



MEADOWS MONTHLY

Meadows Farms Golf Course

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

OCT. 2019

Golf Fun Fact:

Longest Recorded Drive Was 515 Yards

English-American pro golfer and kinesiology expert Michael Hoke Austin is credited with making the longest drive. While playing in the U.S. National Seniors Tournament in 1974, Hoke drove the ball a mind-boggling 515 yards. PGA champion Chandler Harper, Hoke's foursome teammate, said "This is impossible, but there is a ball over here."

Credit: <https://www.jrpga.com/blog/did-you-know-7-fun-facts-about-golf/>

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Kelsey's Korner

By: Kelsey Brodtkin

Meadows farms has made great strides to improve playability of all three of our 9 unique holes. The superintendent oversees making this possible. He or she is responsible for so much on a golf course, from scheduling of the crew to right height of the grass to keeping the greens at a perfect temperature and more. Therefore, losing our superintendent during the busiest, hottest, and wettest time of the year has made it difficult to keep up to our exceptional standards we hold ourselves to. Josh has stepped up to not only keep his normal duties on track but to fill in for our lack of a superintendent. Both jobs individually cause someone to be at the course around 5:30 in the morning and staying till 7 at night or later but doing both is the reason most time you can catch Josh out on the course at all hours of the day. Having a superintendent truly is essential to be able to keep up with all the holes properly. The simple fact of just growing different types of grass to give you that golfing experience that everyone expects and enjoys has more science behind it than most people know. One would think "ahh its grass just keep it mowed and nature will take care of the rest." I know I thought that back playing the course before I started working here. But as much as mother nature does take a part in the ability to grow the perfect greens, there is a lot of hard work and maintenance that you don't see when you go to tee up.

Kelsey's Korner

Mother nature, we have all met her, but the last two years she has been exceptionally sad. Causing us to have the highest rainfall over summers the past two years that we have seen in a while. What happens to our lovely greens and when mother nature rains like she went through a breakup and decided to watch *The Notebook* over and over again? We get flooded. In 2018 we saw the most rainfall we have had since the 1800's ranging around 65 to 70 inches. Almost 30 inches more than normal. Even if you can't tell just by looking, underneath the roots have become shallower and more susceptible to mold and other issues. On top of all of this we have also had a fair amount of intense heat, which in itself can cause other issues like browning and wilt. Mixing these two, one might think that the excess water would be good to combat the heat, but it actually makes things worse when its in such large quantities without time to properly drain. Water itself, while it is used for cooling purposes, can actually create heat. Therefore, if the roots of the greens are flooded it causes them to actually fry. To combat this golf courses, use a technique called syringing. This is when a light mist of water is applied to the surface of the greens to cool them down. But this has to be monitored as not to actually saturate the greens. The temperature is taken before after and then again even later to make sure that the blades of grass are staying cool. Think of this like when you sweat, the water evaporates and cools you down. This is a job a superintendent would be in charge of, and as you can imagine it would take a great portion of your day considering we have three sets of nines. Whereas most courses only have two.

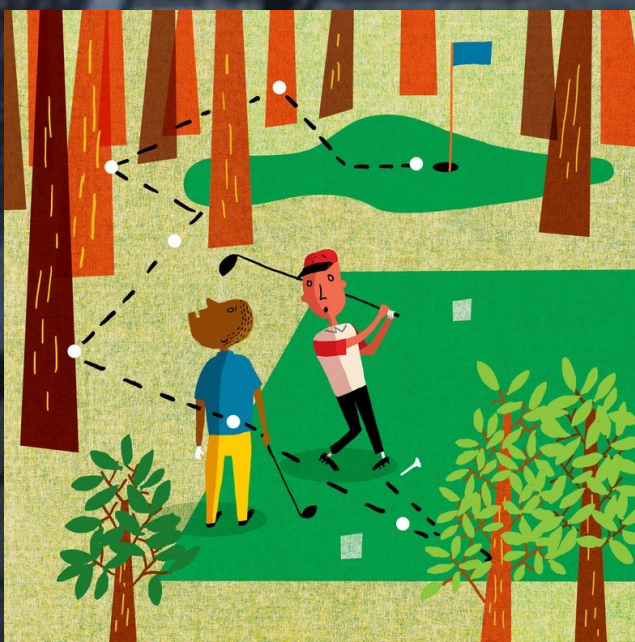
Having a superintendent truly is essential to the upkeep of an extraordinary golf course on a day to day basis. We thank you for your understanding while we do our best to uphold your standards and ours during the time that we lack the true help that is required. Everyone from the farm hopes to see you teeing up soon.

Q and A

By: The Editors of Golf Digest
<https://www.golfdigest.com/story/golf-and-rules-what-to-do-with-the-rarest-of-hole-outs>

Q ■ My friend Fred teed off on No. 17. His ball hit a tree on the right side of the fairway, bounced onto the 16th green and rolled into the hole. Does this count as . . . anything?
—Jack Haga, Nicholasville, Ky.

A: Absolutely. Although it wouldn't have affected his score (he needed to take a free drop off the green, no closer to the correct hole), your friend pulled off a feat exponentially more difficult than a hole-in-one. Will it ever be duplicated? Unlikely. Rather than buy drinks, he ought to go out and water the tree, then send a box of chocolates to the superintendent for the kind hole location. Finally he should have the ball mounted and placed behind the bar, with a small plaque describing the feat: the ultimate conversation starter.



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Q ■ Many of the women on the LPGA Tour use magnetic clips on their visors to hold their ball markers, yet none of the men on the PGA Tour do. Is there a rule that prevents the men from using them?

—James Hickock, West Jordan, Utah



A: The Rules of Golf famously don't discriminate along gender lines, and you can mark with pretty much anything artificial that you like—coin, tee or even the plastic disc with the little nub on the bottom. Small and nondescript is preferred, however, and the magnetic ball marker you speak of fits the golfer's code nicely. Why do LPGA Tour players seem to prefer the magnetic ball markers more than their male counterparts? Skirts frequently don't have pockets or belts, and thus the magnetic clip on the bill of the cap or visor is simply more expedient.

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Q ■ Is a two-way chipper legal?

—Johnny Stripe, Amarillo, Texas



A: In our view, chippers are—how to put this delicately—uncool. A two-way chipper? Sorry, but that is next-level goofy. It's also a rules violation, according to John Spitzer, the USGA's managing director of equipment standards. He says that clubheads must be generally plain in shape and have only one striking face.

If you have room in your bag to add a club just to help with chipping, consider using a super game-improvement 7-iron (you can likely find one on eBay). The wide sole and relatively flat face (compared with a wedge) is much like a chipper, it's perfectly legal, and it looks better in your bag.

Lighten Up ridiculous

A 'gimme' is an agreement between two golfers, neither of whom can putt worth a damn.



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MATTERS**

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**WAS A GOLF
COURSE**

Can playing the wrong compression golf ball hurt your game?

By Jonathan Wall

<https://www.golf.com/gear/balls/2019/08/09/golf-ball-compression-your-game-fitting/>

If you're an avid golfer, chances are good you've gone through a club fitting of some sort in the last decade. The most likely is a driver or iron fitting, although you should go ahead and do wedges and putter as well (you can get a high-quality club fitting from our partner True Spec Golf).

But what about a ball fitting?

Considering the money that can be spent on a set of custom-made sticks, it seems downright silly to neglect a key piece of the equipment equation. Depending on how deep you want to go, a typical ball fitting can last anywhere from 20 minutes to 3 hours (the amount of time Tour winner Rocco Mediate spent testing balls recently with Bridgestone).

"You're spending a boatload on clubs and concentrating on three areas — swing, shaft and clubhead," said Elliott Mellow, Bridgestone's Golf Ball Marketing Manager. "And then there's the ball. It's overlooked when you're getting fit, but at the end of the day, you're still going to spend \$45 on a dozen balls before you go play. It's as simple as, are you spending your money wisely?"

Can playing the wrong compression golf ball hurt your game?

Know your speed

Conducting a proper fitting includes going through the entire bag to find a ball that's receptive around the green but also produces enough ball speed and an ideal launch with the irons and metalwoods to keep up with your buddies. With a myriad of quality offerings on the market, it's never been easier to locate a ball that checks all the boxes.

If you're looking for a good place to start, take a look at your swing speed the next time you get on a launch monitor. Depending on if your swing speed comes in above or below 105 mph, you could benefit from a ball with a firmer or softer compression.

Low compression balls typically fall somewhere in the 70 to 80 range and are intended for players who swing slower and need help compressing the ball to achieve the proper launch and spin rate. A ball with a compression of 90 or above is designed for the higher swing speed golfer — think single-digit handicapper or Tour player — who can effectively compress the ball at impact.



Can playing the wrong compression golf ball hurt your game?

Can playing the wrong compression ball affect my game?

While it can vary from player to player, Mellow noted there are a number of benefits that can be found from using a softer compression ball if you're a slow swinger.

"If you go to a softer ball that's more appropriate for your swing speed, the velocity should increase and the spin goes down," he said. "So you have a scenario where a ball that's softer and better suited for your swing tempo is not only moving faster, it's also more efficient."

On the flip side, using a firmer ball when you don't have the swing speed to properly compress the core can have an adverse effect on launch characteristics, spin and control.



High Swing Speed driver

High-mid amateur Swing
Speed driver

Moderate Swing
Speed driver

Lower Swing Speed driver

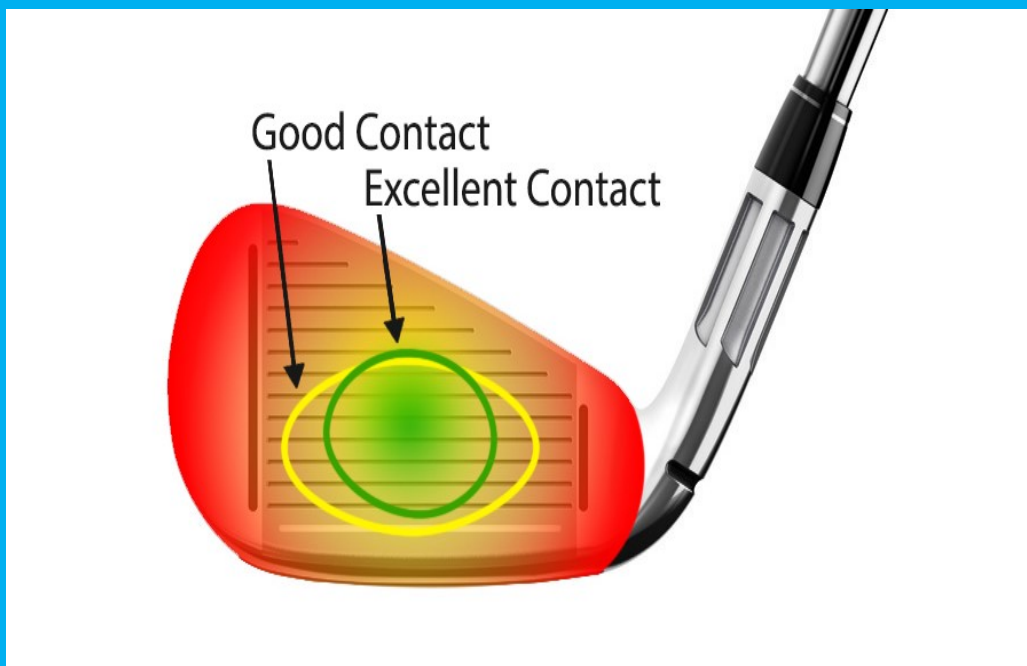
"If you're playing a ball that's too firm for your swing speed, ball velocity goes down and backspin goes up off the tee, he said.

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Quality contact

In addition to being mindful of the ball's compression, pay particular attention to the quality of your contact. According to Mellow, 75 percent of players don't hit the center of the face, which means that even if you swing over 105 mph, a lower compression could actually be the better option in the long run.

"The worse the quality of contact, the softer the ball should be," Mellow said. "You could swing a million miles per hour, but if you're not consistently hitting the center of the face, you're going to be inconsistent with a firmer ball."



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What if I don't have time for a ball fitting?

If you're in the market for a new driver but don't have the additional time to go through a ball fitting, one suggestion would be to pick a brand you typically use and try different models of varying compressions during driver testing. Simply being mindful of the launch and spin numbers — along with the dispersion pattern — as you beat balls could verify you're using the correct ball or lead you in a different direction.



Calendar of Events

October 2019

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



CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

OCT. 12TH & 13TH

TWO DAY EVENT!!



FOUR FLIGHTS

Championship

Mens

Senior (55+)

Ladies

COST

\$50 prize money

\$35 for golf each day

*Must be an advantage
card member or higher



CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

OCT. 12TH & 13TH

The Club Championship is scheduled to be held on October 12th and 13th. The Club Championship will be contested over two days and include all three nines. You will be tested with a fair course setup playing in flights of your choice based on age and handicap level. You have plenty of time to get tuned up on the range and adjust to the ongoing course conditions in preparation.

Format: Individual Stroke Play

Entry: Gross: \$50 Includes: \$40 prize money, \$10 skins (\$5 per day)

All participants will need a valid Advantage card to get the green fee/cart fee rate for practice round and tournament rounds. A participant who is not an Advantage Card holder or higher will not be allowed to play in the club championship. If you would like to participate, but do not have an advantage card, one can be purchased in the pro shop at any time.

Advantage Card (ADV Card) is \$49.00 good for one year from date of purchase. Qualifies you for discounts on Green Fee/Cart Fee, Tournament specials, Rewards Certificate, Preferred Tee Times, & Range Ball Discounts.

Green Fee & Cart Fee

Practice Round: Friday October 11th, 2019 after 12:00 PM

ADV Card - \$25

Saturday & Sunday Round October 12th & 13th

ADV Card - \$35 each day.

Saturday Tournament Round – Island to Waterfall

Tee Times Start: 8:00 Championship Flight, Men's Flight, Senior Flight, Women's Flight

Sunday Tournament Round – Island to Long (Original 18 Holes)

Tee Times Start: 8:00 – Senior Flight, Men's Flight, Championship Flight, Women's Flight

*Practice hole may be played each day if players elect to play and warm up. Players may not delay play to practice on the warm up hole.