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Meadows Farms Golf Course

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

Best of Virginia

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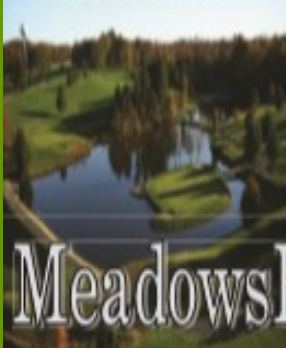


28 beautiful holes nestled within three unique nine hole courses, including a warm up hole to start your journey!
Golfer friendly and an unforgettable place to experience.

Island Hole

Baseball Hole

841 Yard, Par 6



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Upcoming Events:

May

11—Paul Stefan Tournament
12—Orange County Young Life

June

4—Knights Of Columbus
8—Jermon Bushrod Visualize and Rize
9—Visions of Africa
22—Gary Waugh Memorial
23—Virginia Referee Assoc.
29—Fredericksburg Masonic Museum

It is that time of the year again when the grass is turning a beautiful green and the mowing is becoming an everyday affair. And new things are everywhere for us to see at Meadows Farms Golf Course. We are seeing birds migrating back into the area, more staff on board, beautiful flowers popping up everywhere, NEW golf carts (yes that is correct. We have 100 brand new 2018 Yamaha Gas carts on the way and will arrive soon.), and a course mowed from property line to property line to make it golfer friendly for you to have fun and enjoy. All these things are great to see, and we have all been anxiously awaiting their arrival. Something else happens this time of year also and that would be summer rates for our dedicated golfers. Golf courses need income to make it a quality place to smile, have fun and play some golf. As the course falls out of its winter stage it is almost like a butterfly coming out of a cocoon. The fresh smell of cut grass and the heat of the day all make for a beautiful surrounding that seems to be even more beautiful. Prices are now at summer rates and of course like all things will slightly increase to keep Meadows Farms one of the top courses in the region. Thank you for your support and understanding. Thanks for spending your time here with us. Thanks for helping us attain the level of Best of Virginia.

Rates	Weekday	Weekend	Non Player (cart fee)
Public Morning 18 (8am-11am)	49	59	9 holes 10.00
Public Morning Senior 18	44	54	18 holes 20.00
Public Midday 18 (11am-2pm)	40	50	
Public Twilight (2pm- close)	30	35	Walking (all day)
Advantage Card Morning 18	44	54	9 holes 20.00
Advantage Card Morning Senior 18	39	49	18 holes 30.00
Advantage Card Super Senior 18 (70+)	35	35	
Advantage Card Midday 18	35	45	
Advantage Card Twilight	25	30	
Ladies Day Special (Mon & Wed)	25	N/A	

Laos Embassy holds their tournament here at
Meadows Farm Golf Course.



**Mr. Mai Sayavongs Ambassador Lao PDR Golf
Tournament Virginia**

Mr. Mai Sayavongs Ambassador Extraordinary and
Plenipotentiary of the Lao PDR to the United States,
Canada and Mexico



Over 130 Laotians came to Meadows
Farms Golf Course to celebrate before a
huge party in DC at the Laos Embassy.



Best of Virginia

BEST GOLF COURSE

Meadows Farms Golf Course

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Bill Meadows, the late owner of Meadows Farms Nurseries, created the golf course in 1993. He took as inspiration his favorite holes at other courses around the country and combined them with his distinctive landscape design skills. The Waterfall Hole, par 6, is the longest golf hole in the nation at 841 yards.

SECOND PLACE: Independence Golf Club, Midlothian

IndependenceGolfClub.com, 804-601-8600

THIRD PLACE: The Country Club of Virginia James River Course, Richmond

TheCCV.org, 804-287-1330



Meadows Farms is proud to announce we were voted the top golf course in Central Virginia for all private and public golf facilities. We cannot thank our staff and customers enough. Without you, we would not have received this huge honor.

Eagles on Par 3's??? No way



Congrats to David Carli for his hole in one down in Mid Pines Inn and Golf Club, Southern Pines, NC 146 yard par 3 hole #11 on March the 29th of this year.

Congrats to Nate Longfellow on his first ever hole in one.



Congrats to Dave Meadows, Farmer Meadows's brother, on his first ever hole in one.

Congrats to Tom Stewart on his first ever hole in one. He dunked it on Longest 13.





Rems golf tournament at the Farm



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THANK YOU

The Council is recognized by House Joint Resolution 687 commemorating 40 years of service. The Council is also presented with a Joint Resolution from the Town of Montross, Town of Colonial Beach, and Westmoreland County in recognition of its service to the area. We at Meadows Farms Golf Course thank you for all you do for our community and for using our course this year. Thank you for your service not to us, but to our community.

Long and short putting

We should begin with short putts. To truly sharpen your golf abilities in the matter of short putts, weight is the key. You must make a circumstance in which missing that short putt harms. You need to think about the consequence of each putt. On the off chance that all you need to do in the wake of missing is force an alternate ball over and attempt again, you're never going to show signs of improvement. You couldn't care less enough.

Along these lines, put yourself under weight, regardless of the fact that you just make yourself stay on the green until you can make 25 putts in succession. You'll be stunned at how troublesome the last putt is after you've made 24 consecutively. It's the same putt in physical terms. In any case you're feeling anxious, realizing that missing implies that you've squandered your time over the past 24 shots. As it were, you'll have made competition conditions on the practice green. Presently that is weight. Suck some air.



Since you don't need the ball to go far, the stroke ought to be short, which doesn't give the putterhead much of a curve to swing on. At the same time the absence of circular segment is alright. On a short putt, you don't need the putterhead to move inside or outside the target line (in any event, on the route back). So think "straight back, straight through." If you can keep the putterface straightforwardly around the opening all through the stroke and you're set up unequivocally, you're certain to make more knee-knockers than you miss.

Aiming for the edge of the fringe

Here's a way you can polish your long putting: First, don't go for an opening. Contemplate separation, not heading. Hitting a putt 10 feet short is a considerable measure more probable than hitting it 10 feet wide, so separation is the key. Toss a group of balls down on the practice green and putt to the far periphery.

Perceive how close you can get to the edge without heading over. Don't stress over where you hit the putt along the periphery, exactly how far the putt goes. On the off chance that you practice like this, you can get to be truly capable, to the point where you can foresee at effect exactly how far the ball will roll.

Using the ladder drill

Here's an alternate activity to encourage your feel for separation, called the step drill. Place a ball on the green around 10 feet from the green's edge. From no less than 30 feet away, attempt to putt an alternate ball between the first ball and the periphery. At that point, attempt to take care of business a third ball between the second ball and the periphery, etc. Perceive what number of balls you can putt before you use up room or putting gets excessively troublesome. Clearly, the closer you get this show on the road each one ball to the previous one, the more effective you are.

'I'm just a golfer'

A rare neurological condition can't keep VSGA member Bob Jordan away from the game he loves

Imagine going to bed one night a 35-year-old, robust, athletic father and less than 24 hours later being told by doctors that life as you know it would never be the same again.

Bob Jordan doesn't have to imagine it. He lived it, and continues to live it.

March 17 marks the most horrifying of 21st anniversaries for Jordan, who lives in Fairfax. He woke up with a high fever and could barely walk. Embroiled in a divorce and custody battle, he drove himself and his 3-year-old daughter to a hospital. There, he suffered a seizure.

He hasn't walked since.

"Transverse Myelitis," was the doctors' final diagnosis. It is defined as a neurological condition produced by abnormal inflammation in the spinal cord. Consequently, nerve impulses are blocked. Jordan says that even after two decades there are places in his spine where he has no feeling.

Rare? You bet. Just 5 people in a million suffer from it.

No one knows for sure what caused it. One doctor told Jordan that stress could have been a contributing factor. The way Jordan describes his life at the time sounds like the makings of a bad country song.

"I like to say I married the wrong woman," he began. "The cat ran away and the dog died. I was working a job I really didn't like. So stress? Yeah."

Jordan played a lot of golf—and to a single-digit handicap—before the Transverse Myelitis, walking, always walking, playing through groups of slowpokes riding in carts.

Despite his physical limitations, he plays a lot of golf now—and to a 14 handicap. After the diagnosis he made up his mind that he'd never play again because he'd never be able to play to the same level as before.

But fate, or some divine power if you will, has a way of changing the plans of even the strongest willed person.

Jordan says that one day his brothers Paul and Doug told him that they wanted to play golf and invited him to join them, ostensibly to ride and watch. He wouldn't have done it, but for some reason—he knows not why—he had visited Brambleton Golf Club in Ashburn and saw that they had a SoloRider golf cart. That's a one-seat car with a 350-degree swivel seat that lifts the driver into the address position.

His brothers no longer play the game. Jordan now owns his own SoloRider and used it last year to play about 140 rounds. Eight years ago he started swinging with only his right hand because he lacks core strength and needs his left hand to steady himself. Lord knows it hasn't slowed him down any. Playing by himself, he gets through 18 holes in an average of slightly more than two hours.

"In a lot of ways I'm a better player now than I was then because I don't hit the ball as far," he said. "It used to be I could hit it far, a long distance, but good luck finding it sometimes. Now I'm in play, just not as far down the fairway. And my short game is better."

A member of the VSGA's eClub Alexandria, Jordan has developed a deeper relationship with Brambleton, serving as the club's volunteer coordinator. In typical droll humor, he says he got the job because somebody [at a meeting] said, "Yeah, he'd be good at it. Everybody else stood up and I was the only one that didn't stand up, so..."

In case you wondered, the self-taught Jordan scored a hole-in-one five years ago at Brambleton. He'd like to say he saw it, but he was looking into the sun on the 125-yard hole. His playing partners, having already moved past the forward



Bob Jordan, who lost the use of his legs more than two decades ago, golfs using a SoloRider golf cart and even made a hole-in-one five years ago at Brambleton.


tee box and towards the green, offered play-by-play.

"Looks good ... Looks real good ... My God, it's going in!"

Jordan asked why he was called for this article, saying, "I'm just a golfer."

Told that his story was inspirational and that not everyone in his situation would want to discuss what happened and its impact, you could practically hear him shrugging his shoulders.

"Well, you've got to keep getting up, no matter what," he replied. "Don't you?"

That's as good a bit of life advice as you'll ever hear. 

What exactly is Winter Kill on our Fairways?

Why did the grass die?

Much like summer drought, the windy and dry weather this past winter caused grass plants to die of dehydration and desiccation. Elevated or wind-exposed areas such as mounds and green and bunker banks were the most susceptible to desiccation injury. Dramatic swings in air temperature during January and February may have also killed some of the golf course turf.

What was different this winter?

Snow is great insulation and protection, and snow melt throughout winter helps keep the grass hydrated. The lack of snow cover this winter left the turfgrass unprotected from the relentless dry winds and extreme temperature swings.

Why is the course across town fine?

Winter desiccation injury is extremely variable. Generally, turfgrass in protected areas have fewer winterkill problems than exposed areas. Features that make turf management challenging during the heat of the summer, such as large trees, fences, and low areas, can shelter the turf and help reduce desiccation injury during winter.

Could anything have been done to prevent this winterkill?

Extremely laborious and expensive turf covers and winter watering likely helped on most greens, but these practices are practically and financially im-

practical on the rest of the golf course. Turf damage may still have occurred in spite of these preventative measures.

What's being done to aid recovery?

Thinned turf will recover slowly, but most courses will require overseeding to some extent. Golf course superintendents are using their experience and education to quickly repair and recover from the winterkill damage. Seeding will likely occur in a few weeks once soil temperatures increase and the risk fades of another hard frost. The new seedlings will need expert care to speed recovery and prepare the new plants for summer heat and drought stress.

How long will recovery take?

Recovery will largely depend on Mother Nature. Warm temperatures and ample rain will help accelerate recovery, but a cold and dry spring will hinder seed germination and slow recovery. Please be patient.

What can golfers do to help?

Please respect all cart rules and golf course signs. New seedlings can be easily killed by foot or golf cart traffic. Patience now will accelerate recovery and get your favorite course back to tip-top shape as quickly as possible.



Winter kill, which is not a fungus, will recover soon to a gorgeous green given time. Be patient this is coming.



2018 Turfgrass Winterkill Update

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**THANKS TO OUR AWESOME
MAINTENANCE STAFF, WE
AVOIDED 95% OF THE ISSUES
OTHER COURSES WILL
EXPERIENCE THROUGHOUT THE
SUMMER.**

The weather forecasts suggest that that warm weather has finally arrived to stay for much of Virginia and we can clearly assess just how much winter damage has occurred on our warm season turfgrasses. Reports on living or dead bermudagrass from turfgrass managers that pulled plugs and brought them inside to monitor greening have been quite mixed to this point. In a reversal of fortunes from our last significant winter damage season of the winter of 2014-15, much of eastern VA had snow cover in place during some of the most extreme winter weather of this winter season rather than central and SW Virginia. For the winter of 2017-18 the winterkill phenomenon is probably not caused by single low temperature events, but by the sustained period of almost two weeks of temperatures that never got above freezing at many locations over the last week of 2017 and the first week of 2018. Another possible contributor was record warm temperatures in February that were followed by a return to winter temperatures in March.

To date as we observe greening, damage is pretty consistent with where it's anticipated to occur: poorly drained soils, north-facing slopes, heavy traffic areas, fairways shaded by the tree lines etc. Damage and concerns are not isolated to Virginia as there are plenty of reports of winterkill throughout TN, GA, and the Carolinas. This is of special concern on ultradwarf bermudagrass greens throughout the upper transition zone of the south, particularly for facilities that did not have turf blankets (and we have significant damage to our covered experimental greens at our research site at Independence Golf Club, as well as some of the covered Champion putting greens on the championship course).

In general, the standard cold tolerant varieties that have withstood the test of time for cold tolerance in Blacksburg NTEP variety trials (Latitude 36, Patriot, Northbridge, Yukon, and Riviera) have certainly fared better than other varieties, but even some of these have been damaged at some locations. There are also new varieties like Tiftuf and some exciting experimentals that are soon to hit the market that are looking very promising as bermudagrasses that are adapted to Virginia's climate. These types of winters are always a reminder that genetics can and does become a factor in winter survival of bermudagrass in the Mid-Atlantic.

Besides the dead grass, what is most unfortunate about this loss of turf are the questions being asked of the turfgrass managers, with the primary one being "What did you do wrong?" The answer most likely is "nothing". Welcome to the reality of living in a transition zone state where you can grow just about any turfgrass, just not very well. In anticipation of winter damage and to prompt turfgrass managers to think about what they perhaps should or should not do on grass that might have been damaged, the turf team devoted its February VT Turfgrass Tuesday webinar topic to winterkill and we tag-teamed with NC State faculty Travis Gannon and Grady Miller. You can review this webinar here:

<https://youtu.be/d5k6bNWzw60>. However, we were only hypothesizing what we thought might have happened at that time. It turned out after that webinar that we had spring in February, revisited winter during March, and then went through the weather roller coaster ride that is April/early May in this state (70s one day, 40s the next).

Why does winterkill occur? There is an excellent on-line extension publication entitled Scouting for Bermudagrass Winterkill from our colleagues at Oklahoma State from a few years ago that does a great job defining why so much damage can occur at <http://turf.okstate.edu/news-files/scouting-for-bermudagrass-winter-kill-2014/>. In no particular order, here are the most important factors that I have seen during my travels across Virginia and testimonials from bermudagrass managers so far this spring.

Traffic. Damage is always most prominent on any turf stand in ANY winter that is heavily trafficked during the winter and spring, whether it be a soccer field or the entry /exit points to golf course fairways etc. Traffic not only wears down the protective cover of the warm-season canopy, it also increases soil compaction, reduces soil oxygen levels, restricts water movement etc. Heavy traffic and temperature extremes in an already challenging climate are a very effective combination for winterkill. One of the biggest hurdles seen is the expansion of our sporting seasons on these natural grass surfaces to almost 12 months of the year. This type of use in meeting the expectations of our clientele for golf and sports turf at essentially any time and any season is simply not realistic when one is talking about a biological entity expected to perform even under the harshest conditions.

Decreasing traffic on our fairways in late April was a key to why our course looks so good today. Thank you to everyone that understood why we were cart path only for a couple weeks when it was so dry. That sacrifice in April will pay major dividends for the rest of the golf season.

If you have had significant damage, what are you going to do now? First review what factors you think resulted in the loss of grass at your site. Is there anything that you can do differently (both turf management AND people management) that might improve your turf's performance in the future. Is bermudagrass the right grass for your situation? While bermudagrass remains a prominent golf and sports turf grass in our area in general, Mother Nature reminds us every so often that she is ultimately in charge in the transition zone. If you decide to convert to a cool-season grass, move very quickly if seeding and remember the challenges that you will face with weed pressure, water management, and the turf's upcoming use schedules for later this year. It would be highly advantageous to install a premium cool-season sod if you're committed to going in the cool-season direction.

If you return to bermudagrass for sports field or golf turf use, consider the use newer cold tolerant varieties. And be prepared to go with regressing as soon as possible. While mid-spring soil temperatures have typically been 2-3 weeks 'behind' our normal soil temperatures for this time of year, don't hesitate to get your warm season grasses established. Not knowing what kind of summer we are going to have, if one is going to err on the side of caution, it would be better to get seed or sprigs in the ground earlier rather than later this year. Sprigging at 800-1000 bushels per Acre rather than what we usually think of as our 'minimally acceptable standard' of 500 bushels per Acre can greatly assist in achieving complete coverage of bermudagrass as soon as possible (likely no more than 8 weeks in an average summer... whatever an average summer is anymore!). If you seed, prep the soil and be prepared to manage the irrigation and weeds. Use 0.5-1 lb of pure live bermudagrass seed per 1000 sq ft of our improved seeded varieties. If you would like to talk to Virginia Tech in more detail about how to utilize lower quality seeded bermudagrasses with the improved seeded varieties as a means of saving money and enhancing the rate of coverage, contact Mike Goatley to discuss the possible benefits of this approach based on our Virginia Tech research. For those of you pondering about whether or not a blanket might be a good investment at your facility, remember that you can use the more translucent turf blankets to assist you in grow-ins of both warm-season AND cool-season grasses, in addition to winter protection.

Finally, there is no doubt that sod installation of our warm season grasses is obviously the quickest way to restore the turf to its optimal condition. However, if you wish to go this route, be aware that some of our sod producers have had equal challenges with their production fields and not all grasses are as far along as they normally would be due to the challenges of the winter at their sites.

Thanks to Virginia Tech & the Virginia Turf Grass Council for always providing us with their insight. They are a huge tool our team uses every day.

Note from Josh...

Welcome to spring, finally. As we truly kick off our season, I wanted to use this letter to inform everyone about the current happenings at The Farm. We have purchased 100 new golf carts that we are extremely excited about. Due to production issues with Yamaha, these carts that were scheduled to arrive by the beginning of April have not showed by the beginning of May. We feel these new carts will add a new level of comfort to The Farm.

Looking back on this winter, it was one of the coldest I can remember. With those extreme lows, we saw our grass struggle. Over the years, we have converted all our fairways and a majority of our tees over to Bermuda grass. This grass is incredibly hardy during the summer, but it goes a dormant white during the winter. With the extreme freezing, some of our Bermuda grass was not able to survive. We stayed cart path only for most of the end of April in hopes that the Bermuda would have an easier time growing if there was not constant cart pressure on it. Our strategy worked greatly, and we are 95% grown in which is a huge improvement from where we thought we would be.

The only issue we had, was that we had some small patches in our fairways die, which is called spring dead spot. These areas were not able to survive the intense winter. For any reason if you find yourself in one of these circular white patches in the fairway, please take relief from it. We are actively trying to regrow Bermuda and taking a divot out of these areas would set our progress back.

As always, please let us know of anything you see on the course that you would like us to address. We are working hard to maintain our top course in Virginia ranking, so we need your help along the way. We look forward to serving you for the 2018 golf season. Thank you making Meadows Farms Golf Course your home course. We appreciate your business.

Sincerely,

Josh Dotson

General Manager



June Tournaments

Check our website for detailed information on all tournaments and leagues held here at the farm.






DATE & TIME

Friday **June 8th**
9AM | Check in begins at **8AM**

LOCATION

Meadows Farms Golf Course
4300 Flat Run Road
Locust Grove, VA 22508

**\$150 PER GOLFER
OR \$600 PER TEAM**

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WATERFALL



ISLAND



GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Fredericksburg Masonic Museum Assoc., Inc., is a 501 (c) (3) tax deductible organization. Proceeds from the tournament will go toward the maintenance costs of the 199-year-old historic Fredericksburg Masonic Lodge building in downtown Fredericksburg.

Contact: Bro. Jamie Snyder Tournament Coordinator
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June 29, 2018



The Longest Hole
in the United States
According to the
Guinness Book of World Records

8:00 a.m. Registration
9:00 a.m. Shotgun Start



Map 121 - 400 Yards - Par 6
Meadows Farms Golf Course
Locust Grove, Virginia

Visions of Africa Ministry's



Third Annual 

Charity Golf Tournament

When:

JUN 9 VOA Ministry's 3rd Annual Charity Golf Tournament
Public - Hosted by Visions of Africa Ministry

MAY 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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