



# Meadows Monthly

## Meadows Farms Golf Course

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

WELCOME SEPTEMBER!! It's been a bit of a wet August. We thank you for working with us to keep the course in great condition by following the 90 degree or cart path only rules on the extra wet days. Looking forward to September, its looking like we will have some warm weather with hopefully less rain days. Golf is always fun but even more so when you can drive to your ball. Here's to a wonderful Fall season.































# SEPT. 2019

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# A LOOK FORWARD

<b>SUN</b> SEP 1  <b>82°</b> <sub>/63°</sub> Mostly sunny, humid Hist. Avg. 83°/63°	<b>MON</b> SEP 2  <b>81°</b> <sub>/61°</sub> Mostly cloudy, humid Hist. Avg. 83°/62°	<b>TUE</b> SEP 3  <b>81°</b> <sub>/62°</sub> Cloudy, humid Hist. Avg. 83°/62°	<b>WED</b> SEP 4  <b>81°</b> <sub>/60°</sub> A little morning rain Hist. Avg. 82°/62°	<b>THU</b> SEP 5  <b>81°</b> <sub>/60°</sub> Clouds giving way to some sun Hist. Avg. 82°/62°	<b>FRI</b> SEP 6  <b>85°</b> <sub>/62°</sub> Mostly sunny, humid Hist. Avg. 82°/61°	<b>SAT</b> SEP 7  <b>79°</b> <sub>/63°</sub> Abundant sunshine Hist. Avg. 82°/61°
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# A LOOK BACK

**Here is a look back though time at some golf history from September.**

**Credit to Colin Brown, USGA**

**<https://www.usga.org/clubhouse/2016-ungated/09-ungated/september-this-month-in-golf-history.html>**

**Sept. 2, 1973:** After failing to qualify in two previous attempts, Craig Stadler won the U.S. Amateur. Then a junior at the University of Southern California who had yet to be dubbed “The Walrus,” Stadler defeated David Strawn, 6 and 5, at Inverness Club in Toledo, Ohio.

**Sept. 3, 1936 :** The USA Walker Cup Team, captained by three-time USGA champion Francis Ouimet, defeated Great Britain and Ireland, 9 -0, at Pine Valley Golf Club. This was the first of two Walker Cups to be played at the venerable New Jersey club, the only USGA championships ever contested there.

**Sept. 4, 1942:** Raymond Floyd is born in Fort Bragg, N.C. He was 43 years, 9 months and 11 days old when he won the 1986 U.S. Open at Shinnecock Hills Golf Club, the oldest U.S. Open champion until Hale Irwin (45 years and 15 days) won the championship in 1990.

**Sept. 4, 1949:** Tom Watson is born in Kansas City, Mo. In 1982, Watson made one of golf’s most memorable shots, chipping in at the 17th hole at Pebble Beach Golf Links to help him become the U.S. Open Champion. Winner of five Open Championships and two Masters titles, the 67-year-old Watson has shot his age or better four times in competition.

**Sept. 6, 1981:** Nathaniel Crosby, the youngest son of entertainer and accomplished golfer Bing Crosby, won the U.S. Amateur in a 37-hole final match over Brian Lindley at The Olympic Club’s Lake Course in San Francisco, Calif.



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**Sept. 20, 1913: Francis Ouimet made history as the first amateur to win the U.S. Open, capturing the 1913 championship at The Country Club in Brookline, Mass. One year later, on Sept. 5, 1914, Ouimet won the U.S. Amateur, becoming the first golfer to win both championships.**

**Sept. 22, 1905: Willie Anderson won his third consecutive U.S. Open Championship (and fourth overall), claiming a two-stroke victory over Alex Smith at the Myopia Hunt Club in South Hamilton, Mass. No other golfer has matched Anderson's feat of three consecutive wins in the U.S. Open.**

**Sept. 24, 1938: After falling to Estelle Lawson Page in the previous year's final, Patty Berg captured the U.S. Women's Amateur, 6 and 5, over the defending champion. Berg went on to win the first U.S. Women's Open in 1946 on the way to a record 15 women's major titles.**

# NOBODY CARES, MOVE ALONG

**BY: Jon Sherman**

**<https://practical-golf.com/nobody-cares-move-along/>**

**A couple of months ago I had an interesting (I use that word loosely) experience during a tournament with one of my playing partners. He was having a nightmare round, and what followed was the most extreme case of excuse-making I had ever seen.**

**“I’ve never played this badly before. I’m a great golfer; I usually make 5-6 birdies every round!”**

**By the 15th hole, this was about the 100th variation of this statement I had heard. I nodded, told him I had been there before myself, and tried to go back to worrying about my own game. I didn’t have the heart to tell him that if he really made 5-6 birdies a round, he’d be the best PGA Tour player. But I was too fatigued by him to talk any more.**

**The whole round was a one-sided dialogue from this player. Every poor shot was followed by several minutes of him explaining how great of a golfer he usually is, and how this round was a once-in-a-lifetime event. While I’m more than happy to engage in friendly conversation during competitive rounds, it was egregious. In all honesty, I felt bad for the guy. I have had plenty of embarrassing performances, we all have. But I couldn’t care less about how he was playing. It was an important tournament for me, and I was worried about my own game.**

# **NOBODY CARES, MOVE ALONG.. cont.**

## **Every Golfer Deals With This**

**The experience brought up a scenario (albeit very extreme) that is common amongst golfers. When we play poorly, most of us get embarrassed. Usually, our instincts are to talk a little more, and say things like, “I’ve never hit shots like that before.”**

**The truth is that no one really cares. Golf is inherently a selfish game. Whenever you tee it up with strangers or even friends, I can all but guarantee you their thoughts are mostly consumed with how they are playing. If you happen to hit a few tee shots out of bounds, shank a wedge, or three-putt from seven feet – they will likely forget about it immediately afterward.**

**This used to be a huge problem for me, and occasionally still is. Last year I was invited to a tournament by someone who reads my site. He gave me a sponsors’ exemption and was hoping I would represent his group well. We had a practice round where I was grouped with two professional athletes that I had watched on TV many times (a Super Bowl MVP & CY Young Award winner).**

**I was a little more nervous than usual because they played golf at a similar level to me. I couldn’t escape my own ego, and wanting to show them I was just as good. They might be immortals on TV, but on the golf course, we were equals.**



# NOBODY CARES, MOVE ALONG.. cont.

**The first few holes I couldn't hit a straight ball to save my life. I was overwhelmed with thoughts of, "these guys probably think I'm a hack!" Low and behold, I told them I usually don't play like that (regretting the words came out of my mouth). I'm sure in their heads, I was just another guy making excuses. Eventually, I settled down and started playing the kind of golf I usually do, and we had a great match.**

**I was guilty as charged though.**

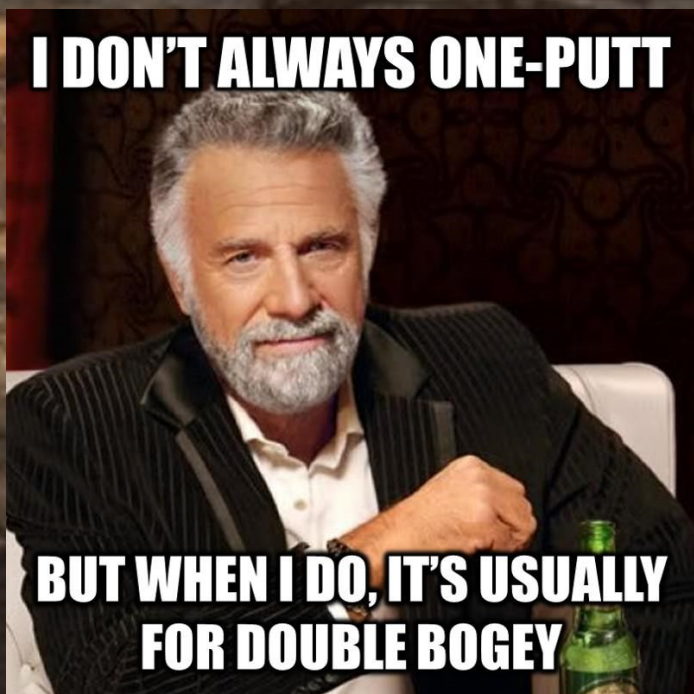
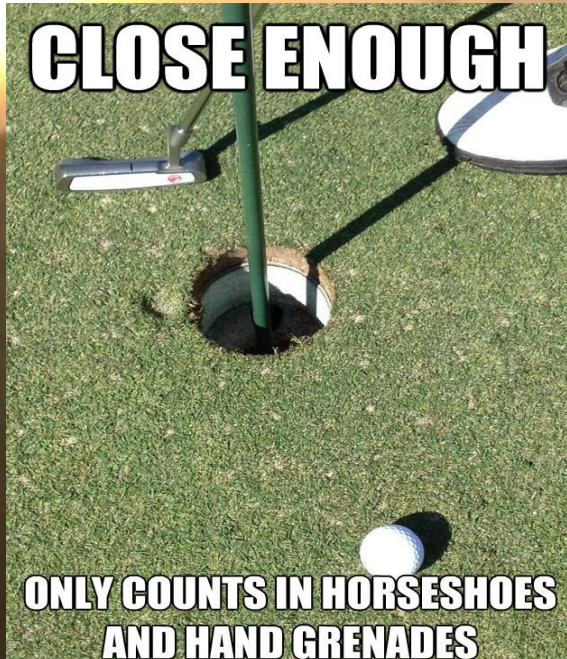
## **Don't Worry So Much**

**Often times when people learn that I'm a scratch golfer they immediately start making excuses about their play before we even tee it up. I always tell them not to worry, we're out there trying to have a good time, and it doesn't matter to me what level of golfer they are. If I'm being completely honest though, there's a little bit of pressure on my end to show them I'm as good as they assume I might be. It goes both ways!**

**Over the years, I've learned to stop worrying as much about what other golfers think. I know if I play poorly, they know exactly how it feels. I also know how rude it would be if I lost my temper, or kept making excuses the whole round. That's not fun for anyone.**

**While golf is a solitary game, it's also a shared experience. I believe golfers are mostly focused on how they play, but also want to have a good time without unnecessary distractions. So the next time you feel the urge to talk about how badly you are playing, remember that no one in the group really cares as much as you think they do. We've all been there before, and it will happen to us again.**

# LIGHTEN UP





# The Comeback: Tiger's journey against the 'Tiger Effect' generation

BY WILL GRAY

<https://www.golfchannel.com/news/comeback-tigers-journey-against-tiger-effect-generation>

**Jim Furyk initiated a pause that exceeded even his deliberate norms.**

**“All right, I’ll say it,” Furyk said to break the momentary silence. “I was embarrassed that I played golf when I was a kid. It was not a cool sport to play. I hid my clubs in the coach’s office before school started, I got them out before the bell rang and I got the hell out of the hallways, because I wasn’t proud.”**

**Furyk is one of the few souls on the PGA Tour who can speak credibly to the generational gap that spans Tiger Woods’ career, having enjoyed success during most of it. The hair may have left, but the trademark swing stands the test of time and serves as a testament: I went toe-to-toe with the greatest of an era and lived to tell the tale.**

**His evasive hallway exploits took place in the late 1980s, when the golf world knew only whispers of Woods as a transcendent tot on the SoCal junior circuit. But Furyk’s pervading mindset spoke of a generation that would be quickly disrupted by Woods’ ascent, one that staunchly clung to the country-club mentality and was ill-prepared for the tour de force that would transform the game.**

**“I played football, basketball and baseball. I was proud to play those sports,” Furyk added. “I loved golf, but you have more good athletes now playing the game, depth-wise, than you did 20 years ago.”**

# The Comeback: Tiger's journey against the 'Tiger Effect' generation

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**The world that Woods took by storm two decades ago is far different from the one he looked to reconquer last year, and different still from the one that watched him slip into a green jacket this spring. Gone are the scores of journeymen who once cobbled out a decent living on Tour without much time for practice. Same for the single-skill specialists, the ones who shined so brightly in one area as to make up for glaring deficiencies elsewhere.**

**This is the Tiger Effect. The one he bore and the one he's had to overcome.**

**Out on Tour in 2019, you need to have the entire package. Fairways are lined not with players who spend more time at the buffet table than the gym, but instead by physical specimen who have honed their craft by combining two workouts for every round played. The era of Brooks Koepka, Dustin Johnson and Rory McIlroy is upon us, with athletes taking to golf rather than golfers glean- ing athletic skills to boost their skill set.**

**"I think Tiger 20 years ago showed that it's OK to be in great shape, and to be a good athlete, and lift weights and hit the golf ball harder than anyone's ever hit it before. And now we've got the new breed that do that consistently," Graeme McDowell said. "I think it drives people, and it kind of makes people more bullish to get in the gym and to hit it harder."**

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**When Woods won the 1997 Masters, the first of his 15 major titles, the final leaderboard included the likes of Tom Kite, Tommy Tolles, Tom Watson and Paul Stankowski. His weekend playing competitors were Colin Montgomerie and Costantino Rocca. All talented players, but none that would ever be mistaken for an NFL draft pick.**

**Last fall, in Atlanta, Woods went toe-to-toe with McIlroy, a man both praised and admonished for his dedication to physical fitness.**

**This spring, back down the road in Augusta, when he brought the sport to a standstill in pursuit of the victory many thought would never come, the leaderboard was basically a muscle flex borne out in green and white lettering. There was Koepka, in search of his third major in less than a year and seemingly as concerned with his physique as his strokes-gained totals. And there was Johnson, Koepka's frequent workout partner, whose sinewy frame has fostered two-sport comparisons for a decade.**

**Playing with Woods was Tony Finau, whose 310-yard average off the tee would have led the Tour by 8 yards back in '97, but only placed him ninth this season. Even the most halcyon throwback to a prior generation, Francesco Molinari, was months removed from the unthinkable: staring down Woods with a major on the line and leaving with the trophy.**



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**After nearly a year on the mend and five years since he was most recently at the height of his powers, Woods surely went through a sobering assessment of the re-vamped landscape upon his full-time return last year. It's likely he channeled the perspective of Brooks – not Koepka, but Hatlen, the octogenarian from “Shawshank Redemption,” who took stock of a world that had passed him by after stepping foot outside prison for the first time in years.**

**“I can’t believe how fast things move on the outside,” Hatlen lamented. “The world went and got itself in a big damn hurry.”**

**Inside the ropes, that world now contained a dozen or more stone-cold assassins who were ready to pounce at the opportunity of going toe to toe with Woods. The span from 2014-17, during which Woods did not win a single tournament, coincided with the rise of Koepka, Jordan Spieth and Justin Thomas. Suddenly the arena he strode back into contained a little more bite than the one he left, when he still ran roughshod over the Tour en route to five wins and Player of the Year honors in 2013.**

**As it turned out, the vacuum created by his absence may have had some unintended consequences.**

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**“I mean, a lot of it happened because Tiger never let anybody win,” Jack Nicklaus explained. “And when you don’t learn to win, you never gain the confidence to be a good player. Tiger got hurt, and all of a sudden these young guys, who are all good players, learned how to win. And they all started getting multiple wins, so when Tiger came back, he had a bunch of guys who had learned how to play in his absence.”**

**Spieth’s meteoric rise was a prime example of capitalizing on a Tiger-less world. At age 20, he managed to join Woods in the team room at the 2013 Presidents Cup without having ever played a competitive round together.**

**“Just getting into the aura that is being paired and playing with Tiger, it’s different,” Spieth explained. “I remember the first time I played with Phil (Mickelson), how nervous I was just to play with him. With Tiger, it’s just a different animal.”**

**But by the time they finally teed it up together at the 2014 Farmers Insurance Open, the Woods mystique had been stripped by a handful of chummy practice rounds together. Instead of a source of intimidation, he had become one of motivation for a younger crop who hoped to challenge the player they had grown up watching on YouTube.**

**Spieth seized the opportunity, shooting a 63 on the North Course at Torrey Pines alongside Woods, dusting his playing competitor by eight shots.**

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**“I think guys just came out embracing wanting to play against Tiger, to try to take him down,” Spieth said. “But at the same time, this is when he’s 40. Not when he was 23. So, you know that it’s a bit different.”**

**These days that preparation to play at the highest level starts well before the professional game. Players all the way down to the junior level can now hone their swings while crunching smash factors and launch angles with the aid of Trackman and other similar devices that offer digital feedback on every nook and cranny of the swing.**

**College golf was certainly competitive when Woods was strolling around Stanford, but look no further than Matthew Wolff and Collin Morikawa to see that amateurs leaving campus today are better prepared to transition to life on Tour than ever before.**

**“There are more smart people now helping these guys. And I think the college coaches deserve some credit here,” said Charles Howell III, who has competed against Woods at every level from junior golf to the PGA Tour. “I think down the whole line, people are just smarter. And they’re just producing better players.”**

**Thomas’ pro career has joined Spieth’s at the hip each step of the way, and he likewise thrived in Woods’ absence as his own pro career blossomed. Thomas won the 2017 PGA Championship without Woods in the field, and his ascent to world No. 1 came when Woods’ most recent comeback was just getting off the ground.**



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**“I think the biggest difference is that we didn’t have to play against Tiger. So, we’re not all playing in that fear of him,” Thomas said. “From what I was watching as a kid, everybody did. We obviously respect him like we respect everybody else, but we just don’t have that fear.”**

**Fear may not have been a primary factor for Ernie Els during his prime, but shock and awe certainly were. Els finished second to Woods at the 2000 U.S. Open – the most dominating performance in major championship history – then posited that Woods would have beaten Old Tom Morris by 80 shots that week at Pebble Beach.**

**Time has healed many of the wounds Woods once inflicted on Els’ psyche, and as he reaches the twilight of a Hall of Fame career he’s equipped with a certain perspective about what separates the generations. According to the Big Easy, the key is not the ability of certain top individuals – it’s the depth of the talent pool that creates the biggest challenge.**

**“There were only a few real ball-strikers like we have today, like a Nick Price and Fred Couples, Davis Love III, Greg Norman,” Els said. “Probably like what we had in our Big 5, Big 3, whatever you called it back in those days. There’s more of those kind of players. There’s maybe 20 of those players, where there were maybe only five or 10 of us back 15 years ago. So that’s a big change. The game’s just deeper. It’s a deeper challenge.”**

**Or, as McDowell colorfully put it, “I feel like I took my eye off the ball for a split-second and a hundred 25-year-olds raced past me.”**

# The Comeback: Tiger's journey against the 'Tiger Effect' generation **CONT..**

**The game got itself in a big damn hurry.**

**The raw numbers bear out the depth of the challenge facing Woods. When the calendar flipped to 2000, with him on the verge of kicking off the Tiger Slam, the average age of the other players inside the top 10 in the world rankings was nearly 34. When he won the Masters this spring to return to the top 10, the average age of the other nine names around him was 30. Even in just the past 10 years, the average distance of the Tour's top 10 drivers has ticked up nearly 6 yards (306.3 to 312.1) while the average of the 10 fastest clubhead speeds has gone from 121.1 to 123.3 mph.**

**To put it another way, the best on Tour today are younger, they're stronger, they swing harder, they hit it farther and they have more data at their disposal than at any other point in the history of the game.**

**And yet despite all those factors, despite Woods' aging physique and the relative talent of those he sought to chase down, it was he whom the masses enveloped on his way to victory last September, and it was his name they chanted near the 18th green in April. He's the one who delivered a storybook comeback for the ages, even if the salient factors will only make it more difficult to replicate those triumphs in the future.**

# The Comeback: Tiger's journey against the 'Tiger Effect' generation CONT..

**At East Lake, at Augusta, Woods faced bolstered fields of his own making, a group that trod the path he forged. A group that spent their lives trying to improve upon the mold-breaking model he set forth and licked their collective chops at the opportunity to face him down the stretch. One by one, he took them all down.**

**“The whole thing makes it tougher for him,” Nicklaus said. “But it also makes it so that what his accomplishment is, what it was against, is even bigger.”**





# WHATS COMING UP

## SEPTEMBER

**Su M T W Th F S**

<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <b>Orange</b> <b>Volunteer</b> <b>Fire</b>	<b>7</b>
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<b>15</b> <b>Orange</b> <b>Free Clinic</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <b>VDOT</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
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## SAVE THE DATE

*17th Annual*

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