



# Newsletter

**MORE THAN  
JUST  
GREAT GOLF!**

April 2004

## Welcoming the 2004 Golf season

We are all happy to see good snow-cover this winter, but it is time for the golf season to begin. Our opening day is tentatively set for April 17. We have been busy with trade shows in Edmonton, Saskatoon, and Lloydminster, and continue to meet with many people who are excited about the course, and other recreational opportunities in our area. The good snow-cover will surely fill up the ponds on the course this year, and the lake level should rise with the runoff. This season will see many changes as the back nine expansion is underway. Come out and have a look.

Our licensed dining room has some fresh menu ideas for 2004. Back by popular demand is Sunday brunch, and be sure to join us for Saturday night steak night. Tell your friends to visit [www.northernmeadows.com](http://www.northernmeadows.com) for new pictures, 2004 schedule of events, and other changes.

## TV Broadcast Dates

Northern Meadows and Goodsoil will be profiled nationally when the Iceman Long Drive event is televised this spring.

Global Television has announced the following broadcast dates:

- Global Edm/Cal- Sun April 11, 11:30 AM
- Global Reg/Sktn- Sun April 18, 4:30 PM

Check our website for full listing of broadcasts. The longest hitters in Alberta and Saskatchewan were here to compete in the ICEMAN Long Drive Championship. The event brings national television exposure to the course and area. Thanks again to all volunteers and staff who made the event possible. Special thanks to all the fans who came out!



**Watch for broadcast on Global TV**

## New Memberships offered

Northern Meadows is offering 15 Transferable Lifetime Membership to the first 15 paid applicants. Special offers are available until May 25 2004. Please do not delay as demand is high and there are only a limited number remaining. Booking privileges apply. Contact Ken or Waren for more information.

## Purchase Golf Passes by May 1, at 2003 Prices

Each sheet has 11, 9-hole rounds.

### Weekly pass Draw:

Enter your Passes as you use them for your chance to win prizes!

**Members and Pass-holders Tournament:** All Pass holders and Members are welcome.

	2003	2004
Adult 1 sheet.....	\$ 140.00	\$150.00
Adult 2 sheets.....	\$250.00	\$265.00
Adult 3 sheets.....	\$355.00	\$380.00
Adult 4 sheets.....	\$440.00	\$475.00
Junior & Senior 1 sheet.....	..\$100.00	
Junior & Senior 2 sheets.....	.....\$175.00	
Junior & Senior 3 sheets.....	.....\$250.00	
Junior & Senior 4 sheets.....	.....\$310.00	
(Junior=14 and under, Senior =65 and over)		

## **Serviced Properties available**

Phase 2 lots on Bousquet Lake are now selling. These fully serviced lots include power, water, gas, and telephone to the curb. Interested parties should contact Ken or Waren.

## **Tournament Bookings**

We would love to host your golf tournament! From 12- 100 people we have a variety of packages and meal plans. We welcome tournaments from small businesses, family reunions, wedding parties, sports teams, charities, and more. For the best dates, book your tournament soon.

## **Free Weekend For Junior Golfers!**

We welcome all golfers aged 15 and under to join us the weekend of May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> for free golf! Green fees pull carts and golf clubs will be provided at no charge for the weekend to all junior golfers.

**Beginners are always welcome at Northern Meadows!**

## **Turf Tips**

### ***What causes "winter kill" on turf?***

Snow molds are common cause of "winterkill". Heavy snow-cover lasting into late March makes ideal conditions for snow molds to develop. The 16 plus inches of snow seen in our area this year provides an excellent insulating layer, and has greatly increased disease pressure. Even with air temperatures at -25 degrees Celsius, the soil surface temperature usually is around 0 degrees Celsius under 16 inches of snow. Snow molds thrive in soil temperatures between 0 and 8 degrees Celsius. You may notice intermingled round gray or tan patches on your lawn after snowmelt. The areas with more snow cover are usually more severely affected. Increased insulation, and a prolonged melting period facilitate reproduction of spores.

### ***Should I remove Snow from my lawn?***

Snow cover on turf throughout the winter protects the plants from cold temperature injury or death, which is usually worse than disease damage. In the springtime, snow removed from shady areas and drifts should be scattered to speed up the melting process. Another good trick is to spread a thin layer of peat moss on areas that are slow to melt.

### ***How do I avoid snow mold?***

Move to Arizona. These diseases are a fact of life in our area, but there are ways to reduce the severity of winter diseases, especially before the snow arrives. Fertilizing in early September with a fall fertilizer will help your grass better prepare for winter. Do not *over*-fertilize, as very lush turf can be more susceptible to snow mold. Continue cutting your lawn at 2 inches until mid October. Healthy turf going into the winter is less likely to suffer from winter diseases. Once warmer and drier temperatures arrive in April, the snow mold is no longer active, but is dormant in the layer off dead shoots and stems in your lawn. Every spring you should rake as much dead material out of your lawn as you can, and remove it. Use seed that is resistant to snow molds and colder temperatures.

### ***How do I repair the damage?***

Scratch and seed damaged areas on your lawn with a rake and quality grass seed. Be sure to wait a few weeks until soil temperatures are warm enough for proper germination.

### ***How does the golf course manage snow molds and winter stress?***

Low cutting heights on the golf course make the turf very susceptible to winter diseases, as well as cold temperature injury. As winter approaches, cutting heights are raised to ensure healthy turf going into the winter. In the fall, the golf course spends thousands of dollars applying registered turf fungicides, mainly to putting greens. Putting greens are extremely susceptible to snow mold damage and would not survive the winter without a fungicide application. Costly fungicides are not practical for homeowner use, and are seldom used on fairways. Snow mold is managed on the fairways mainly by seeding with biotypes resistant to cold temperatures and disease.

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