

# 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 14<sup>th</sup> St. SW Calgary AB, T2W 2Y8,  
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**Superintendent, Designations, Awards, Years of Experience:** Alberta Golf Superintendents Association Treasurer, No Awards, 7 years of Superintendent experience (24 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:** 153,000 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, 19 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.):** 38

**Assistant Superintendent:** Mat Moulton and Drew Smiley

**Club President:** Trent Balog

**CPGA Professional:** Matt Freeman

**Club Manager:** Chris Mcnicol

**Club Owner:** Canyon Meadows Golf & Country Club

**Other Key Course Personnel:** Mechanic Chad Neighbour

**Current Course Projects:** Tee Renovation and Clubhouse Renovation

**Long Range Plans:** Bunker Renovation and Increasing Water Storage in the near future.

**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 \$112 Million for children's charities over the years.

**Unique Features of the Course:** South end of the property is on a ridge overlooking 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.