



Meadows Monthly

Meadows Farms Golf Course

"Home of the Longest Hole in the USA
841 yard—Par 6"

Michael Wallace Records Double Eagle Albatross on Longest Hole in the USA #12 @ Meadows Farms Golf Course



Your task is simple. Put #12 at Meadows Farms on your bucket list. When you get there, you absolutely MUST aim left to avoid that hidden pond on the right. Then bash it some more to advance the ball and pray for a good lie. Then maybe play safe to lay up short of that second pond. If you give it a go, avoid that big sprawling bunker. Then another adventure begins...putting. For some people, they stop counting when the score hits double digits!

However, this was NOT the case for young Michael Wallace. A junior standout golfer from Spotsylvania. Michael managed to tame "The Beast" on Saturday March 18 in just THREE strokes! On the FIRST EVER recorded double eagle that we are aware of from the White Tees at 712 yards, Michael required just two clubs; his driver and his 3 hybrid. Driver, 3 hybrid, 3 hybrid...in the hole from just over

200 yards! The feat was witnessed by his Dad, Ricky Wallace, his Mom Sheri, and his godfather, Randy Wood.

At present, research is underway as the longest recorded and verified double eagle in history. Michael has already received confirmation he is the youngest person in history to make a double eagle on a Par 6. He will receive a plaque commemorating his achievements from Meadows Farms Golf Course and a permanent plaque will be displayed in the club house along with a permanent marker in #12 fairway. WELL DONE MICHAEL!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- April** — 3— Get Golf Ready Classes Begin
9— Meadows Masters Tourney
Tee Times Beginning 8:03 AM
12— FREE Tip Nights Begin—
Wed Evenings 6pm—8pm
Sundays 4pm—6pm
Driving Range
13— Second Get Golf Ready Class
Added
15— Cottontail Classic Tourney to
Benefit All Fur Animals Rescue
9 AM Shotgun
- May** — 3— PGA Junior League Practices
Begin
6— Kentucky Derby Tourney
8 AM Shotgun
8— NEW Get Golf Ready 5 Week
Class Starts



Tom's Take

I know it's only April but I want to let everyone know about all the exciting things that we are going to have this summer in regards to junior golf. Josh and his parents really wanted to expand our junior program to better serve you. We couldn't be more excited about the opportunities we have lined up for the kids this year at Meadows Farms Golf Course.

First, we are going to have TWO large junior camps this summer. The first one will be June 26th–30th and the second camp will run July 17th–21st. The instruction will be from 8:00 to 12:00 each day. These have traditionally been heavily attended and a lot of fun for the kids. Hopefully you will be able to fit one of these clinics into your children's schedule. We promise you they will have a good time and learn a lot about the great game of golf.

We are also considering running weekly clinics for those children that really want to elevate their learning and excel at the game. If the interest is there we will expand our program to include play days also. We are here to provide you and your children a great experience on and off the golf course.

The last program I am extremely excited about. We are creating two PGA Junior League teams to represent Meadows Farms in area intracub competitive fun. The first team will be for boys and girls age 7 to 13 and the second team will be for juniors 14 to 16. We were lucky enough to be invited to play in the 10 team Fredericksburg League for the 7 to 13 league. The 14 to 16 is looking to expand to several teams this year. This program has taken the country by storm and the kids love it. Who knows? Maybe we will have a Meadows Farm team in the PGA Junior League National Finals!

If you have questions about any of these programs or are interested in getting your kids involved, please call the Meadows Farms Pro Shop (540-854-9890) and ask for Tom. If I am not in, please leave a message and I will get back to you as soon as possible. Hopefully every one of you is as excited about our expanded junior program as I am and will decide to send your children out to learn the game and have fun!



GO PLAY WEEK!

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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!

April 3 — Get Golf Ready — The PGA's recognized best learning program for beginners through to advanced players. Five weeks, one session per week, you'll be exposed to every facet of the game including rules and etiquette. The last week everyone plays on the course. Just \$99. As interest accelerates, new classes will be added daytimes on Mondays and Thursday evenings

April 12 & 16 — Free Tip Nights Begin—We want you to play better golf! Weather and event permitting, one of our pros will be available Wednesdays at 6 pm and Sundays at 4 pm to help you out. Just purchase a bag of range balls and raise your hand at the driving range for some help!

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 is 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!

May 3 — PGA Junior League—A super fun interactive program for your kids to "get in the game." Practices begin first week of May and matches will be Saturday afternoons beginning in June. Please read the details included in this newsletter in "Tom's Take" and let's do this!

May 6 — Kentucky Derby Tourney—Pick your favorite horse. Win, Place, Show deducts strokes from your score!

May 28 — Brickyard Classic & Memorial Day Celebration Tourney

June 9 — "9, Wine, and Unwind" Friday Night Couples golf and social. 12 weeks

June 26—29; July 17—20 Meadows Farms Junior Camp. Our signature program. Watch for details to come soon!

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

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

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 — 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 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!



Teri Nieder—Retired

"I would like to thank the Staff of Meadows Farms for selecting me as member of the month. Having been a member of several golf clubs in my lifetime, Meadows Farms is one of my favorite clubs. The entire staff is very knowledgeable and extremely friendly. The Dotson Family has made Meadows

Farms a showplace with a beautiful 27 hole course. I can honestly say I'm proud to make this course my home course!"



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!

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

SCOTT'S CORNER

MEADOWS FARMS COURSE SUPERINTENDENT

So, many may be wondering why we are going to aerate the greens - again! It all goes to creating available oxygen to the roots! The Deep Tine process had a completely different impact than the aeration scheduled for the 10th - 13th of April. This aeration has a number of benefits. First is to create many channels for water to seep deeper. The first deep tine aeration we completed helped to alleviate a compaction layer. This next aeration will help move water from the surface to help promote "firmer faster" greens by allowing for many micro and macro pores. The sanding and filling of the holes amends the green with new media, falsifies the height of cut by adding a layer of sand at the surface, and helps to true the greens by filling small imperfections. This is one of the most labor intensive processes Superintendents do all year long but is by far the best practice we do! The pending aeration in April will use a very small tine; followed by fertilization and aggressive rolling. We should be healed in a matter of days. Of course, it's all up to ole' Mother Nature!

New Game for Prizes!

As a Superintendent we sometimes do things that golfers may not agree with. Perhaps it would help to understand why we do what we do! Always remember, my staff's goal is to present you with the best golf course and experience not only today but for every round of golf you play at Meadows Farms Golf Course in the future.

With this in mind I'm beginning a contest. Each month we will post a question in the Pro Shop. When you come in, fill out an entry with your answer. All correct answers will go into a drawing for an 18 hole round of golf with cart. The answer will be given in next month's newsletter.

Here's a sample question with the exacting answer given on the next page!

"Why do golf course Superintendents restrict golf carts to "Cart Path Only?"

(Answer on the following page)

Thanks for playing along!



Q: Why do Golf Course Superintendents restrict golf carts to Cart Path Only?

A: Provided below by Dr. Michael Goatley, Ph. D. Agronomy, Virginia Tech

Since golf is ideally played on a dense stand of grass and not bare soil, superintendent's employ a variety of management strategies that are designed to improve the likelihood of growing a thick turfgrass canopy. One of those strategies is to minimize the effects of cart traffic whenever possible, but particularly when that traffic can result in damage to the turf or soil that can not quickly (or inexpensively) be repaired. The concerns with either foot or vehicular traffic are even greater when soils are wet, the turf is under environmental stress, frost is in place etc. Quite simply the physical wear and tear due to the abrasion from repeated cart traffic is an obvious detriment to the turf. Think about it - after a few years pass, if we have the budget we will want to replace the carpet in our houses due to the wear and tear of traffic. Consider how amazing it is that a living plant is able to generally tolerate both regular cutting AND traffic to a certain point.

The wear and tear from heavy traffic is then further exaggerated by the physical compaction of the soil from the weight of the equipment compressing the soil particles closer together. There are two primary factors that work against the turfgrass in a compacted soil: 1) the physical compaction of the soil that restricts roots from optimizing their exploration of a soil for nutrients and water 2) the root system's requirement for plenty of oxygen. It is for these reasons (and definitely NOT to upset the golfing public... trust me my fellow golfers, a superintendent's job and quality of life in general would be improved if they didn't have to make these tough decisions and listen to the complaints!) that superintendents restrict and/or distribute traffic around the course, as well as periodically aerate those trafficked soils. All of these strategies are employed in order to grow better grass in order for the golfer to have the best chance of playing the best round of golf possible that day.



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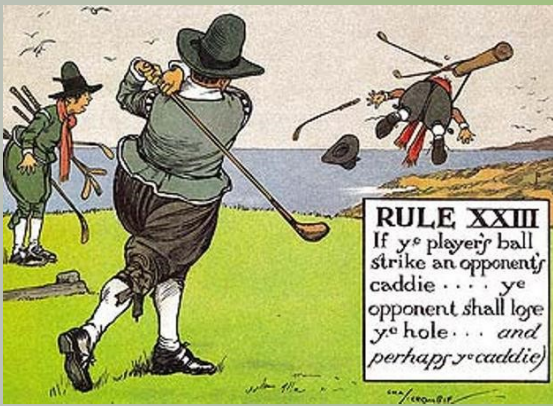
FREE GOLF TIP

You sitting down? Prepare yourself! No device or training aid teaches you how to get better at golf. They show you what you may be doing wrong and that's it. No device spewing out data can make you a better golfer. No golf club can make you a better golfer. It absolutely all comes down to you. If you've retained a teaching pro in the past, and all they did was tell you what you are doing wrong, then they are no different than a training aid. You will never get better. It's time for a change for the better!

You absolutely MUST become a student of your own swing. Your pro MUST be able to get you there. How to think. What to feel. HOW to feel. Overcoming preconceptions and misconceptions. Getting out of your own way is a great start. Learning, by how the golf ball flies, to effect change on the next swing. You absolutely MUST learn the TRUE cause & effect of any change you make in your swing.

You can never try NOT to do something in golf. Examples being; NOT going to top the ball; NOT going to lose my balance. You MUST find the root cause of your individual mistakes. Many times, one simple issue can spawn many poor results!

Our PGA Professionals at Meadows Farms can get you there. Put them on speed dial right away!



For most of us, The Rules of Golf tend to be a bit confusing. They can actually cause more disagreements than resolve them. The USGA would appear ready to address some of those that have made many a golfer scratch their head and some to even lose tournaments.

From now until August 31, the USGA is welcoming every golfer's comments and suggestions regarding a number of rule changes set to go into effect in 2018 for the 2019 season. Yes, the USGA does NOT move too swiftly on such matters! Most notable among changes they are considering is limiting your search for a Lost Ball from 5 minutes to 3 minutes. It's likely if adopted this will help speed up play for everyone! Another one that should make many golfer's

smile is NO penalty if you accidentally move your ball or your ball marker on a putting green.

Perhaps the #1 penalty a majority of golfers would like to see changed is the stroke and distance penalty for hitting the ball out of bounds. Many feel it should be treated like a water hazard and you would not return to where you hit the last shot. The USGA says not to look for that one to change any time soon but it is being looked at for a future change.

For most of us, the game is all about fun. If you're just learning the game you should check out the "It's OK" Rules published by Play Golf America and adopted by The PGA that we've included here on Page 8. It makes the game more enjoyable!

Note From General Manager,

The tournament season is among us, and we look forward to helping every charitable organization reach all their financial goals. Meadows Farms Golf Course takes pride in being the gold standard for tournaments. We have the best rates on golf, combined with our incredible food options, that guarantees all tournament participants have a memorable experience. If you, or an organization you know, would like an extra \$5,000-\$15,000 this year, let us know, and we can organize a golf tournament to help you reach your financial goals.

With that being said, many golf courses cannot handle public play when they are hosting a tournament. Their courses come to a screeching halt, and it is almost impossible for a golfer to play a sub 5 hour round. Not here at Meadows Farms Golf Course though. Our extra nine holes allows us the

capacity to guarantee short, tournament free rounds of golf. So as you look through our upcoming events, do not be worried about playing your round at Meadows Farms Golf Course when we are hosting a tournament, we promise there is room for you. If you are not satisfied with pace of play during your round, let us know, and we will make sure to take care of you on your next round at The Farm.

We look forward to a successful summer season, and we can't wait to see you soon.



Warm Wishes,

Josh Dotson

It's Ok Rules

(Adapted from the PGA of America)

Golf can be an intimidating game, especially when you're just starting out. But the truth is, you don't actually have to follow the official Rules of Golf if you don't want to. Here are a list of "Rules infractions" designed by the PGA of America that are completely okay to commit - as a beginner. Odds are they'll help the juniors enjoy the game, especially starting off!

1. It's okay to not keep score.
2. It's okay to play from the shortest tees or start at the 100 yard marker
3. It's okay to give yourself a better lie by rolling the ball around a little
4. It's okay to tee the ball up anywhere when you are first learning
5. It's okay to count swings only when you make contact with the ball
6. It's okay to throw the ball out of a bunker after one try
7. It's okay to forget about a ball that may be lost or out of bounds.
8. It's okay to drop a ball where you think it might be ... or where you wanted it to be.
9. It's okay to play a scramble with your group - scrambles are very popular.
10. It's okay to just chip and putt on a hole when you feel like it.
11. It's okay to pick up in the middle of the hole and enjoy the outdoors and scenery.
12. It's okay to skip a hole if you need to take a break.
13. It's okay to play less than 9 or 18 holes and call it a round of golf.
14. It's okay to move your ball away from trees, rocks or very hilly lies.
15. It's okay to hit the same Club for the entire round, while using a putter on the putting green.
16. It's okay to play golf in your sneakers. Be comfortable!
17. It's okay to get enthusiastic! (High fives, fist pumps and big smiles are encouraged)
18. It's okay to talk on the golf course — enjoy a nice conversation or tell a few jokes.
19. It's okay to PLAY GOLF JUST FOR FUN! Play the tees that make you the happiest.
20. It's okay to laugh. There are no penalties for excessive laughing or high fives on the golf course..
21. IT'S OK TO PLAY EACH AND EVERY ROUND OF GOLF AT MEADOWS FARMS AND
INVITE ALL YOUR FRIENDS TO JOIN YOU!

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

2017 PAR 3 TEAM SHOOTOUT



1st	T. Arbisi/B. Harvey	53	\$200	(Won card playoff)
2nd	D. Names/D. Lattimore	53	\$150	
3rd	D. Allen/M. Pike	54	\$100	(Won card playoff)
6th	Bonievich/Soles	57	\$100	
12th	Longfellow/Longfellow	59	\$100	
18th	Fox/Fox	63	\$100	

Closest to Pins: \$50 each

#6	N. Longfellow
#9	R. Bonievich
#11	J. Carneal
#14	C. Moranville

Skins Won: \$60 each

#6	Allen/Pike
#9	Bonievich/Soles
#14	White/Bosse
#18	Names/Lattimore

Longest Putt Made: \$50

#18 R. Clatterbuck

2017 SPRING FLING SHAMBLE



1st	Baker/Vucovich/Hibbs	136	\$450
2nd	Knappenberger/Gilliam/Arbisi	139	\$225
3rd	White/Bosse/Wagner	141	\$150
4th	Thurston/Gallagher/Rose	142	\$120
11th	Anderson/Herman/Hook	149	\$120
20th	Rittenbaugh/Hayes/Stanton	160	\$120

Closest to Pins: \$25 each

#2	D. Guyton
#5	Z. Bauer
#13	M. Zabel
#15	Z. Bosse

Skins Won: \$90 each

#1	Baker/Vukovich/Hibbs
#7	Taylor/Sale/Reid
#13	Updike/Deub;er/Zabel
#18	Thurston/Gallagher/Rose

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AFAR needs our help. They are 100% donor funded and are dangerously low on dog food supplies for their current residents. PLEASE play in our Cottontail Classic on April 15 and bring a bag of dog food with you! We will take \$10.00 off your play rate for the tournament to THANK YOU for your generosity!

Meadows Farms Cottontail Classic

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April

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3 GET GOLF READY BEGINS 6PM	4	5 WED EVE LEAGUE STARTS 5PM	6 THURS EVE LEAGUE STARTS 5PM	7	8	9 MEADOWS MASTERS TOURNEY 8 AM
10 <<<<<<<<	11 AERATION	12 FREE GOLF TIPS 6PM >>>>>>>>	13 2ND GET GOLF READY CLASS BEGINS	14	15 COTTONTAIL CLASSIC TOURNEY T/B AFAR 9 AM	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 CHILD HELP TOURNEY	25	26	27	28	29	30
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Notes:



The Masters!

The greatest golf event there is. Watch it on TV April 5 – 9.

Tune into the National Drive, Chip, and Putt Championship Sunday April 2 at 8 am on The Golf Channel. Meadows Farms will be a Host Qualifying Facility in 2018!



May

2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1 <<<<<<<<<< HIBERNIANS TOURNEY	2 <<<<<GO	3 PLAY WEEK JR. LEAGUE PRACTICES BEGIN	4 SPECIALS! >	5 >>>>>>>>>>	6 KENTUCKY DERBY TOURNEY	7
8 MONDAY NT SKINS LEAGUE BEGINS	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 BRICKYARD MEMORIAL DAY TOURNEY
29 	30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11

Notes:

