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SPRING MEADOWS GOLF COURSE NAMED NEW ENGLAND GOLF COURSE OWNERS ASSOCIATION 2021 GOLF COURSE OF THE YEAR

GRAY, ME COURSE RECOGNIZED FOR EXCEPTIONAL QUALITY OF COURSE, OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO COMMUNITY & THE GAME OF GOLF WHILE CLOSELY FOLLOWING CDC GUIDELINES

GRAY, ME- Spring Meadows Golf Course is pleased to announce it has been named the New England Golf Course Owners Association 2021 Golf Course of the Year.

Spring Meadows Golf Course, which has been owned and operated by the Pollard family for the last 21 years, was recognized for the following criteria: Exceptional Quality of the Course; Exceptional Quality of Ownership and Management; Outstanding Contribution to the Local Community; Significant Contributions to the Game of Golf.

"We are incredibly honored and humbled to be recognized for this prestigious award," said David Pollard, Owner & President of Spring Meadows Golf Course.

"For the last 21 years, Spring Meadows Golf Course has exemplified the highest standards of golf; we are proud of our exceptional course, the professionalism of our staff, and overall contributions to the game of golf and the people we serve."

Spring Meadows has earned a reputation throughout New England for being one of the best-conditioned golf courses in Maine. Golf Digest described the course as "a venue worth the drive." Spring Meadows offers golfers a unique and unforgettable round of golf, regardless of skill set, gender, age, or handicap.

The par 71 course immediately begins with an elevated tee box overlooking a signature pond, that prompted the Portland Press Herald to write, "When you drive into the parking lot, you cannot wait to hit your first shot."

Golfers are treated to a well-maintained course which is challenging, yet fair; fairways that are green and plush; undulating greens; scenic tree lines; ponds, brooks and bunkers; all surrounded by breathtaking views in a fun, relaxing and friendly environment.

The Pollard family has never lost sight that Spring Meadows is a public course. Therefore, they continue to provide their customers with a great value for their greens fee dollars, which has led to thousands of repeat customers over the last two decades.

This year, Spring Meadows was one of many New England golf courses uncertain about its future following the outbreak of COVID-19.

Despite numerous challenges, Spring Meadows maintained its business model while adapting to CDC guidelines. With a goal of proper social distancing, Spring Meadows Golf Course opened on May 1st to what would become a record-setting year with nearly 28,000 start times.

"This year, more than ever, we strived to continue to serve the public, our communities, and the game of golf in a year where a historic pandemic abruptly changed the landscape of the world," said Pollard.

"This is not only a credit to our entire staff, but to the golfers who have supported us over the years and followed unprecedented CDC guidelines this past season. We are truly grateful for everyone's support."

Spring Meadows Golf Course continues to open its doors to golfers of all skill sets, genders, and age groups; promotes the highest golf standards; serves as ambassadors to the game and lobbies for the growth and economic development of the game. It also hosts many business outings and charitable events.

David Pollard also serves as President of the Golf Maine Association, is the Vice President of the New England Golf Course Owners Association, and serves as a Director for the Maine Golf Hall of Fame. He was instrumental in setting up the first "Maine Golf Day" where each year, owners, operators, and others in the Maine Golf Industry meet with legislators at the state capitol to advocate for and discuss the importance of golf and its economic impact on Maine. In addition, Pollard has attended several "National Golf

Day" events in Washington D. C., meeting with Maine's legislative delegation to again promote and advocate for the game of golf.

Aside from his daily responsibilities as owner/operator of Spring Meadows, Pollard has also served on the Sebago Lakes Regional Chamber of Commerce for more than a dozen years.

Spring Meadows is the first Maine golf course to win the New England Golf Course Owners Association Golf Course of the Year and will now go on to be one of the Final Four for National Course of the Year recognition.

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