

MAY 2010



The Courses at Fort Meade

NEWSLETTER:

We will be posting a new monthly newsletter in an effort to keep our patrons informed. Should you have any request about certain topics, please contact rick.aleshire@us.army.mil

GOLF COUNCIL

Monthly Golf Council meeting is held the second Thursday of each month at 3 p.m. Next Council Meeting: May 13th. Everyone is invited to attend!

TOURNAMENTS

We are now accepting reservations for the 2010 Tournament Calendar. Please contact Doug Dehner, Tournament Coordinator to set up your event. (301) 677-5239.

Registered Hole-in-ones

Richard Stevens

5/6/2010

Hole # 7	Parks
154 yards	9 iron

www.ftmeadegolf.com
6800 Taylor Avenue
301 - 677 - 4333



Rules: U Grooves vs. V Grooves

Director of Golf, Rick Aleshire, PGA

Hiding behind the Tiger Woods Lifetime Special was the effect of the USGA's ruling on 'U' Grooves for irons and wedges. Unfortunately, the news being presented is how this ruling affects Tour Players but not us, the average golfer. If you plan on playing in a PGA Tour Event or one of the three Open Championships, you must conform to the new 'V' grooves now. For any other USGA event, like section events, think the Maryland Open, you will need to change to 'V' Grooves by 2014.

For the rest of us:

We are good to use Non-Conforming 'U' grooved irons and wedges until at least 2024. In my opinion, as a player and an instructor there is no question that the sharper square grooves help me and all of you. Thus, I highly recommend using the Non-conforming wedges and irons for as long as the USGA allows. The added spin around the greens and on your approach shots can only help your game. The only issue is that at the end of this year all Golf Companies must ship their Non-conforming clubs out of their warehouses or destroy any left over. The general public will not have the ability to order New Non-Conforming wedges or irons ever again starting in 2011.

Maintenance

Head Superintendent, Mike Doetzer

Green Relocation

Project to relocate the green on Applewood #7 was declined. The Fort Meade Legal Department determined that the scope of the project did not allow funding for the relocation of the green. We had hoped that the decision was going to be in our favor allowing Applewood #7 to be the finishing hole and giving walkers an easier trip back to the clubhouse.

Construction Update

The contractor started work for the repaving of the cart path on #7/8 Applewood and is finishing the grading of all areas affected. The cart path will be relocated to the right side of the green to make room for the widened Taylor Ave.

PORTA POTS

Lately there has been a few requests for additional Porta Pot on the course. Unfortunately this is not within the Fiscal budget and is not an option for this year. Next year we will do our best to ensure that an additional Porta Pot is included in the budget

Food & Beverage

F/B Manager, Kim Gunderman

FREE Coffee! For Members on Thursdays (must present Membership card)

Soul Food Night – June 16

Mexican Night – July 21

Golf Food Fact: The first soup was made of hippopotamus! The earliest archeological evidence for the consumption of soup dates back to 6000 BC and it was hippopotamus soup! Sounds YUMMY!

Director