LOCUST GROVE, Va. — Two years ago, Bill Matthews, a wealthy nursery owner, opened a 19-hole course outside Fredericksburg known as Meadows Farms. His first golf course includes the novelty of a warm-up hole and the nation's longest hole at 841 yards, a par-6 that has become something of a legend among Mid-Atlantic golfers. In April, Meadows unveiled another doozy — a new nine-hole public layout at Meadows Farms with one par-3 hole designed to look like a baseball field. Another hole features a green situated on top of a manmade waterfall. The par-3 "Baseball Hole" plays from tees set up behind home plate across a regulation-sized diamond complete with bases and a mound to a green set in center field.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The state of Tennessee may build two additional 18-hole Jack Nicklaus-designed golf courses beyond the four it has already committed to construct. According to the Greeneville Sun, state officials and the Nicklaus group have expressed considerable interest in 286 acres of land at Kinser Park. The state-owned park currently has a swimming pool, numerous water slides, a miniature golf course, baseball field, boat access to the adjacent Nolichucky River, a go-cart rack and several picnic pavilions.

Tennessee, Nicklaus may join forces on two more courses

First, the Greene County Commission and the Greeneville Board of Mayor and Aldermen would have to approve the additional funding for the construction of the course. Even if state and local approval is received, a course at Kinser Park may not be built for three or four years because the four courses which have already been funded — including those at Harrison Bay, Tims Ford and Chickasaw state parks — will most likely be built first.