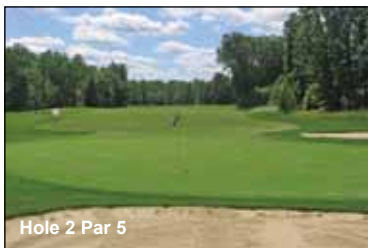




Lee's Hill Golf Club ~ Landmark for a Landmark

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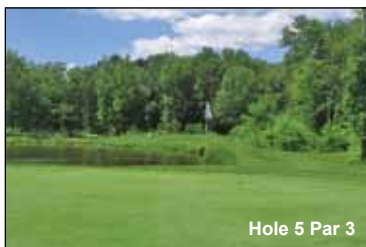


In 2018 Lee's Hill Golf Club in Fredericksburg, VA, will observe 25 years since it was constructed. The mere fact that we are mentioning such a huge milestone a year early should tell you something about the success of this golf course. But those in the business will tell you it hasn't always been rosy for the course that is considered one of the grandfathers of the upscale golf revolution in Northern Virginia that

occurred in the mid 1990s. The existing ownership team at Lee's Hill has reason to celebrate. Next year marks their 10th anniversary. Steered by General Manager Jamie Loughan, they have driven membership numbers up from 70 when then took over in 2007 to more than 230 to date. A very healthy golf outing calendar and solid daily fee play have also led to Lee's Hill recently approaching a tremendous 40,000 rounds per year.

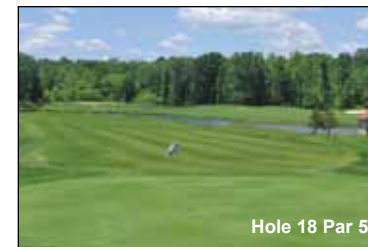
The one thing that has not changed is the wonderful Bill Love design spread across an old civil war landmark. Yes, General Robert E. Lee was pitching across the land in 1862. Mind you he pitched tents for his campground and did not use a wedge! Lee's Hill has always embraced their history and preserved the military theme with markers and plaques to highlight significant areas throughout the course and named tees after weaponry used during the Civil War. The par 72 tips out at 6572 yards from the Cannon tees down to a player-friendly 4935 from the Pistol tees.

Most golfers remember the front nine at Lee's Hill for its peculiar positioning of back to back par 5s on holes two and three. Smart play on the first of the unique pair calls for taking three shots to reach the green to avoid wetlands along the way. Especially those who can play a slight draw off the tee can land the third in two. Try to cut off some of the dogleg on the par 4 fourth, rated the most difficult hole at Lee's Hill. Multiple tee boxes on the short par 3 fifth provide for varying tactics from day to day. The outward nine ends with a short par 4 that can be achieved from the tee through a narrow opening.



The back nine opens and closes with par 5s that both play alongside a large lake. Ten looks intimidating from tee to green with water down the entire left side and a fairway that seems to tighten the closer you get to the green. Other show stoppers on the inward side at Lee's Hill include the tough par 4 twelfth with its water feature on the right and the handsome par 3 fourteenth that plays over a large wetland hazard. The finishing hole plays over 600 yards from the tips and offers an ultimate challenge to close the round.

Don't be surprised the next time you are at Lee's Hill if you see some of the staff busting a button or two. They have been voted the #11 public course in the Commonwealth in *Golf Advisor's* 2016 rankings. Lee's Hill Golf Course serves as one of the principal components for a Fredericksburg golf getaway arranged by either Golf Guide Golf Getaways or Genesis Golf. Lee's Hill also does their part to promote junior golf by hosting the Mid-Atlantic PGA Jr. League the last two years and offering week-long Junior Golf Camps in June, July, and August the last nine years. Several golf leagues run throughout the season. The Tuesday Night Twilight League, the Ladies League on Wednesdays, and the Thursday Senior Men's League all remain very popular.



In honor of the ten-year plateau for the current proprietors, Lee's Hill has launched the 2017-2018 Anniversary Golf Pass designed for occasional golfers. This hot ticket item comes in a five-day or seven-day option and can save you money. So definitely consider it. Check out their pro shop on their website for more details. Make sure to schedule a round or two at Lee's Hill Golf Course just off I-95 during the 2017 golf season, and congratulate them on their ten years of excellent service!

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