

Golf Course Profile- What's Your Course Saying?

Canyon Meadows Golf & Country Club

Event: Rogers Charity Classic

Superintendent: Chris Nelson

Golf Course Name, Number of Holes: Canyon Meadows Golf & Country Club, 18 Holes

Where (Address, Directions, Email, Website): 12501 14th St. SW Calgary AB, T2W 2Y8,
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Superintendent, Designations, Awards, Years of Experience: Alberta Golf Superintendents Association President, No Awards, 9 years of Superintendent experience (26 in the Turf Industry)

Annual Rounds Played: 37,000

Average Season Length: 6 months

Front Nine Yardage: 3596

Back Nine Yardage: 3567

Total Yardage: 7163

Total Area of Greens, Number of Greens, Predominant Type of Turfgrass: 117,000 sq. ft., 20, A-4 Bentgrass

Total Area of Fairways, Predominant Type of Turfgrass: 1,050,000 sq. ft., Poa/Kentucky Bluegrass mix

Total area of Tees, Predominant Type of Turfgrass: 175,000 sq. ft., Poa/Kentucky Bluegrass mix

Predominant Soil Type on Course: Mostly gravels under the topsoil, with the northeast portion of the property having more clay.

Irrigation System Type, Water Supply and Age: Toro, Storm Water Run-off, 21 years old

Number of Bunkers and Sand Type: 68, Bimini

Number and Type of Water Features: 5 ponds/reservoirs, 1 creek/storm water canal that runs through the property

Construction and Original Architect: 1957 original layout was a result of collaboration of group of locals.

Renovations and Architects: Modified by Les Furber in the 1970s, before major upgrades and modifications made by Olsen, Beatty and Hnatiuk from 2005 – 2007. This renovation included a new irrigation system, all new USGA spec greens, a complete back 9 re-design/re-build and a full course bunker renovation. In 2013-14 there was a renovation of tees, fairways and some bunkers on the front 9. This was designed by Doug Thompson with Golf Plan and work was carried out by Olsen and Beatty. 2023 Wade Horrocks with Ground Cubed was the architect for a major tee renovation, with the work being carried out by Goodwin Golf Ltd.

Maintenance Shop Construction Year: 1970

Number, Type and Make of Equipment: A mixed bag of Toro, John Deere and Jacobsen

Does Your Course Have a Separate Chemical and/or Fertilizer Storage Facility (Size, Age)?: Separate Chemical Storage Facility, 200 sq. ft., 25 years old.

Number of Staff (Year-Round, Seasonal, Mechanics, etc.): 42

Assistant Superintendent: Mat Moulton

Club President: Steve Stretch

CPGA Professional: Matt Freeman

Club Manager: Chris McNicol

Club Owner: Canyon Meadows Golf & Country Club

Other Key Course Personnel: Mechanics - Chad Neighbour and Derek Walsh. Horticulturalists – Grae Walker and Karen Bird

Current Course Projects: Currently in planning phases naturalization project and bunker renovation.

Long Range Plans: Increasing Water Storage and Shop Expansion.

Challenges: Water Quality and Quantity, Trees suffering from water quality and age

Success Stories: Among other awards, The Shaw Charity Classic is a 3 time winner of the Champions Tour's President's Award which is awarded to the top tournament each year on the Champions Tour. Most importantly the tournament has raised over \$164 Million for children's charities across Alberta over the years.

Unique Features of the Course: South end of the property is on a ridge over looking Fish Creek Provincial Park. When course was built, it was on the outer edges of the City of Calgary so we have a large piece of land with plenty of opportunities that is now fairly central in the city.