topdressing to further enhance the quality of ball roll and a "venting" practice to allow a better air exchange later in June. You will see the holes but absolutely no disruption to the quality of ball roll. As you can see we sodded the bulkheads, the forward tee on the Warm Up Hole and #1 Waterfall tee and should be opening the tees very soon. I have been doing a lot of work to #2 Island upper tee and your Greens Staff respectfully ask you to refrain playing the tee until opened.

Answer to May's Challenge:

How long does it take to reset 28 (Not 27) pin positions?

Answer: Done correctly, a skilled pinsetter could do all the cups in 4.5 to 5 hours. This assumes no damage to the cups/greens that requires extra time. Breaking it down that equates to almost \$11,000 of labor annually! Add the cup shells, the cup cutter, the cup setter used to ensure all cups are at the same depth throughout the course, it adds up!

My grandmother, who fascinated me with her love of the game told me; "to always leave the course better than you found it"!

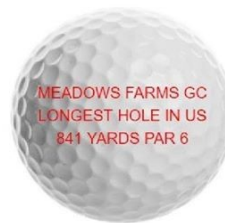
Never stick your putter in the cup. Never use the flag stick to pull the ball out of the cup. Use care to retrieve your ball as to not round the edges. You may have to play an emergency nine!

Our new July Challenge Question is at the front table in the clubhouse. Stop by and take your best guess.

Scott



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Golf Is...
To play the
game over and
over while each
time attempting
to play the least
amount of golf
possible



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Rules of Golf



USGA®

The USGA has made a lot of new rules in an effort to speed up the pace of play. Check them out and let us know what you think

- *A player will not receive a penalty if the ball (or ball marker) accidentally moves on the putting green or in search of a ball.*
- *Players can leave the flagstick in the hole while putting.*
- *Players may repair spike marks or other damage, including foot prints, on the green with no penalty.*
- *Players who have trouble in bunkers could get relief. If you want, you can remove your ball from a bunker (and place it in the fairway or rough behind the bunker, depending on where the bunker is) and accept a two-stroke penalty.*
- *Time searching for a lost ball would go from five minutes down to three.*
- *There's a proposal calling for players to take no more than 40 seconds to play their shot.*

FREE TIP OF THE MONTH

From David Carli, Meadows Farms Golf Course



Did you ever wonder why your practice swing feels so comfortable while your shot that counts not so much? It's simply because during your practice swing you are not trying to hit the ball. . . You are swinging the club. Try it. . . a few times.

There is nothing in the golf literature anywhere suggesting club head speed away from the ball helps achieve additional distance, try slowing down your takeaway. Julius Boro's book "Swing Easy Hit Hard" It's a good place to start!!!

Note from Josh...

As many of you have experienced, we have been working diligently to keep the course in incredible condition. With that being said, we have had several golfers damage the course over the past few weeks. We do not believe they are members or regulars, but we need to try to stop them. While on the course, please act as a quasi-marshall, if you see someone doing something wrong, please call us at the proshop and we will address it immediately.

Here are some things we have noticed and are trying to address:

1) Please do not slam the flag stick back into the cup when putting it back in. If your aim is not perfect, you will end up gouging the edge of the cup and it will no longer be perfectly round.

2) If you miss your putt, please don't swing your putter and take it out on the greens. Each green costs approximately \$50,000 and the damage that occurs when a golfer takes a swipe out of one can last the entire season.

3) Please reach into the cup and pull your ball out, do not try to stick the head of your putter into the cup and try to jar it out. This damages the integrity and quality of the cup.

4) Each green receives approximately 70 ball marks per day at Meadows Farms, which is over 2,000 ball marks per month per green. You multiply that by the 28 holes we have; our grounds crew is responsible for repairing 60,000 ball marks per month. Please help us fix the ball marks. If they go unrepaired, it takes weeks for each one to heal. Please fix your ball mark and one other if you can.

5) Once you pass the no cart signs in the fairway and return back to the cart path, please keep all 4 tires on the path through the next tee box. Golfers like to pull off to the side of the path when they get close to the green and tee box, which creates a huge dead spot where we cannot grow grass.

6) If you take a large divot out of the fairway, fill it in with the sand bottles that are provided for you in the back of your golf cart. After you fill the hole with sand, please take your foot and try to level the sand out with the surface of the fairway. If the sand remains mounded, it provides difficulty for our mowers.

Thanks again for playing Meadows Farms Golf Course. We are on track to have one of the best seasons since the course opened. Again, if you see anyone destroying YOUR course, please let us know so we can address it immediately.

Sincerely,

Josh Dotson



A look into the past:

Here is a classic of Farmer with his other pride and joy, his Rolls Royce Phantom.



FREDERICKSBURG AREA BUILDERS ASSOCIATION

2017 Golf Tournament



Thank you SO much
Fredericksburg Area Building Association for
choosing us to host your tournament! Thank
you to all who participated and the generous
sponsors! It was a perfect day for golf and look
forward to having you in the future!



“Meadows Farms...if you’re golfing anywhere else then
you’re
just playing a round”

WOLF PACK BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL INAUGURAL GOLF TOURNAMENT 2017

Thank you Wolfpack Baseball and Softball for allowing us to host your first time ever golf tournament! We are very proud to say the Wolfpack baseball and softball was able to profit over \$7,000 at there first EVER golf tournament! Congratulations!

Whether you participated as a golfer or a sponsor you're all greatly appreciated. We enjoyed having you here with us and look forward to having you back here with us in the future!



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- Hole Contests • 50/50 Raffle

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TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION
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This year's 10th Annual Waugh Tournament is being held to support Kathy Blough on June 23, 2017. She is 65 years old, and has been battling Turner Syndrome since she was only 13. Turner syndrome is a genetic mutation only found in girls that affects their entire life. Even though she has heart problems, kidney issues, as well as vision and dental deficiencies, Kathy goes to work several days a week. She pays a driving service \$250 to take her to and from her work, but the job service she works for only pays Kathy \$280 a week. She loves going to work and seeing all of her friends, but after an entire week, she only has \$30 to live off of.

Our goal is to help Kathy alleviate some of her living expenses and give her some added income to pay for additional day to day activities. If you or anyone you know would like to come out to support Kathy, please let us know. Since its inception, the Waugh tournament has raised close to \$40,000. Meadows Farms Golf Course would like to make this the biggest Waugh Tournament to date to celebrate our 10 year anniversary. We would love to be able to write Kathy a check for \$10,000. Any support you can give is greatly appreciated.

We have hole sponsorships available for only \$125 if you or a friend would like to have your name displayed on a sign for the entire tournament. We also have a few spots left available if you would like to sign up to golf. For \$75, you get to enjoy a great round of golf on one of the best courses in Central Virginia. You will also get breakfast, prizes, and an awesome steak dinner provided by our friends at Texas Roadhouse. This is a tournament you do not want to miss!

Sign up today by emailing Josh Dotson at JDotson@MeadowsFarmsGolfCourse.Com, or by call the clubhouse at (540) 854-9890. We look forward to seeing you June 23rd at The Farm.



JUNE 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 Get Golf Ready NEW Class 6PM	2	3 Young Life Tourney
4 GANGSOME 8:30	5 Knights of Columbus	6 GOOFERS 20TH ANNIVERSARY	7	8	9 Jermon Bushrod Tourney	10 Visions Of Africa
11 GANGSOME 8:30	12	13	14	15	16 Couple's Socials Begin 6PM	17 MFGC 2 Person Team Championships
18 GANGSOME 8:30	19	20	21 ST. MICHAELS HS	22	23 Waugh Mem. Tournament	24 RAPP REFS
25 GANGSOME 8:30	26 JUNIOR CAMP	27 JUNIOR CAMP	28 JUNIOR CAMP	29 JUNIOR CAMP	30 JUNIOR CAMP	

JULY 2017

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