



# Meadows Monthly

## Meadows Farms Golf Course

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

# MARCH 2019

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It has been two years since Farmer Meadows passed away on February 28, 2017. The staff at your course has worked endlessly to replicate Farmer Meadows's dreams. We look forward to making you even prouder in 2019.



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## Upcoming Events:



### SPRING



**March 23: 3 Man Shamble**

**April 20: JHW Memorial Golf Tournament**

## Bill “The Farmer” Meadows 3/3/1935-2/28/2017

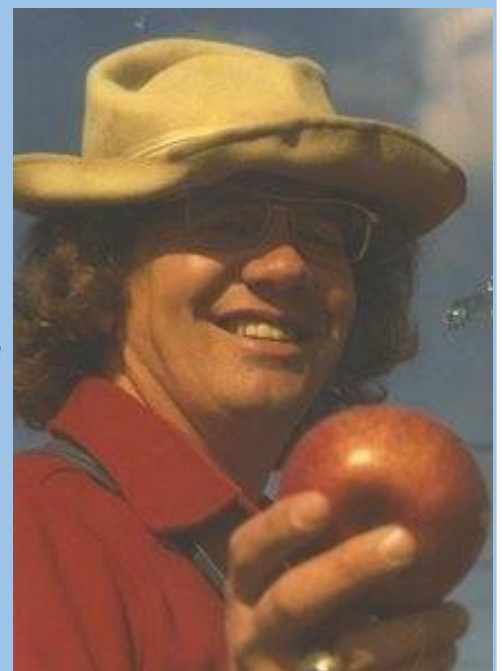
His life was a colorful tapestry, made up of thousands of threads, woven by hundreds of hands belonging to all those whose lives he touched – family, friends, neighbors, students, employees, golfing buddies and waitresses alike. Every stitch mattered, each having a place in the beautiful picture that was his.

When people reflect on him, their memories sometimes assume a “larger than life” perspective. They often start by saying, “I’ll never forget the time....” and then go on to relate a story in the most picturesque terms, often using what is fondly called “the Farmer stretch” – a story-telling method using the most outlandish exaggerations to make a point.

Bill “The Farmer” Meadows “did life” with his childhood sweetheart, Betty Lewis Meadows, who walked beside him as his young wife, business partner, and BFF for more than 60 years. [Their story was captured in the 2003 autobiography, *Nearly Perfect*]

From a West Virginia mining town to a teacher and coach in the Fairfax County Public School system to founder of a wildly successful garden center chain, to designer and owner of a golf course in Orange county, to gentleman Farmer of Santa Gertrudis cows, to (reluctant) semi-retirement at his waterfront home in Fredericksburg, Farmer embraced life the way he embraced the people in his life –with the “you only go around once” gusto of someone who truly loved being alive.

Farmer was a multi-faceted chameleon, sometimes appearing as an overall-clad “aww shucks” bumpkin or a nouveau-riche Jed Clampett-esque hillbilly-millionaire; at other times he was the shrewd businessman, the philosophical humanitarian, or the “overgrown kid”. He was so many things to so many people, but almost always he is described as “unforgettable”. Though not renowned for especially big feet, no one will ever again fill the Farmer’s shoes.




# Winter Weather

We have started this year off just like last year, wet... We have officially gone another two months of cart path only. Thank goodness though, the Almanac is predicting we are done with the snow for the rest of the year.

Here is what the almanac specifically expects for northern Virginia.

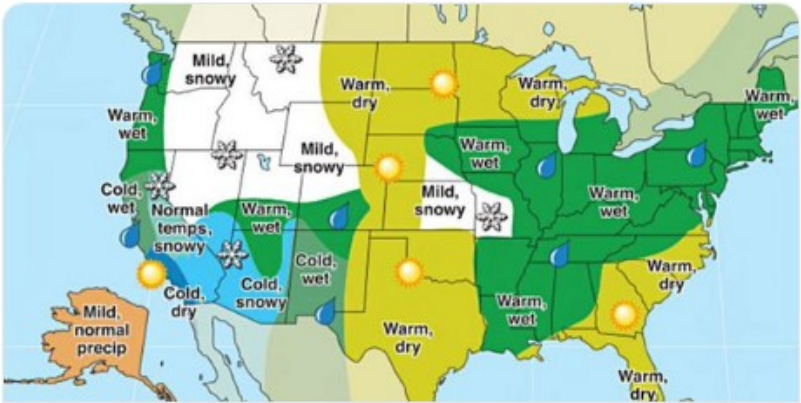
- Winter temperatures will be much above normal on average, with the coldest periods in early to mid-December, early and late January and early February.
- Precipitation will be slightly above normal, with below-normal snowfall amounts.
- The snowiest periods will occur in early December, late January and mid-February.

April and May will be slightly warmer and drier than normal.

 **NSCF**  
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The forecast is in from The Old Farmers Almanac for the upcoming season! Hmm❄️❄️❄️? #letitsnow  
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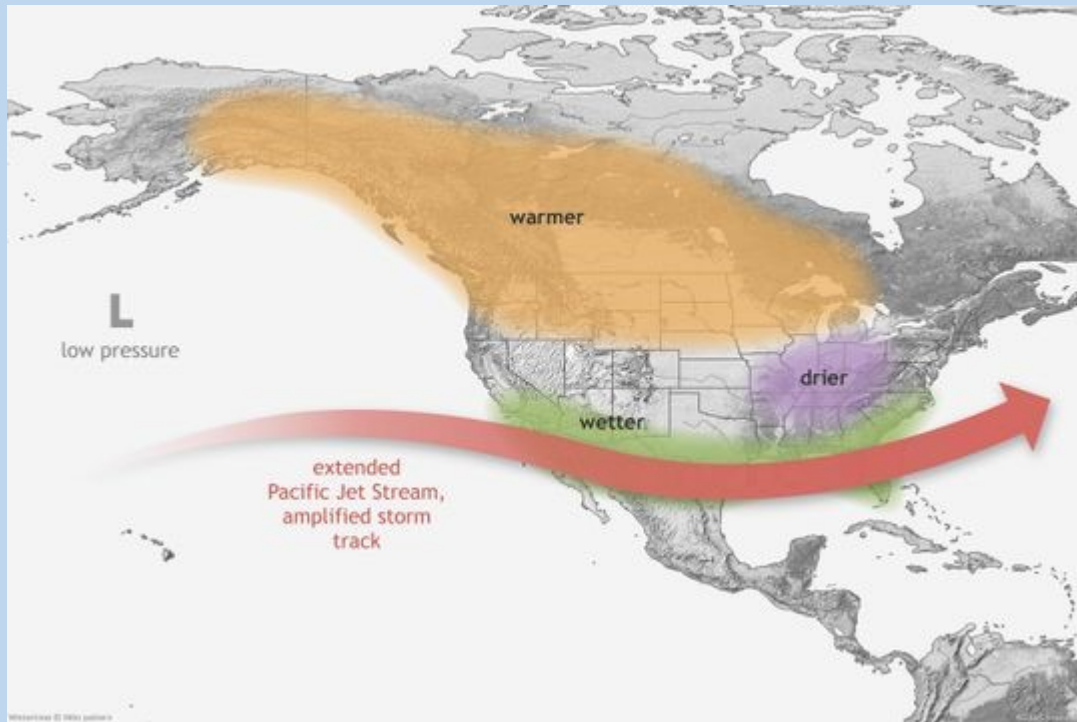
**Winter 2018/2019 – Here's What the Old Farmer's Almanac is ...**  
Guess what? It will snow this winter, we can promise you that. Yay!  
But what we all want to know is, how much? Well, the Old Farmer's  
[snowbrains.com](https://snowbrains.com)

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## Winter Weather Continued

So where do we go from here? First, say a little prayer for us. Next, we are going to need to switch up how we look at golf.

Climatologists are hinting that the jet stream is going to dip through the Midwest which allows southern moisture from the Pacific to constantly be dumped in the MidAtlantic through a process called El Niño.



Even if this El Niño is not as bad as previous years, we are still slated for above normal rainfall in 2019. It is what it is. We cannot change this weather pattern, but we can change ourselves. So how do you as a golfer combat this?

1) We have already been cart path 60 of the 60 days of 2019, and this pattern is not likely to change. We do not like being cart path only, but we have to protect the integrity of the golf course. So for our seniors, or our other golfers who do not like walking to their ball, we suggest 9 hole rounds of golf. Our Advantage Card holders receive a discount where 9 holes is exactly half of the 18 hole rate. This allows you to play two 9 hole rounds for the price of 18. If you go elsewhere, you will see that a majority of the cart fee is front loaded to the nine hole round and you usually pay about 70% of the 18 hole price.

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## Winter Weather Continued

- 2) Become more flexible with your schedule. A lot of our golfers only like to play a certain day of the week. We understand routine, but when it rains every Wednesday, and that is the only day you and your playing partner like to play, you usually just skip a week of golf and wait until next Wednesday to hopefully play. We are asking you to become more flexible with your tee times. If you only like to play on Wednesday, but see that it is also going to be nice on Monday, just come on out to the golf course. We completely understand how much you love have your exact tee time, on your day of the week, but Meadows has the capacity to offer you a sub 4 hour round of golf whenever you show up. So if you get done with your daily activities early on a Monday, just sneak over to the course, we will get you right out.
- 3) Buy a hover craft. You can keep it here rent free and we will even gas it up for you if the staff can use it.



We look forward to seeing you in 2019 at the course. Please remember, if you don't play golf, we don't have a golf course. This course is 100% self sufficient and we depend on your rounds to pay our employees and keep the course in impeccable shape. If rounds continue to skid downward, we will be forced to cut needed expenses, which we don't want to happen.

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# Best Of Everything

Thank you to everyone that has already voted us the Best of Virginia. We are excited to hopefully continue our streak of #1 Golf Course in Central Virginia by *Virginia Living Magazine*.

We still need your help to win Best of Fredericksburg and Best of Culpeper. Voting will begin soon so please go to each of the websites below to vote for us. We really do appreciate it.

**Voting opens March 4**

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**BEST OF THE BURG**  
2019

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**VOTING OPENS MARCH 4, LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD!**

<http://contests.fredericksburg.com/Best-of-the-Burg-2019/>

<https://va.secondstreetapp.com/Culpeper-Best-of-the-Best-2019-2/gallery/>

# ONE THE LIGHTER SIDE

I love golfing in the rain, because then no one can see that I'm crying.

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Rickie Fowler pokes fun on the new drop rule

## Scott's Corner

Another month has passed and the report is still the same...IT IS STILL RAINING! In an effort to find topics I searched other superintendents blogs and postings to see what they were writing about: *they all said the same thing*...It is TOO wet to do anything! Despite the weather we have managed to continue understory clean up in accessible areas. Sixteen netted about 300 golf balls lost to leaves, briars and my best friend Poison Ivy...not! That equates to 25 hours of time spent for one hole just searching for lost balls! Now that was using the old USGA rules allowing 5 minutes and as we all know the rule has changed to 3 minutes. Another area we attacked was 5 island and not so much for lost balls but better airflow to the green and 6 tee. Next on the list is behind 16 green, not because of agronomic gains, it just looks out of place - no ugly! My plan for that area is to create a pollinator garden using native wild flowers in addition to the area left of 1 Waterfall. Hopefully we will be able to mark the areas to keep carts out of the few remaining "native areas" and players can treat them as "Free Drop" zones.

So, with not much news on the golf front I will give a big shout out for my daughter's latest achievements. Kendall is a Nuclear Engineer (VCU Engineering) for the Newport News Shipyard and just received another promotion and a sizeable raise! She is assigned to the newest class of Aircraft Carrier under construction and single handily came up with a solution which cured persistent failures of the elevator that brings aircraft from the hanger deck to the flight deck. I would say a pretty important device on an Aircraft Carrier! I am so proud of Kendall and her success at Newport News Shipyard!

Lastly, would any one be interested in a very informal seminar on how to correctly repair ball marks? Just let Josh know and we will set it up.



## GM's Notes

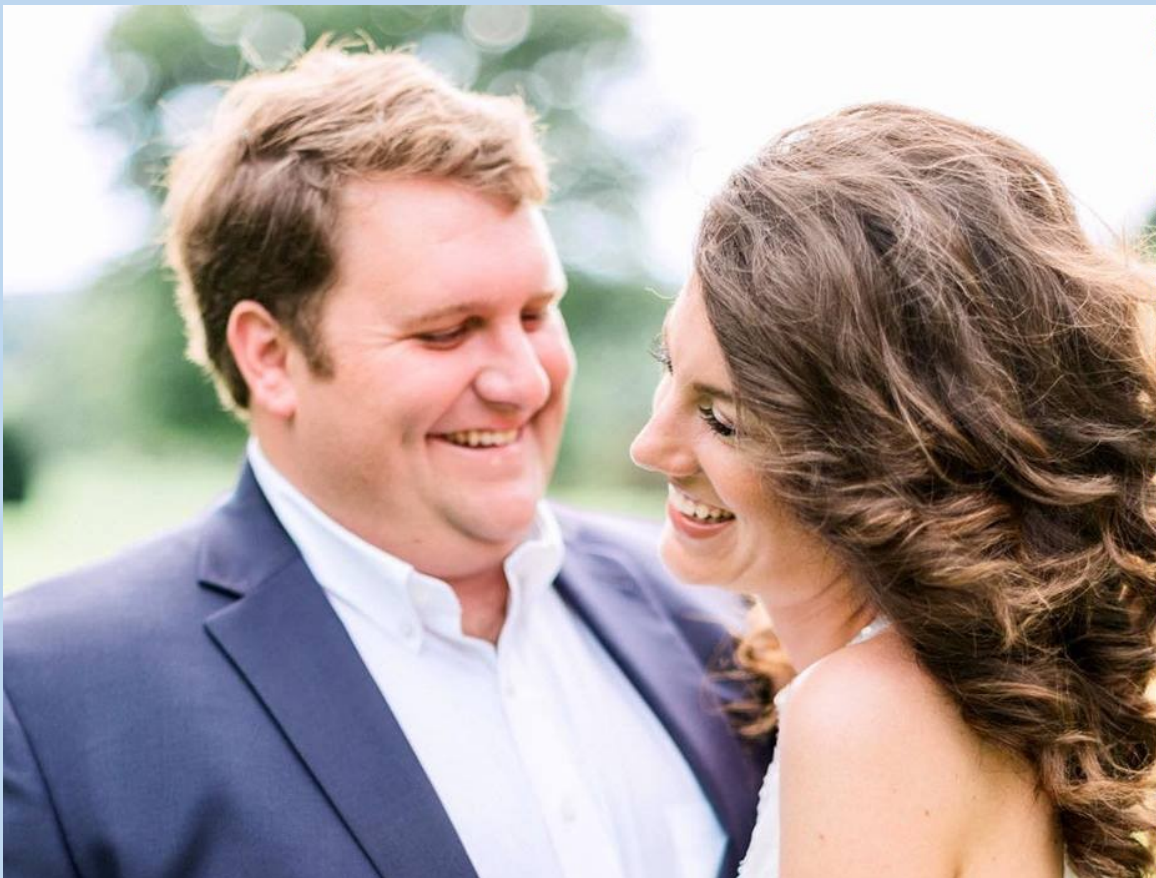
We began the hiring process in January for a new General Manager of the course. Don't worry, I will still be here, but I am assuming the Director of Golf role. We are happy to announce that we have hired Frank Hedderich to become our new GM. Frank is a PGA pro with years of General Manager experience. We are excited to have him on our team. His first day will be Monday March 4th. Make sure you stop in to introduce yourself to him.

In other news, Victoria and I are expecting a baby boy on July 4, 2019. We are excited to meet the little guy in just 4 short months. My dad always told me I can't be a kid, once I have a kid, so here's to finally growing up.

I am soliciting all types of donations because this is my first kid. I have no idea what I am getting myself in to. Feel free to drop off diapers, books, and general advice at the course. This is going to be an exciting next step in my life. I look forward to sharing it with all of you.

Josh Dotson




Your New Director of Golf



# MARCH 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 3 Man Shamble
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

# APRIL 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10			
	15	16	17	18	19	20 JHW Memorial
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

# The JHW Foundation 2nd Annual

# GOLF

T O U R N A M E N T

April 20th, 2019

Meadows Farms  
Golf Course

Registration includes a continental  
breakfast, catered Texas Roadhouse lunch,  
silent auction, and an awards reception



**REGISTRATION STARTING AT \$75**

**Registration Opens:  
February 8th, 2019**



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