

SCOTCH MEADOWS COUNTRY CLUB

* HAPPY *
New Year

Newsletter
JANUARY 2026

2026



BRACKET & MATCH PLAY FORMAT

- Individuals will be placed into a handicap-based bracket system.
- Each week, players will be assigned one match against their bracket opponent.
- Opponents may schedule their weekly match at any mutually agreed-upon time during the week.
- All matches must be completed by Sunday.
- Each Sunday, brackets will be updated, results will be recorded, and new matches will be posted for the following week.
- This series will continue on a weekly basis until an overall champion is determined.



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2026 Pro Shop Hours

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January - March
Monday - Sunday 8 am - 5 pm

Please call the Pro Shop to check on weather delays before coming out

2026 Office Hours

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Monday - Thursday 9 am - 4 pm
Friday - Sunday CLOSED



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A Message from the General Manager

Mike Norton

I wish to express my sincere gratitude to the entire membership of Scotch Meadows for your invaluable support and assistance throughout 2025. While the past year presented its share of challenges, I am confident that through your continued engagement and the dedicated efforts of our staff, we will ensure a significantly more successful 2026.

Course Maintenance Update

The maintenance team has begun essential work on the course infrastructure.

- **Bunker Renovation:** We are currently edging and repairing bunkers in preparation for adding new sand. This initiative is designed to enhance playability and improve the overall aesthetic appeal of these course features. We anticipate adding sand to the necessary bunkers in February.
- **2026 Planning:** We are finalizing the comprehensive agronomy plans and budgets for the greens, tees, fairways, and rough to establish the strongest possible conditions for the upcoming 2026 season.

Pro Shop and Tournament Schedule

A complete tournament schedule for both members and outside play has been finalized for the year. See attached schedule. Tournament Schedule is subject to change as more tournaments are added.

Member Tournament Series

This season introduces a new points-based system for participating members. Points will be awarded for participation, winning, and final finishing positions in each event. The year will conclude with a dedicated Members' Tournament Series Banquet to celebrate the top performers. A current leaderboard will be updated and posted monthly in the Pro Shop.

Upcoming Event: Scotch Meadows Match Play

The inaugural event of the series, the Scotch Meadows Match Play tournament, begins the week of January 18.

- This is a handicap match play tournament open to both men and women.
- All participants will be placed into a bracket.
- Matches must be completed between Sunday and Saturday of each round; players are responsible for coordinating their tee times with their opponents.

Please contact the Pro Shop at your earliest convenience to sign up for this event. A complete list of all 2026 tournament dates has been attached for your reference.

Cold Weather Precautions

A golf course frost delay suspends play because walking or driving on frosty grass freezes and crushes the delicate grass blades, causing significant, visible damage that can take weeks to heal, even if the frost looks light or you can't see it at home; courses delay tee times until the sun melts the ice crystals, protecting the turf for future play, a decision made conservatively due to microclimates and the fragile nature of closely mown grass.

Why Frost Delays Happen

Brittle Grass: Frost is frozen dew that can form inside grass cells, making them brittle and easily crushed by foot traffic or golf carts.

Damage is Invisible: Crushing frozen cells damages the plant, creating brown or dead tracks that appear days later and can last a long time.

Microclimates: Frost can form on some parts of a course (especially shaded areas) even if it's clear at your house, and temperatures as high as 39°F (4°C) can cause frost in certain conditions, notes Chimera Golf Club.

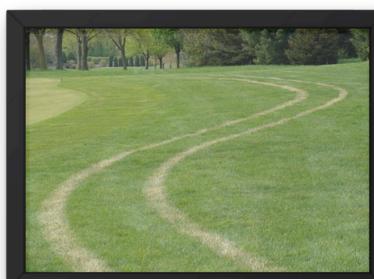
Closely Mown Turf: Putting greens and tee boxes are most vulnerable due to their short height and high traffic.

What to Do During a Delay

Check Course Status: Call the pro shop or check the course website before leaving home.

Stay Off Turf: Do not use practice greens, chip areas, or drive carts on any part of the course until it's officially open.

Wait Patiently: The delay can range from minutes to hours as maintenance staff clear frost and catch up on other prep work.



Ryan Kells Completes USGA GAP Program and Earns Commercial Spray License

Scotch Meadows Country Club is proud to recognize Ryan for successfully completing the USGA Greenskeeper Apprentice Program (GAP) and earning his commercial spray license.

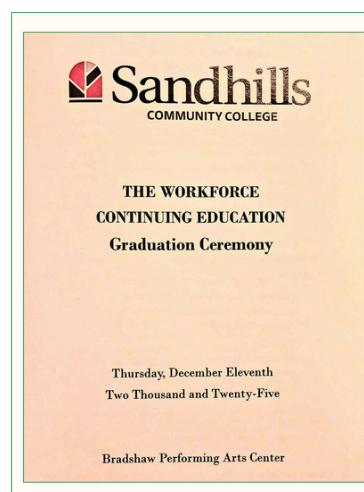
Ryan began the GAP program in December of last year, attending coursework at Sandhills Community College while gaining hands-on experience in golf course maintenance. After months of dedication and daily travel, he officially graduated from the program on December 11th.

As part of his professional development, Ryan attended the annual Greenskeeper Conference in Myrtle Beach in early December. The conference provided opportunities to participate in educational seminars, connect with industry professionals, and explore the latest equipment and innovations in golf course management.

During the conference, Ryan also completed the commercial spray license examination, passing with outstanding results.

Ryan now serves as an Assistant Superintendent in training at Scotch Meadows Country Club, bringing valuable skills and certification to the maintenance team. His accomplishments strengthen the club's commitment to excellence in course care and provide additional support to the superintendent staff.

Scotch Meadows CC congratulates Ryan on his achievements and looks forward to his continued growth within the organization.



Christmas Par 3 Tournament Recap & Looking Ahead to 2026

Submitted by Jessica Norton

Our Christmas Par 3 Tournament was a great success and a fantastic way to wrap up the season at Scotch Meadows Country Club. We hosted 13 teams, and the day was filled with fun, friendly competition, and plenty of holiday spirit.

Congratulations to our tournament winners, Dennis and Wendell Hunt, on an outstanding performance. Thank you to everyone who participated and helped make this event such an enjoyable experience for all.



1st Place: Wendell Hunt & Dennis Hunt
2nd Place: James Whitley & Joel Hartwell



3rd Place: William Stanfield & Patrick Bullard

As we move into 2026, we are excited to expand our tournament schedule and bring even more competitive and engaging events to the course. Plans include a mix of member-only tournaments as well as events open to everyone, giving all golfers an opportunity to get involved.

One of our key goals for the upcoming year is to host a two-man tournament each quarter. The top three teams from each event will earn a spot in our end-of-year Championship Tournament, raising both participation and competition throughout the season. We encourage players to keep an eye out for upcoming sign-ups and register as early as possible, as spots are expected to fill quickly.

We are also open to co-hosting tournaments. If you or someone you know represents a cause or organization interested in partnering with us for a tournament, we would love to hear from you.

For more information or to discuss ideas, please reach out to

Mike Norton at gm@scotchmeadowscountryclub.net

We look forward to another exciting year of golf and thank you for being part of our Scotch Meadows community!

Member Information & Requests

Bag Room & Locker Cleanout:

We will be proceeding with Bag Room & Locker cleanout in January. Now is the time to make sure you label anything in the bag room that belongs to you.

If you have a locker, please let Helen know which locker # you are using so that we do not disturb your belongings. The people listed below have been charged for a locker but we do not know what # locker you have.

Barringer, Donald
Hasty, Elizabeth
Lassiter, Joe
Murphy, Mark
Nichols, Charles 'Dean'
Stang, Richard

Thank you for all your help with these items!!

If you have any questions or concerns, please email us at:

membership@scotchmeadowscountryclub.net



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JAN. - MARCH

Jan. 18 Winter Match Play Series ✓
Feb. 14 Couples Valentine Tournament
Feb. 21 Two Man Scramble
Mar. 6 Glow Golf
Mar. 14 Opening Day Season Scramble ✓
Mar. 21 Gala Tournament
Mar. 28 Chris Aubrie Tournament

APRIL - JUNE

April 17 Tri County Seniors
April 18 Huckabee Grove Tourn. ✓
Apr. 25-26 Member-Member Tournament ✓
May 5-6 HOSPICE
May 16 Two Man Best Ball ✓
May 24 Parent-Child Scramble ✓
Jun. 13-14 Member-Guest Invitational ✓
June 20 Fresh Manna Church



2026 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

✓ = MEMBERS ONLY

JULY - SEPT.

Jul. 11 Three Man Scramble
Jul. 25 Glow Golf
Aug. 15-16 Club Championship ✓
Sept. 5 Two Man Scramble
Sept. 25 Mixed Couples Scramble

OCT. - DEC.

OCT. 17 LADIES CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP ✓
OCT. 23-24 LIVE LIKE MADISON
NOV. 7 TWO MAN PAR 3 ✓
NOV. 14 PRESIDENT CUP MATCHES ✓
NOV. 21 MEMBER TOURNAMENT SERIES BANQUET ✓
DEC. 5 HOLIDAY CHARITY TOURNAMENT