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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. Every one is invited to attend.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE:

Monthly Calendars featuring upcoming Tournaments, course maintenance and outside events are available in the Pro Shop. Pick up your copy and start planning your golfing days!

18 HOLE vs. 27 HOLE:

After much discussion it has been decided that The Courses at Fort Meade will remain a 27 hole golf course. We appreciate all the feedback and concern about this decision. The staff will continue to make your concerns a #1 priority.

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NEW Course Information

Director of Golf: Rick Aleshire, PGA

Maryland Department of Environment (MDE) Meetings:

We discussed the control and collection of the methane gas produced from the landfill. We have 2 capped landfills located on the site. These 2 sites seem easy to deal with. However, the third landfill is uncapped and will involve more work. In the end a model will need to be presented and approved by MDE. The Fort Meade Environmental team and the golf course architect have solutions to these problems. More to follow.

New Golf Course Site- Walking the new golf course site was a very rewarding experience for me. Seeing first hand what issues need to be dealt with is entirely different than seeing it from an aerial, map or car side view. The area is beautiful with a lot of vegetation, carry areas, rolling hills, lakes and streams. The main reason for going to the site was to determine the actual 'wetland' areas. Golf Course architect, Kevin Tucker is not in Total agreement with the Corp of Engineers on their assessment of wetland areas. We can request that the wetlands be remapped. This may result in more land for course use and less mitigation, but could also have the reverse effect in that they may find more wetland areas. I feel confident in what Kevin is trying to do and will be meeting with him to further discuss golf hole and clubhouse designs.

Maintenance

*Golf Course Superintendent
Mike Doetzer*

No one likes core cultivation (aeration). From a player's point of view it is disruptive to the golf schedule, makes for bumpy greens and for a time makes playing conditions a bit poor. For a maintenance staff it involves a lot of work. If it wasn't so important to the health of the turf, we would never do it. The benefits the course receives are many. To name a few: compaction relief, thatch control, increased rooting, reduced chance of disease, insect control and a generally healthier plant. As we core cultivate and vertical mow, we will also overseed with perennial ryegrass. My commitment to you is to accomplish these operations as efficiently as possible and return our courses to great playing condition. Please excuse our mess while we accomplish this necessary operation.

Golf Operations

Head Golf Professional, Jason West, PGA

At Fort Meade there are tee times for everyone. The Parks course allows those players looking for an 18-hole round, satisfaction. While the patrons are on the Course, we have an additional 9-holes for those who don't have enough time or are just learning the game. The rotations have been set up to maximize everyone's needs. Monday - Sunday we have created times for the course to be available through-out the day. Those players who tee off the front 9 are allowed to continue their round in a normal fashion. On the Back 9 we allow players to tee off for the first hour and a half. The players who play the Back 9 first will turn to the Applewood Course to finish their round. Applewood's tee times are also for the first hour and a half, then the course is blocked off for 2 hours. This allows the players to complete their 9 hole round and also allows for players that come off the Back 9 to complete their 18 holes. The pace of play is always smooth to ensure a timely round. So make your reservation today!

Food & Beverage Specials

Now offering specials 7 days a week! FREE COFFEE beginning Oct 1 from 0700-1100 during Wacky Wednesday's for all patrons with a membership card. In Oct we will be featuring more grab n' go food like salads, wraps, chili and soups. Come check us out!