

RMGC News and Notes:

March 12, 2026

- Opening day was awesome on March 9 with over 150 players. Although the course is brown yet it is very playable and work has been done on sand bunkers, stick cleanup and smoothing greens to be ready for play.
- It has been cooler since opening day but a few players have been out each day. The 10 day forecast does not look great, but we will take what we get. The spring high school golf season starts March 30. The players are getting all the rounds they can before tryouts.
- We had a Bone sighting when he came out to pay his membership dues and spread good cheer. He is anxiously awaiting cart use and better weather.
- Terry has left the Florida swing of the winter golf tour and is enjoying his last two weeks in Arizona.
- Ritchie has quite a bit of stock priced and ready for sale in the golf shop.
- The Flea has made appearances to share his wit and wisdom and to help in the shop or pick a record number of range balls.

March 4, 2026

- It looks like some warm weather is coming. It is too early to say when the course may open. We will open the first day we can do so without damage but right now the ground is froze. As it thaws it will get soft, then extremely wet and soft as frozen water in the soil works up to the surface and then it will be soft again and then we can open. But in checks yesterday and our monitor on 3 green there is still frost in the greens so we have a bit to go.
- Stock is starting to come into the golf shop with fancy new balls that fly further and are almost guaranteed to reduce your scores. We are often asked if all balls brands and models are the same and is it worth paying top dollar for Prov1 or TP5's. The answer depends on your skills and what you want out of your game. A top ball will give a player with good equipment and a good swing a better result. Balls are built different to match your swing, some fly high, some low some spin more some less. It is best to try different models to find one that fits your swing and equipment.
- In the clubhouse work continues on the banquet rooms new look.
- On the course as soon as it firms up spring cleanup of bunkers and sticks from winter winds and storms will start.
- Staff, we had a lot of applicants for not too many jobs so it will take a bit to sort out who is returning and who we will need to hire. When you apply for a job you are excited and want to find out if you have it, but it does take some time.
 - Terry has move on to the Florida Golf Tour for two weeks before returning to the Arizona Circuit before returning home.
 - Rich is healing well and is starting to work in the shop putting out new stock.

- As soon as the weather breaks we will have regular hours but as of today we are still at Wednesdays 8 til 2 for shopping.

February 23, 2026

- Winter has returned after the warm spell. We were getting close to thawing enough frost out of the ground to open the course but it remained too wet. A couple hundred players did enjoy some range time. As a general rule, we do not open the course until the ground thaws and firms up. This avoids any damage on those soggy days when the frost is melting and releasing moisture to the surface. The range continues to be open from the ball machine and off the high quality tee line when conditions allow, or players want to brave the cold.
- Work in progress:
 - Maintenance is working diligently on the equipment fleet to get it ready for the new season. Preventative maintenance now, reduces failures in the season. And with new fairway and rough mowers costing over \$80,000 each, it is important to protect that investment.
 - Reel grinding is a key component of the winter maintenance and we have professional grinding equipment for reels and bed knives to provide a quality cut at our low mowing heights.
 - Our talented maintenance department is also helping with the banquet room rehab with new colors and features. Our clubhouse may be a barn, but it is a good looking well-functioning barn!
 - Cleaning, polishing and organizing in the Barn Bar and Grill continues with Peter deep cleaning and getting ready for a busy golf season.
 - In the golf shop new merchandise is arriving and will soon be in ready for sale. Outings are being contacted and details worked out so they can maximize their fundraising efforts.
- Patrick Crowley, a long-time course member was laid to rest Saturday. A Soo Line employee Pat was part of the weekday railroad group and will be missed.
- Mike is recovering quickly from the rib injury while Terry, Bernie and Tom enjoy the Arizona Sun waiting for spring to come.
- Steve "Bone" still has not seen this update page feature even though it was his idea. Getting up there in years Steve wanted to know what was going on at the links, without actually heading out in the cold to visit us... although we do love to see his joyous self.
- We will have some job openings for 2026 and you can apply through the Fond du Lac County Website. There is a listing for grounds, clubhouse and bar and grill. All the openings are seasonal with some near part time but most part time. We do have room for some weekend only employees working a second job or a retirement job. We do not really have any weekday only spots.

Feb 16, 2026:

- After the deep freeze the recent warmup has been welcome.

- The range is open from the awesome tee line we have. Balls can be purchased right from the range machine.
- The course is getting closer to opening but there is quite a bit of snow yet and after the deep freeze, a lot of frozen soil that has to partially thaw before we open. With our heavy soils the grounds will get very wet from spring thaw right before we open.
- Every sunny day helps.
- Work continues on the meeting room with painting and fixtures.
- Peter has been deep cleaning our food and beverage areas.
- Jobs for Maintenance, Clubhouse and Food and Beverage have been posted to the Fond du Lac County website. We do have weekend only jobs for those looking for a second job, but we have few weekdays only spots.
- Internship. We also have one job open for a summer intern for a student interested in golf or business or both. The position will not only work in all areas of the clubhouse but also learn why things are done certain ways and best practices for serving our customers.

Feb 10, 2026:

- We have a new website! Look around and let us know what you think. What else would you like to see?
- Until the weather breaks, the golf shop is open on Wednesdays from 8 until 2 for your shopping or golf scene rumors needs. You can also call us and make an appointment to visit if Wednesdays do not work out for you.
- The range is open from the ball dispenser anytime you want to braver the weather. I see promise of some 40-degree days coming.
- There have been multiple 'Bone" Hamburg sightings the past few weeks which must mean spring is on the way! Steve is a lot more reliable than the ground hog.
- Terry and Tom and their better halves are enjoying the warm Phoenix weather while Mike continues to recover locally from the smoke detector battery replacement incident.
- We are making improvements to the back banquet room with new colors, lights and AV system.
- If you are interested in applying for work this golf season now is the time to reach out via phone or email. 920-924-2424 or info@rollingmeadowsgolfcourse.com