

High Meadows Country Club – Roaring Gap, NC

“Short Wedge from Heaven”

Travelling into the Blue Ridge Mountains to play golf is always a treat for Charlotte area golfers looking to escape the summer heat. But for many, finding a friendly and comfortable mountain country club home has now become a priority.

High Meadows Country Club in Roaring Gap, just south of Sparta and west of Elkin on Hwy 21, is tired of being a secret and has become the hallmark for this mountain search. The High Meadows Golf course, designed by George Cobb in 1964, is one of the most amazing courses in the Carolinas.

The comfortable elevation changes and breathtaking views add to the fact that the well-conditioned course fits the play of any level golfers.

“We consider High Meadows to be very player-friendly,” said Head PGA Professional Todd Hutcherson. “The course is not overly long, 6800-yards from the back tee, and affords the golfers the opportunity to pick their challenge with our 5-sets of tees.”

Under the guidance of Golf Course Superintendent Nathan Biggs, High Meadows has done an excellent job of reworking the bent-grass greens, from the George Cobb trademark “push up greens”, to offer softer more accepting undulating greens. Most of the greens also have excellent run-up fronts for the pitch-and-run shots. Only a few of the greens are guarded by bunkers, just 22-total on the course, but care has been taken to keep the sand from becoming hard-pan with the mountain rains.



View of the 18th hole from clubhouse

Two notable holes at High Meadows showcase the beauty and the challenge of the course. The 12th tee located on the original 1770 Smith family home-site offers a spectacular view of the lake with the mountains of Southwest Virginia in the background. While at the 18th hole, an excellent down-hill par 5 challenges two lakes and is guarded by a deep bunker front and left of the green.

High Meadows golf facilities include a driving range, putting green, practice sand bunker and chipping area. High Meadows also hosts golf outings and programs for seniors, women, men, couples and an upbeat juniors program.



Photo courtesy of Nancy Hubbard

Par-4 12th hole with views of the lake and mountains SW Virginia

Member involvement is enhanced through the Men’s and Ladies Golf Association, along with other club-sponsored play.

“We do something different with our member-member and member-guest events,” stated Mark Updike, High Meadows General Manager/COO. “The men and ladies are mixed together to add to the fellowship and comradery we pride ourselves in at the club. In addition, both the MGA and LGA have their separate events with weekly competitions that guarantees players have a game with friends throughout the year.”

Many of their members have been a part of a very active pro-am fundraising event started by Head Pro Todd Hutcherson that gives back to the mountain communities. Over the past several years, High Meadows has contributed \$40,000 to the Alleghany County Community Foundation that strives to inspire North Carolinians to make lasting and meaningful contributions to their communities.



Par-5 18th hole guarded by two lakes and an uphill carry

High Meadows offers a full service food and beverage department which is the heart of their dining and social commitment to their members and friends. Executive Chef Nicole Burrell and her staff offer everything from breakfast, light snacks and burgers at the Hummingbird Grille to all your favorite and current adult beverages at the Side Door Lounge. As well as casual to elegant dining in one of the two main dining rooms, the Dogwood or Redbud rooms, both with magnificent sweeping views of the 1st and 18th holes.



Classic mountain homes have a birdseye view of the par-4 10th hole at High Meadows Country Club

Prospective members will find that the staff makes a dedicated effort to make them feel special with mutual respect, which makes the current members a real plus at High Meadows.

High Meadows Country Club is just 3.7 miles from the Blue Ridge Parkway. Also just minutes away is the 15,000 acre Stone Mountain State Park featuring scenic waterfalls and its namesake - the 600 foot granite dome. Sparta and Elkin are quaint historic towns with plenty of shopping and sightseeing, while the surrounding Yadkin Valley is the home of

High Meadows currently has 299 members, but has started a "Discover High Meadows" campaign inviting golfing families to tour the club, and their Good Neighbor Project offering discounts on initiation fees and dues.

two dozen wineries.

To find out more about a club that doesn't want to be a secret anymore, call (336) 363-2622, or logon at www.highmeadowscountryclub.com. Remember at High Meadows Country Club you can be just a "Short Wedge from Heaven".

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