



# Meadows Monthly

## Meadows Farms Golf Course

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

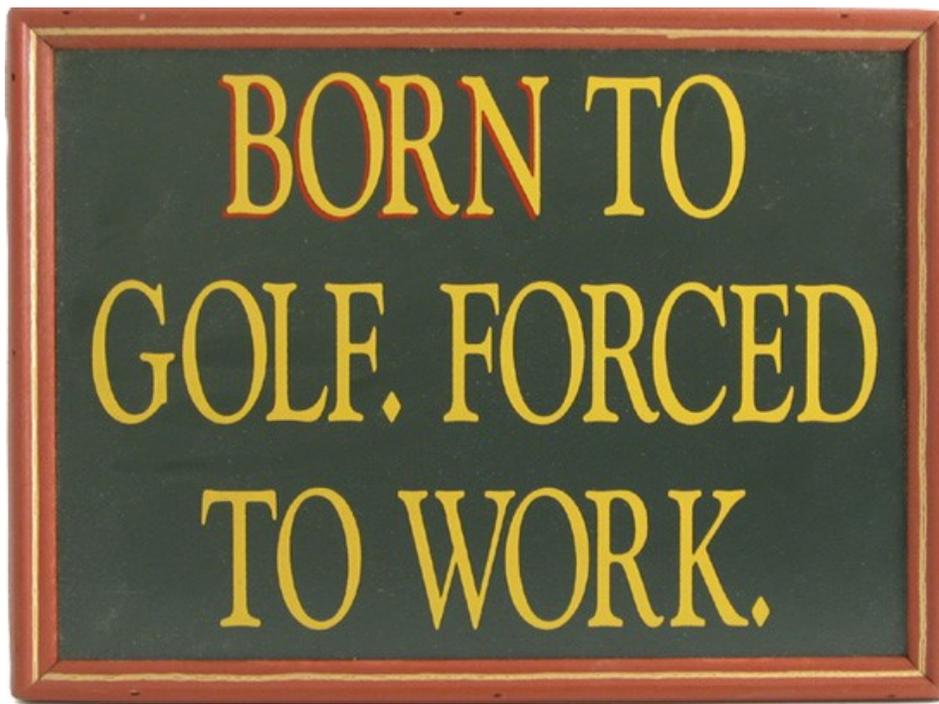
### LABOR DAY EVENTS

Labor Day is the unofficial end of Summer, and the official kick off of the best golf weather of the year.

This is the perfect opportunity to show off YOUR course to your friends and family who will be visiting. On Saturday, September 2nd, through Monday, September 4th, we are giving \$15 off our rack rate, per person, if you bring someone in your foursome who has not golfed the course in the past year. All 4 of you will get the special pricing as long as you bring a new guest. That is a \$60 savings.

So grab your friends and head out to The Farm for a day filled full of excitement. Tee times are filling up fast for this special so you will not want to pass up this offer to play Fredericksburg's Favorite Course.

Call (540) 854-9890 to book your tee time today



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## Upcoming Events:

### September

- 1- Accakeek Hunt Club
- 8- Orange Fire and Rescue
- 9- Kappa Sigma JHW Tourny
- 15-Sgt Mac Foundation
- 15-Desert Storm Veterans
- 17-Orange Free Clinic
- 23-Club Championship
- 24-Club Championship

### October

- 6-Corps Solutions
- 7-All Fur Animal Rescue
- 28-Superintendent's Revenge
- 29-Riverbend Wrestling

Kate Meadows and Dural Dawson were married on Saturday August 26, 2017. They were surrounded by over 200 family and friends at their "Nearly Perfect" Farm. We wish the Dawsons a life time of happiness as they move forward in the next chapter of their life. More pictures on pages 3 through 5.





Above: Kate Dawson plays with the animals at the petting zoo



Big Ben made the trip from the golf course to the Nearly Perfect Farm



Kate's Brother Jay walks her down the aisle



Fresh Produce including watermelons, cantaloupes, and veggies were given away to guests.

# Long Drive Champions: How far would you drive to play?

About 6 years ago, I read an article about the 10 must play holes every amateur should play. While most of them were recommended for the scenery, or because some pro had played the course, there was one that caught my attention because of the longest hole in the U.S.A. To try something so unique really interested me, and after a quick check of the map, I realized that I passed by this course on my way from Toronto to Myrtle Beach where I vacation every year. I decided that the next time we went down South, we would give it a try. However, it never seemed to work out. After three tries, I realized that the only way I was going to get to play the course was if I made a trip to Virginia specifically to play Meadows Farms. It was only a 10 hour drive, so I figured a long weekend was the perfect time to try the course. That summer, we loaded up the truck, and drove down to Fredericksburg on Friday with the plan to play golf on Saturday, and then drive back to Toronto on Sunday. It turned out that waiting 3 years was to our advantage, as the course had new owners and they were really working hard to improve the conditions of the course. This was evident after talking to some of the locals and the praise they had for the new owners, the Dotsons.

The one thing that we noticed right away was the very friendly and helpful staff. As it turned out, one of the people we met was Josh Dotson, one of the owners. Now I have been to South Carolina a lot and I'm familiar with southern hospitality, but this was so much more. From the moment you meet Josh, it's like meeting your old college roommate. You can talk to him about golf, football, baseball or the history and design of the course; he truly makes you feel welcome. The course itself was in great shape. There are tee boxes to suit everyone's game, and so many unique holes. Even if you don't play your best, you can't help but have a great time, and if you do play well, being able to tell everyone that you par-ed the longest hole in the USA is really something to brag about.

After we got back to Toronto, everyone continued to talk about what a great time we had. Whenever we talked to someone about our favorite course, or best golfing moments, we would always talk about the time at Meadows Farms. We enjoyed it so much from the moment we entered the clubhouse till the time we left, that we did the same trip again this year, and the course was in even better shape than the last time we played, as the Dotsons continue to make improvements. I know it won't be the last time we will play there. If you are ever in the Virginia area, no matter if you are on your way to the Carolinas or Florida, or like us, and make the trip just to play Meadows Farms golf course, I guarantee that you will be glad you took the time to give this one of a kind course a try, and be sure to say hi to Josh from the gang in Toronto.

-Doug Dell from Toronto, Canada





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5 Star Rating



# Online Ratings

Our online profile is one of the most important aspects of our business. Two years ago, our golfers rated us as one of the top 10 courses in the state of Virginia, and we would like to remain there. So many golfers go online and read ratings before choosing to spend their hard earned money on a round of golf. We are fortunate our golfers are spreading the word about how great the course is. Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to play the course this spring and give us your thoughts.

If you haven't rated us recently, please help us by going to Golf Advisor, Facebook, Yelp, or Google and letting us know what you think. If you had a great experience, let everyone know online. If you didn't, let the staff at Meadows know so we can make it right.

## Here's what our current customers said about the course in August:

Golf Reviews:

“First time I've ever played here and I'm wondering why it took me this long to come play here. The course has so many different variations from hole to hole. Water hazards, sand traps, straightforward holes, uphill, downhill valleys, blind tee shots, undulating greens, etc. You name it you got it here. Will definitely strongly consider making this place my home course.”

-aznjazon from Fredericksburg, VA Golf Advisor ★★★★★

“First Time playing Meadows Since new owners took over. All I can Say is they have done nothing short of AMAZING. The Improvements and condition of the facilities, and courses are outstanding. First 18 was so good we played another 18. Staff is friendly, helpful, and polite, made you feel like you were an old family friend. I cannot Recommend this place enough, other courses in the area could learn a lot from these folks. Fantastic Facilities and a Fair Price. Thank you Meadows for a really great day.” – Erik from Fredericksburg, VA Golf Advisor ★★★★★

# 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!

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 are 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!



Roy Clatterbuck and Trey Deal were the big winners of the 2017 Callaway Knupp Cup. Over \$1,000 was paid out in prize money.

**BECOME AN ADVANTAGE CARD MEMBER NOW! JUST \$49!**

**Save \$10 off Winter rates & \$5 off Summer rates. \$5.00 off VSGA handicap fee. 10% off range balls. Tournament Eligible. Valid for 12 months from purchase date! It pays you back every time you play at The Farm!**

# 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! Note: Any ties for #10<sup>th</sup> place at season end will go into a separate shootout at 3 pm on September 16<sup>th</sup> immediately preceding the Championship proper.

**The competition began March 26. If you have questions or would like to make sure you are included please see Josh Dotson in the golf shop or call 540-854-9890. Good luck to everyone!**

<b>2017 Skins Shootout</b>		
<b>Progressive Pot Amount of \$930 as of 8/28/2017</b>		
<b>Rank</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Points</b>
1st	Roy Clatterbuck	20
2nd	Adam Thurston	17
3rd	Nate Longfellow	17
4th	Tim Arbisi	15
5th	Craig Moranville	14
6th	Stan Sherman	14
7th	Darren Ritter	14
8th	David Carli	13
9th	Ken Wallace	12
10th	Donnie Allen	11
11th	Lloyd Knappenberger	11
12th	Todd Nash	9
13th	Adrian Updike	8
14th	Rand Southworth	7
15th	Landon Knappenberger	6
16th	Tim Bowers	4
17th	Gavin Ritter	4
18th	Alvin Carter	4
19th	Mike Smith	4
20th	Darwin Guyton	4

# 2017 Callaway Knupp Cup

This years tournament was a huge success, with over \$1,000 paid out in prize money. We had 25 teams compete on August 26, 2017. The first six holes the golfers played, Waterfall 1-6, was a two man scramble. Most teams were at or under par after the first six holes played. The next six holes were a little tougher. Waterfall 7 through 9 and Island 1 through 3 were best ball. The golfers had to play their own ball from tee to green and record the best score. The last six holes of the tournament were alternate shot. The object was to not give up the score you had recorded through the first 12 holes. Island 4 through 9 ended up being the deciding factor for the entire tournament.

After all 18 holes had been played, Roy Clatterbuck and his partner Trey Deal were victors at -1, with an overall score of 69. If not for a heartbreaking double bogey on nine, the second place team of Matt Rittenbaugh and Johnathan May would have been victorious as they shot one of the best back nines out of the entire field. As always, we paid through the field, so there were others that had giant pay days as well.

Congrats to Mark Zabel and Marlin Pike for finishing third as well as all our other golfers. This is an incredible tournament and we enjoyed hosting it as always.



Gross	Team Name	Starting	Waterfall									FRONT	Island									TOTAL	O/U	
			SCRAMBLE						BEST BALL				ALTERNATE SHOT											
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9			BACK
1	Clatterbuck & Deal	8:30	4	3	3	2	4	4	3	3	5	31	4	3	4	5	4	4	4	6	4	38	69	-1
2	May & Rittenbaugh	9:33	4	2	4	3	4	4	4	3	5	33	4	4	4	4	3	3	4	5	6	37	70	0
3	Zabel & Pike	9:51	4	3	5	2	4	3	3	3	5	32	4	3	5	5	2	4	4	5	6	38	70	0
4	Authair & Sherrill	9:06	4	3	4	3	4	4	3	3	5	33	4	3	4	5	4	4	5	5	4	38	71	1
5	Jarrell & Stern	8:57	4	3	4	3	4	4	4	3	5	34	4	3	4	4	3	4	5	6	4	37	71	1
6	Arbisi & Knappenberger	8:30	5	3	4	4	4	4	3	3	4	34	4	3	4	5	4	4	4	6	4	38	72	2
7	Lambert & Roberts	8:21	4	3	4	3	4	4	4	4	5	35	4	3	4	4	4	4	4	5	5	37	72	2
8	Clements & Vander Goot	8:12	4	3	4	3	4	4	4	3	5	34	4	3	4	4	4	4	5	5	5	38	72	2
9	Capozza & Dario	9:24	4	3	4	3	4	4	3	3	5	33	4	3	4	3	4	3	6	6	6	39	72	2
10	Sprinkle & Sprinke	8:57	4	3	4	3	5	4	3	3	6	35	4	3	4	5	3	4	5	5	5	38	73	3
11	Clevenger & Sherman	9:15	5	3	4	3	4	4	4	3	5	35	4	3	4	4	5	4	5	5	4	38	73	3
12	Brock & Smith	8:03	4	3	3	4	4	4	3	3	6	34	5	4	4	5	2	5	5	5	5	40	74	4
13	McCafferty & Rowan	9:33	4	3	4	3	4	4	4	3	5	34	5	3	5	7	3	4	4	6	5	42	76	6
14	Allen & Allen	9:51	4	3	4	3	4	4	4	3	6	35	4	3	4	5	3	5	6	7	5	42	77	7
15	Capozza & Best	9:24	5	3	4	3	5	4	4	3	7	38	4	3	5	5	3	4	5	5	7	41	79	9
16	Ritter & Ritter	9:15	5	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	5	37	5	3	3	5	4	5	6	6	6	43	80	10
17	Spurzem & Hensley	10:00	4	3	4	4	4	4	5	3	6	37	3	3	5	4	4	5	5	7	7	43	80	10
18	Cain & Cain	8:03	5	3	4	3	4	5	4	3	6	37	5	3	5	5	4	4	6	8	4	44	81	11
19	Baker & Baker	9:42	5	4	5	5	4	4	3	3	4	37	4	3	4	5	3	5	7	7	6	44	81	11
20	Canino & Scott	9:42	5	3	5	3	5	4	4	4	5	38	4	3	5	4	5	4	6	6	6	43	81	11
21	Fortin & Jennings	9:06	5	3	4	3	6	4	4	4	6	39	4	3	5	4	4	6	6	5	6	43	82	12
22	Avis & Niedringhaus	8:21	5	4	4	3	4	4	5	2	6	37	5	3	5	6	4	4	6	7	6	46	83	13
23	Pipoly & Speicher	8:48	6	4	6	5	4	5	5	3	6	44	4	2	4	7	4	5	5	6	4	41	85	15
24	Crum & Cozzi	8:48	5	3	5	3	5	4	4	4	6	39	5	5	6	4	2	5	6	6	7	46	85	15
25	Ruggieri & Ruggieri	8:12	4	4	5	6	5	5	5	4	6	44	4	4	6	5	5	5	5	7	5	46	90	20



# Meadows Farms Member Spotlight

“I have been an avid golfer most of my life, and now retired, have the luxury of playing close to 100 times a year. Our small band of guys have played many courses together over the last decade, but our search ended when we found the NEW Meadows Farms. We make the hour and a half round trip drive twice a week, because there is nothing comparable in the surrounding area. Meadows Farms is beautifully maintained and they are always making significant improvements to better your experience. The staff and grounds crew make everyone feel so welcome and always treat their guests with the utmost hospitality. It was without hesitation that we made the decision to become members, and have been more than satisfied with our decision. We would recommend Meadows Farms to anyone looking for a first-rate golf experience” says Gary Winkler of Warrenton.

When asked why he joined The Farm, Fred Gardner said, “Value, Value, and Value. Over the past three years, Josh, Scott and their team have made improvements throughout the course adding enjoyment to each round played. The people here take pride in serving each golfer and making each round one of the best. The cost of membership is the best in the Mid Atlantic Region.”

Jeff Lovins finished by saying, “Meadows Farms has been my favorite course for years because of its variety and uniqueness. Now with the major improvements and maintenance of the course, the golf is even more enjoyable. I guess I continue to come back because of the down-home friendliness of the staff. They really make you feel welcome here.”

We are happy to have Fred, Gary, and Jeff as members. They were part of the initial group of members that believed in us enough to buy a membership in our first year of ownership. We will forever be grateful for their support of the course.



(Pictured Left to Right: Gary Winkler, Jeff Lovins, & Fred Gardner)



# Scott's Corner

Was last month's prediction correct? Did the 15th of August weather change come true? Not so much - the whole month proved to thwart the pending warmest summer on record! It also prompted me to aerify the greens which raised a lot of eyebrows within the industry and for one other reason, most of our summer help was leaving for the 2017/18 school year the following week.

The aerification went well Monday till the storm hit that evening and left us with only two greens to finish. Waking up Tuesday (from The Cottage on The Greens) and making a damage assessment was, to say the least, disappointing. Wednesday the team started up again only to find the greens super saturated from Monday's storm that resulted in a huge delay opening the second 9! Just ask Josh how Thursday morning went with \$1 a hole, great weather and great course conditions and only one nine open! We managed to complete the punching and clean up on Longest by 2:30 Thursday and topdressing, brushing and rolling completed by 5! A good day in my book.

The next few days will involve seeding select spots in the greens, over seeding the collars (greens grade seed) and approaches as well as select tees. Please note that some Tees will not be over seeded due to type of Bermuda grass that just cannot stand the process. **Please note: sanding divots on tees is best left to your greens team through the winter...on the non-over seeded tees a sand box will be provided.**

Remember to always fix your **Ball Marks** especially during the healing process! Statistically only 8% of all recreational golfers can *routinely* hit the green so feel proud you are one of the few and provide future guests with an already awesome golf course!

-Scott Caskie, Superintendent



Scott Caskie, Superintendent, runs the aerator across the greens

Other employees push the harvested cores to the edge of the green

Several people shovel the cores into golf carts to be removed from the green

# FREE TIP OF THE MONTH



## Remove Shoe To Crush Your Driver

Here's a tip to try that will help you really crush your tee shots with your driver. Next time you're on the practice range and/or warming up, hit a few shots with your right shoe off. (For right handed golfers) This will make you a little lower on your trail side and will cause you to "load up" on the right side of your body. You will get better weight transfer through your golf swing.

# Master of None: Reflecting on a lifetime without an ace

I've pretended to be thrilled for my friends. Through gritted teeth, I've added jovial comments to social media posts, and I have faked enthusiasm for all the latest in mahogany plaques. But dang it, I just can't pretend any longer: No, I'm not happy you made a hole-in-one. No, I don't want to hear the details. No, I don't even want a free drink...unless I can splash it in your face. I hate every one of you who has made a hole-in-one. I'm not jealous; it's much deeper than that—I'm bitter.

In case you can't tell by now, I've never made an ace. I've never even seen one. On two separate occasions friends in the group in front of me have dunked one, but I had no view of either. One time at the old Kemper Open I followed Phil Mickelson for most of his round, then took a quick detour into the gents, during which he promptly made a hole-in-one. The roar of the crowd made my Porta-Potty vibrate.

Did you know that there are some 128,000 aces made every year? (Not by me, obviously.) Or that three-year-old Jake Paine scored a hole-in-one on a 65-yarder in Lake Forest, Calif.? Or that Harold Stilson was 101 years old when he jarred a 108-yard 4-iron? Now, I'm not saying that Jack or Harold didn't deserve their ace, but c'mon! The more you dig into it the crazier the stories become. To wit: An Englishman named Robert Taylor once aced the 189-yard 16th hole at Hunstanton Golf Club in Norfolk three days in a row. At a long-ago corporate outing a novice golfer named David Terpoilli shot a nifty 193 at Whitemarsh Country Club that somehow included an ace on the 128-yard 16th. Oh, the humanity! These days aces on par 3s have become so mundane that folks are routinely making them on par 4s and even some 5s. I recently read about a fellow named Shaun Lynch, who knocked in his tee shot on the 496-yard 17th hole at the Teign Valley Club in Christow, England. It's a sharp dogleg, but still.

I once moaned to Mickelson about my rotten luck in never having made a hole-in-one, and he offered some sage advice: "Try hitting it closer to the hole." Thanks, dude, but Ben Hogan might be the most precise iron player of all-time and he is reputed, in his lifetime, to have never enjoyed an ace during competition. Meanwhile, a gluttonous weekend hacker named Norman Manley—sorry, Norman—has made 59 of them, according to the National Hole-In-One Registry. So clearly there is more at work here. Mac O'Grady, the former PGA Tour pro from outer space, once observed, "A hole-in-one is amazing when you think of the different universes this white mass of molecules has to pass through on its way to the hole." Indeed.

Just the other day I heard about 99-year-old C.D. Madsen, who had made the first ace of his life. I suppose the glimmer of hope it offered should have cheered me, but really, it just made me morose. Am I, too, gonna have to wait another half-century for my shining moment? Nevertheless, I reached out to C.D., who has been a member of Marin Country Club, in Novato, Calif., for the past 57 years. Citing his poor hearing, he preferred to correspond by e-mail. C.D. is a World War II veteran who didn't take up golf until his 40s, after his construction business had begun to thrive. He still plays a few days a week and is beloved around Marin C.C. for his sunny disposition. I tried to get him to wax poetic about his ace, which came on the 108-yard, par-3 16th, with a 6-iron. I tried to goad C.D. into imparting some Yoda-like wisdom that would help me in my quest. Bless his heart, he wasn't having it.

"It was just luck," he said.

This article was written by [Alan Shipnuck](#) for Golf Magazine



### *Note from Josh...*

As tournament season approaches, we have several people that always call and ask if we are holding a tournament on the day they would like to play. The fear is, that a tournament will hold up their round of golf, so they chose to take their business somewhere else.

Here are the facts: we have a 27 hole facility here, so that means we have at least 9 holes completely free of tournament play at all times. Most tournaments average around 50 participants, which only takes up 8-9 holes on our course. We have some of the best starters, marshals, and upper management in the game, so when you book your tee time, we do everything in our power to make sure from the time you tee off, until you make your last putt, you play in less than 4:30 hours.

For any reason, if you feel your round was impeded, we will do everything to make it right. Our biggest fear is when you take your business elsewhere, it hurts us in the long run. If only one foursome chooses not to play our course on a Friday because of a tournament, we lose on average \$130 for that one tee time. Just in September and October, that could amount to well over \$1,000 in revenue we lose from just one foursome. If that is multiplied over several groups, it adds up very quickly.

If you play here regularly, you know that every dollar we make goes directly into making the course better for our customers. Just this month, a new bulkhead is being installed on Waterfall 1 tee. So next time you decide not to play because we are hosting a small outing, please give us the chance to show you how enjoyable your round will still be. Or, come out and play nine holes on our wide open nine. You won't regret your decision to play at The Farm in September.

See you soon,

Josh Dotson

General Manager



# FLASH BACK

**Unique golf course reflects the man who built it : Bill Meadows carved out '19' holes, one for warm-up, in Virginia. The 12th is the longest in the country.**

## Los Angeles Times

September 15, 1994

LOCUST GROVE, Va. — Bill (Farmer) Meadows has always had a fix on his own nature.

When he was 21, he played golf once and knew he would become obsessed.

But he wanted to accomplish some other things in life. So he didn't pick up another golf club for 35 years.

When he finally did, about three years ago, he went at it in his usual way, which is to say headlong. He hit hundreds of golf balls every day for a month before ever playing a round. A year after that, he decided he wasn't content playing other people's courses. He had to build his own.

It would be cheaper to play than most courses. The people would be friendlier. Every hole had to be unique. And, of course, it had to have the longest golf hole in America.

No. 12 at Meadows Farm Golf Course, carved out of the Virginia countryside near where James Madison lived, stretches 841 yards. Down a hill. Over a lake. Dogleg right. Up another hill. Over another lake. Paragraph mark.

Then past a sand trap shaped like a three-leaf clover. And up onto a green that is nearly half a football field long.

Par is six.

Twenty-nine more feet and the hole would have been half a mile long.

"How could I have been so stupid not to see that," says Farmer--no one calls him Mr. Meadows. "I think I'm a pretty good promoter, but I screwed that up."

Not to worry. The course, which opened in April, 1993, already attracts golfers from distant reaches. They come, the curious and the devout, past mobile homes and down a dirt road, as if making pilgrimages to a religious site.

To its adherents, golf is a form of mysticism. Its best players talk about reading books on Zen. The best book on the subject, "Golf in the Kingdom," is a work of philosophy. In short, golf is as much an obsession with mental discipline as a sport. Which means it was tailor-made for Farmer. (Continued on next page)

Like the golf course he built, Farmer's life is a testament to the spirit of a man with the confidence and the means to make things the way he wants.

After coaching high school football for 10 years, Farmer turned a summer roadside fruit stand and nursery business into what claims to be the largest privately owned nursery company in the country. The revenues of his 21 Meadows Farms Nurseries last year, Farmer says, were \$22 million.

When he took to building a golf course, Farmer wanted three things to be different. First, each hole had to be unique. "Most designers have this idea in their minds of the perfect golf hole. Then they go out and build it 18 times."

For ideas, Farmer bought \$2,000 worth of glossy coffee table golf books, cutting out things he liked.

Four of the five architects he interviewed refused to attach their name to the sort of freak real estate he proposed. But the fifth, designer Bill Ward, signed on.

The course has 19 holes, one for warm-up.

It has "church pew" bunkers, like the eight famous ones at Oakmont, Pa., that not only resemble long, narrow church pews but are about as easy to get out of. Farmer's course has 18 of them.

It has "bounce bunkers," sand traps with wooden planks in the middle so a ball will ricochet off--in unpredictable directions.

It has an island green in the middle of a lake.

And it has a hole that resembles one of the most famous in golf: Augusta National's peninsula green held up by a rock wall lined by azaleas. Here Farmer himself built the 210-ton wall by hand, with uncut stones and no cement, using skills taught him by an Italian-trained bricklayer from his nurseries.

Once he had the design, Farmer wanted the price of a round to be cheap. Playing 18 holes on a good course today can cost \$50 to \$100.

His fee is \$25, including the cart.

"Most places spend \$1 million on the clubhouse and \$300,000 paving the cart path," he says. Farmer's clubhouse is two mobile homes. The cart paths are gravel.

The third difference is everyone says "thank you" a lot. "People at most golf courses are on the brink of being rude."

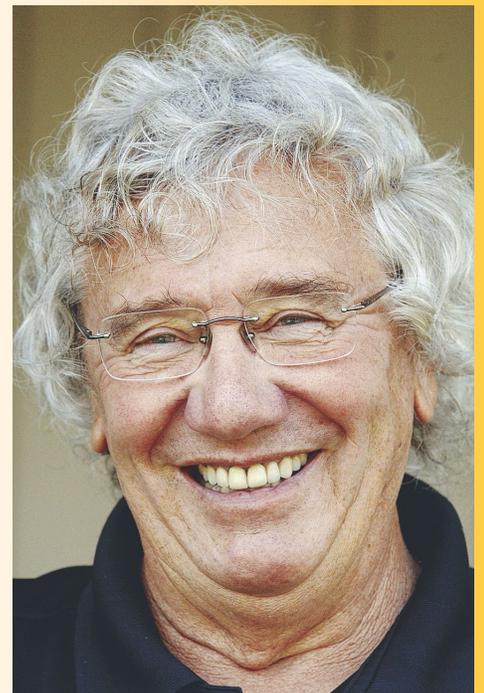
Then there is The Hole.

Farmer wanted it to be the longest in the world. That distinction belongs to 948 preposterous yards at Koolan Island in Australia, a hole that uses an airport runway for part of the fairway. You can play it only when no planes are landing.

Then there was the United States Golf Assn., which wouldn't sanction anything longer than par six.

Lacking the extra hundred yards and hoping some day for a pro tournament, Meadows had to settle, in this case for the American record. Yet as anyone who plays a round of golf with Farmer learns, having to play by the rules is not something he takes to.

On the 16th fairway, Farmer moves his ball forward off the cart path, a violation of the Rules of Golf. "I know you're not supposed to move the ball closer to the hole when you're fixing your lie," he explains. "But I'm not accustomed to moving backward."



# WE ARE NOT BEING AUCTIONED OFF

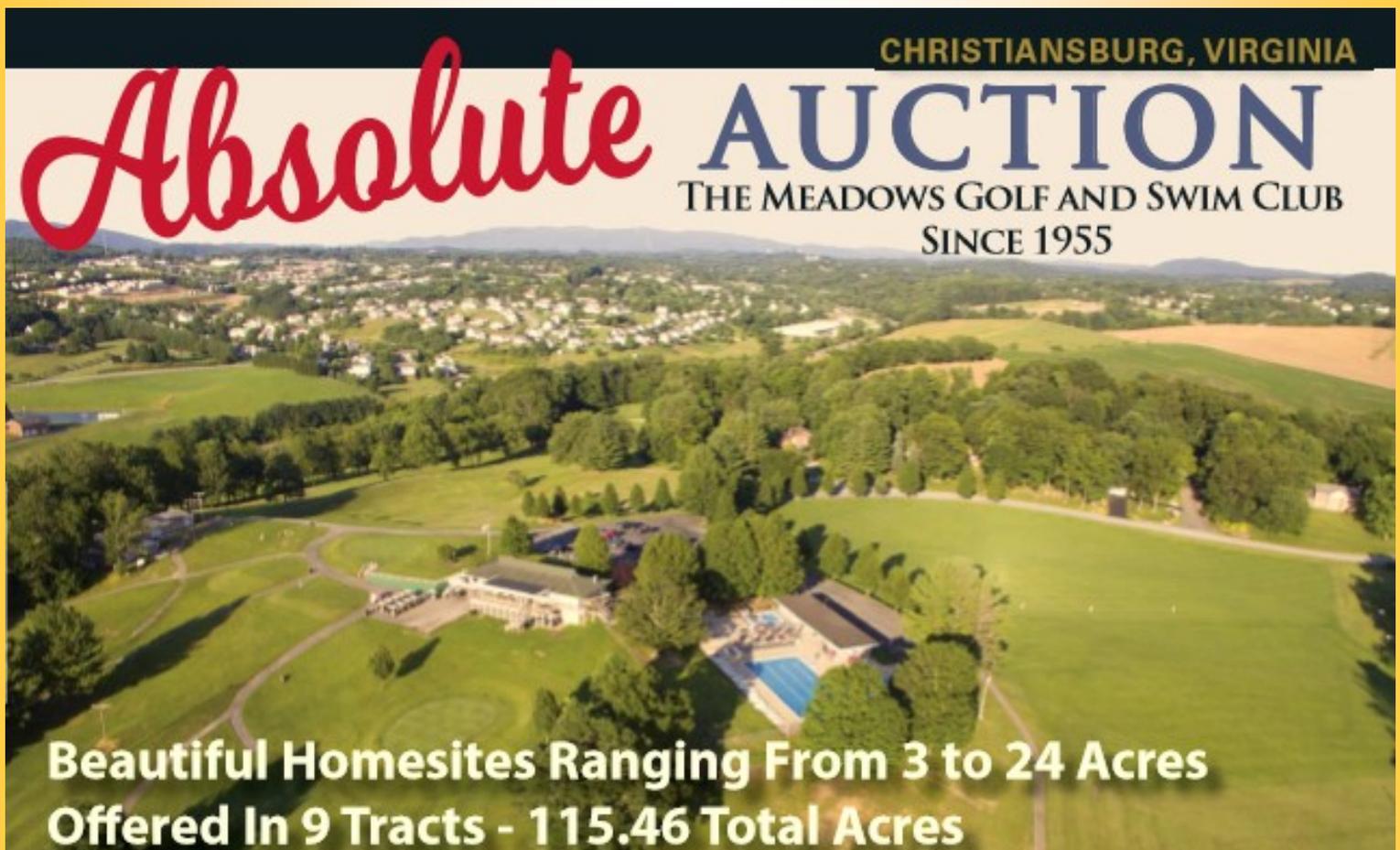
We have had several customers call and say that they heard Meadows Farms Golf Course was being auctioned, which is not true. We have invested heavily to make sure Meadows Farms Golf Course is positioned to be the best course in Virginia for years to come.

The rumors began when a course in Christiansburg, VA named “The Meadows Golf and Swim Club” closed down. Their course is set to be auctioned on September 12, 2017. After years of financial issues, and a member buyout, the club could not sustain itself any longer and has to be auctioned off.

The sad reality, is that this has been common nature in the golf business. It has become the norm for courses to close their doors and sell the land off to developers who want to build houses where pristine greens once rested.

We hope you feel comfort in knowing that the Dotson family purchased this course for the sole purpose of running it as a golf course. The course is a huge asset not only for Orange County, but for the surrounding areas as well. We provide a forgiving golf course with some of the best conditions in the area. With your support, we want to continue reinvesting in the course for years to come.

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