



**Things to Look for:**

- Memphis Women Golfers April 21
- 2016 Publinks July 21-23
- Junior Publinks July 14-15
- FootGolf Kick-Off April 30

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## Memphis Women Golfers debuts April 21

The first meeting of the newly formed **Memphis Women Golfers** will be held April 21st at the Links at Overton Park. The Memphis Public Links golf staff will be hosting monthly meetings for ladies that are interested in golf at any level. Whether an avid golfer or just beginning these meetings will be fun for all.

We will be hosting a gathering of women that will participate in golf related activities that are organized by golf professionals. The setting will be relaxed and highly social. Most of the events will have food, drinks, and some good music. Our objective is to provide an atmosphere that is both educational and enjoyable for everyone that attends. All meetings will be on Thursdays at 5:30 pm and best of all it is FREE!

**Here is the schedule for 2016:**

- \* **April 21 Overton**  
Introduction to program meet the Golf Professionals with light hors devours, wine and soft drinks.
- \* **May 19 Galloway**  
Equipment assessment, tips on grip, stance, and putting. Appetizers and drinks.
- \* **June 16 Whitehaven**  
Full Swing lessons on the driving range with food and music on the patio.
- \* **July 28 Riverside**  
Golf Apparel Trunk Show with wine and food. 4 hole scramble
- \* **August 18 Audubon**  
Bring your husband or friend putting competition with a Mexican Buffet Dinner.
- \* **September 15 Overton**  
Football Jersey/Colors Night 4 hole scramble, game day foods, and watching a game on the patio
- \* **October 20 Whitehaven**  
Season Finale All Pink Day 9 hole scramble Food wine and music. Season awards.



## Dates set for 2016 Publinks Championship

The 2016 Publinks will contested over 3 days July 21-23. Last years event brought a new overall champion in Jason Dallas with some fantastic scoring which included a 63 at Audubon. The rotation of courses has not been set yet to due some ongoing cart path renovations at Fox

Meadows. Audubon and Galloway will again be in the rotation and it is possible that one of the "Old Favorites" may find it's way back this year. Look for the posters and entry forms to come out around May 1st.



Memphis Women Golfers



Junior golfers getting some tips at Whitehaven

### Complimentary Greens Fees for Juniors

As a way to break down the cost barriers to young people learning and enjoying the game of golf, the City of Memphis Public Links courses are continuing to offer complimentary greens fees for youth. Any junior golfer 17 years and under can play free at any of the City of Memphis courses except Galloway Monday thru Friday and after 12 pm on weekends and holidays. This completely eliminates

the problem of golf being off limits to junior golfers due to cost. Each course is also stocked with loaner clubs that kids can use at no cost. Golf Professionals are available for lessons or tips that will get them started. Free clinics will be hosted at Whitehaven again this year. Please call Dusty Sykes at 901-396-1608 for more information .

*“As a parent of three soccer players at home, I can’t wait to come back and expose them to this form of soccer golf!”*

### Clubhouse Renovations at Four Courses

Four of the Memphis Public Links Courses will see clubhouse renovations over the next few months. Pine Hill, Davy Crockett, Fox Meadows and Galloway will have new flooring installed. The interior floors of these clubhouses have become very worn over the past few years and will be given a brand new look. Carpet, tile and rubber matting will

give way to new stained concrete that will be more functional and help to standardize the golf shops. Riverside, Whitehaven and Overton have a great look and by mid-summer four more courses will look fantastic as well.



FootGolf at The Links at Riverside

### Foot Golf Going Strong in 1st Year at Riverside

Since opening for play in June of 2015 FootGolf is drawing many players to the Links at Riverside. FootGolf is golf played with a soccer ball and your foot rather than a club. The hole is a whopping 21 inches as opposed to 4 1/4 inches for regular golf. All the normal rules of golf are used except in FootGolf the old “foot wedge” is perfectly legal. FootGolfers of all ages are becoming more and more active at Riverside, with many

high school teams using it for team building and as skills practice. Starting in May there will be an adult league that will play one afternoon/evening per week. More details will be released soon. The Riverside Golf shop has soccer balls for rent or for sale. If you would like more information please call or come by the Links at Riverside.

Adults	\$7.00
Youth under 17	Free
Cart Rental, Food and Beverages available.	



## Meet Sean McFetridge, PGA

Sean was born and raised outside Rochester, NY. He started playing golf at his local public golf course when he was 10 years old and quickly became hooked. He started helping out as a cart boy when he was a teenager in exchange for playing privileges, starting his life-long career in golf. Sean graduated from Campbell University in Buies Creek, NC with a BBA, Majoring in Golf Management. He worked as an Assistant Professional in New York

and Florida, including 4 years at Oak Hill Country Club where he witnessed Memphian Shaun Micheel's major victory at the 2003 PGA Championship. Sean was named the 2003 Assistant Professional of the Year for the Western New York Section of the PGA. Sean served as the Head Professional at Wil-lowbend Country Club in Massachusetts before moving to Memphis in 2011. He started as Head Golf Professional/Facility Manager at the Links at Gallo-

way in 2015. Sean's goal is to make every golfer that plays at Galloway feel welcomed and appreciated, the same way he felt when he started playing.



**Sean McFetridge , PGA  
Facility Manager /  
Head Golf Professional  
The Links at Galloway**

## April is Golf Month for City Employees

In September 2015, all full time and retired City of Memphis Employees received complimentary greens fees at all 8 Memphis Public Links Courses. This program was designed to get City employees playing the City owned courses more and was also a great way to get employees more active. The Golf staff also held weekly golf clinics at Whitehaven for those wanting to learn the game or just needing to try to improve a little. The program was such

a success that the month of April will be the next complimentary greens fee month. During the month of April all full time City of Memphis Employees and retirees will receive free greens fees Monday thru Friday and after 12pm on weekends. With the return of the Masters and green grass this will be a perfect chance for employees to get out on the course and get active. Whitehaven will also be conducting game improvement

clinics on Wednesday evenings at 5:00 pm. Call the shop at Whitehaven to sign up.



## The Links at Whitehaven has it all!

Including a driving range, short game practice area, two huge putting greens and 200 seat banquet facility with full service catering kitchen, the Links at Whitehaven has it all. Located at 750 East Holmes Rd in South Memphis this relatively new City of Memphis Facility has everything imaginable for a modern golf facility. The driving range is the only one at a public golf course in the City of Memphis. The short game area with 8 separate target greens

and a practice bunker is great for the beginner or seasoned golfer that wants to improve. Possibly the best feature to Whitehaven is the clubhouse. With a huge 200 seat banquet facility with dance floor, meeting rooms, wet bar, and catering kitchen there is no wonder so many people are booking their weddings, wedding receptions and all type of parties at Whitehaven. The large golf shop is stocked with the latest apparel, golf balls, shoes and

headwear. Whitehaven has something for everyone! If you would like more information on booking an event, golf outing, golf lessons or just a tee time call the golf shop at 901-396-1608. The staff is eager and waiting to help.





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## Memphis Public Links—Better Play Everyday!

<b>The Links at Audubon</b>	<b>901-683-6941</b>
<b>The Links at Davy Crockett</b>	<b>901-358-3375</b>
<b>The Links at Fox Meadows</b>	<b>901-362-0232</b>
<b>The Links at Galloway</b>	<b>901-685-7805</b>
<b>The Links at Overton Park</b>	<b>901-725-9905</b>
<b>The Links at Pine Hill</b>	<b>901-775-9434</b>
<b>The Links at Riverside</b>	<b>901-576-4296</b>
<b>The Links at Whitehaven</b>	<b>901-396-1608</b>

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## Superintendent's Notes

It's nearly spring in Memphis and we're quickly approaching the most unpredictable time of the year, weather wise at least. Just north it's still cold and gloomy, just south it's sunny and starting to warm up, and Memphis is guaranteed to see a little of both and sometimes both on the same day! The trees and spring flowers are starting to bloom and it's time for us to start implementing our maintenance plan. In the late winter and early spring our main focus is on clearing up any winter weeds we may have and making our spring pre-emerge application that will prevent most spring and summer weeds from becoming an issue later in the



**Al Smith, GCSAA**  
**Head Superintendent The**  
**Links at Galloway**

growing season. Our first fertilizer applications are timed so they are applied closer to the beginning of the growing season, which in Memphis is normally late March into early April. This is also the perfect time to make sure our irrigation system is working properly and making any repairs that are necessary before the heat of the season is in full force. We are hoping for an early spring and definitely looking forward to the upcoming golf season and being able to provide the best playing conditions possible. Go dust off your clubs and get ready.