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Indian Summer Leads to Upswing in Local Golf Play

MIDDLESEX COUNTY – November’s unseasonably warmer weather has been a boon for both golfers and courses alike.

Middlesex County’s Tamarack Golf Courses in East Brunswick has seen a recent and major upswing in play.

While the month isn’t over, Tamarack is reporting 2,266 rounds played to date compared to the 2014 November tally, which totaled 779 rounds.

“You have a lot of fair-weather golfers,” said Jeff Byrnes, Tamarack assistant manager for the Middlesex County Improvement Authority, the entity that operates the courses. “Once September comes along, they are normally putting their clubs away; but not this year.”

Last year’s snow-covered greens are now sun filled and as of late, teeming with players trying to squeeze a few rounds in before the season officially ends.

The volumes mean additional course coverage as well, as ground crews battle to keep up with newly fallen leaves that litter the grounds each morning.

Regardless the weather, Tamarack, in addition to all of the MCIA’s courses, namely The Meadows at Middlesex in Plainsboro and Raritan Landing in Piscataway, are open year round.

“Extreme rains and snow will basically shut down the operations – sometimes for a day or sometimes for weeks, like we saw last winter,” said Rod Brennan, MCIA director of golf facilities. “We’ve been fortunate, that the weather has been playing in our favor this fall. I guess the same can be said for our patrons too, because there’s nothing more picturesque than the backdrop of autumn foliage when you’re out here trying to enjoy one of the great pastimes of our day.”

For more information on the Middlesex County Improvement Authority’s courses, log onto www.mciauth.com or www.TheMeadowsatMiddlesex.com.

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