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The Courses at Fort Meade

NEW 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 meetings are held the second Thursday of each month at 3 p.m. Next Council Meeting Nov 12th, 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.

GOLF COURSE FACTS

Applewood Course
18-Hole Par 72 Yards 6,614
Rating: 71.4 Slope 123 Designed by

William F. Gordon
Opened for play 1939

Parks Course
18-Hole, Par 72 Yards 6,779
Rating: 71.7 Slope 124
Designed by George Cobb
Opened for play 1954

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Maintenance and Frost Delays

*Golf Course Superintendent
Mike Doetzer*

While the majority of golfers store their clubs away during the winter months, many continue to play during the cold weather. The fact is, winter play is hard on a golf course! It is a challenge for the golf course Superintendent to manage the course in a way to minimize damage and accommodate all those who want to play. We all want a golf course this is in great shape for opening day next spring, don't we? One of the most controversial policies concerning winter play management is Frost Delays. From a player's perspective, it is frustrating to arrive at the course for a 8am tee time and have wait until 10am to play. But all must understand that it is important to restrict all play until the frost has thawed. When grass is frosted, the fluids inside the plant form ice. When traffic goes over the turf in this condition, the grass blades snap off, damaging the turf. Traffic on frosted turf will result in brown footprints and cart tracks that will not recover until well into the spring. For these reasons play must be delayed until all frost has melted. Our staff monitors the turf every morning. Our goal is to open the courses as early as possible without causing any permanent damage to the turf stand. We ask that you exercise patience during these necessary delays.

Golf Operations

Head Golf Professional, Jason West, PGA

As December 31st continues to roll upon us as the deadline for redeeming the gift certificate, preparations have been made to allow redeeming much easier this fall. I have been working on clothing selection, golf club opportunities and other valuable accessories to make these decisions easier for you. For the Men, I have created a very consistent choice of golf shirts, both short sleeve and long sleeve, with a competitive price range. Also, for the cooler days that are ahead of us; slacks, sweaters, vests, pullovers and full-zip jackets have been made available. This fall the women will find some fresh new styles and opportunities: golf shirts, both short-sleeve and long-sleeve. Also available: slacks, thermal pullovers, jackets, footwear and all other golfing accessories can be found throughout the Golf Shop. Redeeming your gift certificate this fall season will be fun and exciting with all the new items in the Fort Meade Golf Shop. If you have any questions on styles, sizes or availability, please stop in and see me in the Golf Shop.

Food & Beverage

F/B Manager, Kim Gunderman

FREE COFFEE every Tuesday from 0800-1100 for all patrons with a membership card. Now offering specials 7 days a week!

Turkey for Thanksgiving?

There is only one written account of the First Thanksgiving and Turkey isn't mentioned. Duck and venison was most likely the diner enjoyed as well as Seafood, Cabbage, Onions, Corn and Squash. Cranberry and mashed potatoes were not even invented yet.

New Courses

Director of Golf, Rick Aleshire
Project Validation Assessment (PVA)

The PVA draft is now under review and will be submitted for the final draft. This will happen as early as next week. This is an important step in securing funds for the new courses. The PVA is very well written and covers all areas, showing the necessity of keeping golf here at Fort Meade. All aspects are covered in detail to include: past/current operations, market, projections, new golf course design, new clubhouse design, BRAC impact, economy and the future of golf as recreation. In my opinion we make a refutable argument to build these new courses.

FISCAL Year 2009 Review

Many challenges were faced this past year: hole closure, driving range closure, road closure, power outages and loss of the beautiful trees along Taylor Avenue. It is no surprise that these challenges produced a loss in activity and revenue.