



The Mountain State of Golf

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WV Golf Association looking forward to 2024

The West Virginia Golf Association (WVGA) went through quite a transition in 2023, but our small but very determined and dedicated staff made it possibly the best season I have been a part of yet. We are very excited to see what the coming year holds for the WVGA as we anticipate several Championships, One-Day events and USGA Qualifiers to sell out quickly on March 4. After an incredibly successful year last year, we are looking forward to the Callaway Junior Tour and Callaway Junior Tour Rookie League to reach their largest number of participants and entries ever in the 40-year history of the Junior Tour. Our ever-popular Senior Series is poised to continue the record-setting number of participants once again this year, hopefully with several new faces to come and enjoy a fun day of competitive golf with their friends.

Our One-Day series is adding four events solely for ladies this coming year. These events will be fun and will always have some sort of a team competition so you will be able to compete with a friend, or three, and get to travel to a few great courses in West Virginia. Our current WV



Amateur Series, boasts a six-event schedule at some of the nicest courses in our state and these events are gross/net scored and are open to males and females of any age.

Our Championship Schedule has now grown to 20 different championships for men, women, juniors and seniors across West Virginia. Highlighting the championships are our West Virginia Amateur, which will be held at The Greenbrier Resort in late May, and our Women's Amateur, which celebrated 100 years in 2023 and for the 101st edition we will be at Bridgeport Country Club in July. The West Virginia Open remains in the Kanawha Valley as the 91st playing of that Championship will take place at Edgewood Country Club the last week of July.

The First Tee of West Virginia continues to grow in the classroom and outdoors. The National School program keeps growing at elementary and middle schools across West Virginia and our goal is to have golf in every one of these schools in the near future. "Green grass" programming sites also cover the entire state of West Virginia and reached their most participation ever in 2023. We fully expect that trend to continue into 2024.

The VIP Card is one of the best deals in West Virginia and more and more golfers continue to purchase this each year. Buying a VIP Card gets you a GHIN Number as well for one low price. I would highly recommend a VIP Card for any golfer you might know who enjoys playing golf and might not know what the WVGA and our VIP program are about.

All of the above are obviously a lot, and none of it would get done if it weren't for the absolute dedication and determination of our staff. Danielle Monk is our Director of Finance and

WVGA in 2024

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Prevent injuries before the season opens to avoid missing a single round or tournament

The National Golf Foundation (NGF) reported that the overall golfer base has become more diverse as participation levels increased over the past several years. Some of the most notable U.S. gains were among females and people of color. But the largest participation increases over the past three years, since the start of the pandemic, came from the junior ranks, according to NGF.

Injuries can occur at any point during the golf swing, from takeaway through follow-through. Upper extremity injuries can affect the hands, elbow, and shoulder and are usually a result of the golf swing at impact. Injuries are also common in the lower back as well as the lower extremities. Most injuries are the result of overuse and poor swing mechanics.

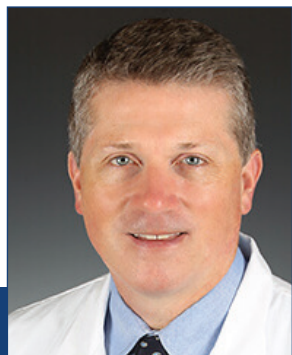
Golf is considered a low impact activity but due to the repetitive nature of swinging, injuries can still occur. Golf carts and outdoor elements also add risk.

Common Golf Injuries:

Most golf injuries are overuse injuries. The repetitive, one-sided motion of the golf swing causes these injuries. Injuries to muscles most commonly involve the back, arms, and legs.

Golf-Specific Injuries:

- **Hand:** Injuries such as hand tenderness or numbness can happen over time from excess swinging or immediately from hitting an object with the club, such as the ground or a root. A fracture of the one of the small wrist bones (hamate) may occur when the club strikes the ground.
- **Wrist:** Overuse injuries to the wrist, such as tendonitis, or cartilage tears, can occur with too much play or poor swing technique.
- **Elbow:** Golfer's elbow is one of the more common overuse



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injuries in the sport. It is inflammation of the muscle attachments at the inside part of the elbow, where the muscles in the forearm that flex the wrist attach.

- **Back:** Back pain is another common injury in golfers because of the repetitive motion of swinging. Stretching and maintaining good range of motion is important to prevent injury. Back pain should not be ignored as it can be a sign of stress fracture.
- **Hip and Knee:** Swinging a golf club creates high-speed torque through the hips and knees, which can lead to overuse injuries. Proper swing mechanics and stretching can help prevent this.
- **Golf Associated Safety:** Heat and sun related problems can also occur while playing golf. Sun exposure can cause sunburn and skin damage. Heat related illness is a preventable problem. Heat related illness

Injury Prevention

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includes heat rash, heat cramps, heat exhaustion and heat stroke.

Prevention of Golf Injuries:

- **Stretching/Warm Up:** Always warm up before a round of golf. A good warm up prepares your body for more intense activity by getting your blood flowing and raising your muscle temperature. Before you play golf, do some simple stretching exercises, focusing on your shoulders, back, and legs. Then hit a few golf balls on the driving range, starting with your wedges and progressing up the bag to full swings with the driver. It will not only help your game, but will help prevent injury in the long run.
- **Equipment:** Proper equipment is essential to prevent injuries. Golf or athletic shoes appropriate for the amount of walking and standing. Appropriate sized and weighted golf clubs. Golf clubs for the young golfer need to be shorter in length and lighter to help prevent injuries. Hats and protective clothing helps reduce sun exposure.

Additional Tips for

Preventing Injury:

- Protect your skin by using sunscreen. Wear sunglasses to filter out UVA and UVB rays,

and wear a hat with a visor to shade your eyes and face.

- Avoid a lightning strike by seeking shelter at the first sign of a thunderstorm. If possible, head for a large, permanent building or fully enclosed metal vehicle, such as a car or van, when storms approach. Always avoid large, open areas, small rain and sun shelters, and tall objects such as trees and poles.
- Make sure you are well hydrated before, during, and after your game. Replace your fluids, whether you feel thirsty or not. Stick to water and/or low-sugar sports drinks.
- When riding in a golf cart, keep your feet inside the cart. Players have broken ankles when their feet have gotten caught under moving golf carts.
- Always be aware of your environment and other players on the course. It is possible to sustain a soft-tissue injury by being hit by a golf ball.



World Handicap System™:

3 Key Changes for 2024

Introduced in January 2020, the World Handicap System was based upon three key principles: Be welcoming, provide a consistent measure of ability, and remain modern. Four years later, with the first revision to the WHS, those same principles apply to the main changes in effect, namely:

1) A lower minimum length for a golf course to obtain a Course Rating™ and Slope Rating™

Before 2024, an 18-hole course had to be at least 3,000 yards to receive a Course Rating and Slope Rating (or 1,500 yards for 9 holes).

With the 2024 WHS Revision, the yardage requirements have been cut in half, to 1,500 and 750 yards, respectively. This is good news for golfers who regularly play par-3 and shorter-length courses and have wanted those scores to count toward their Handicap Index®.

2) A new treatment of 9-hole scores

In 2023 and previous years, 9-hole scores were combined in the order posted to create an 18-hole Score Differential™. This meant that a 9-hole score could have been combined with another 9-hole score from days, weeks, or even

months before – which at times lead to volatile results.

Today, when a player posts a 9-hole score, it is combined with their expected Score Differential over 9 holes to create an 18-hole Score Differential for immediate use – with expected score based on the player’s Handicap Index at the time the round is played as well as a course of standard difficulty.

3) An updated approach for holes not played

Prior to 2024, when a hole was not played (due to darkness, for example), the score recorded was a net par.

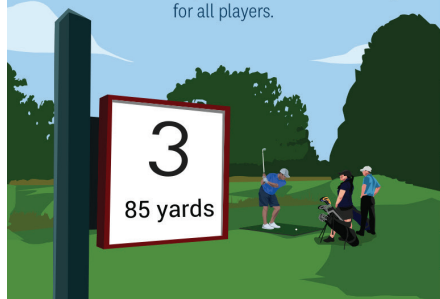
With the 2024 revision, when 10-17 holes are played, an 18-hole Score Differential is determined by adding the player’s Score Differential from the holes played to an expected Score Differential for the number of holes not played. Since a player’s expected score is not specific to a course or reliant upon the course’s stroke index allocation (as net par was previously), this will lead to more consistency.

To learn more about the World Handicap System, visit usga.org/whs.

3 KEY CHANGES

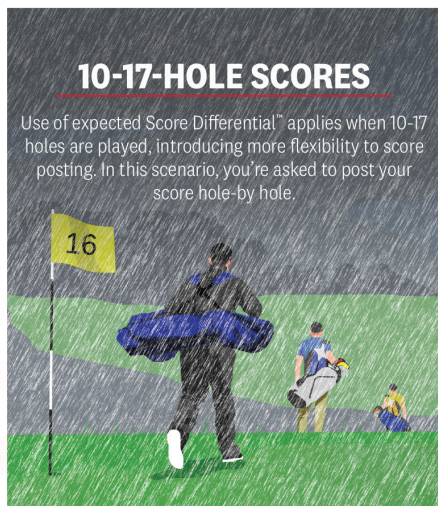
COURSE RATING & SHORTER COURSES

Courses as short as 750 yards for 9 holes and 1,500 yards for 18 holes are eligible for a Course Rating™ and Slope Rating™ – enhancing the portability of a Handicap Index® to make the system more accommodating for all players.



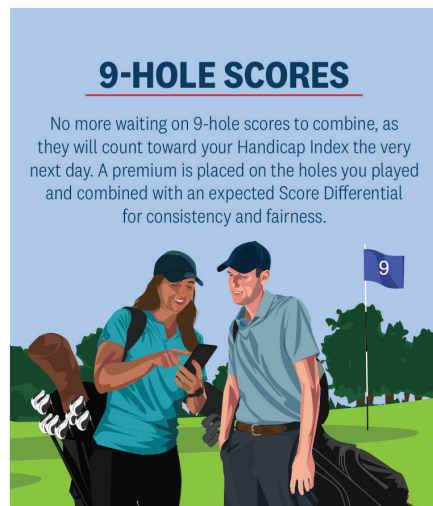
10-17-HOLE SCORES

Use of expected Score Differential™ applies when 10-17 holes are played, introducing more flexibility to score posting. In this scenario, you're asked to post your score hole-by-hole.



9-HOLE SCORES

No more waiting on 9-hole scores to combine, as they will count toward your Handicap Index the very next day. A premium is placed on the holes you played and combined with an expected Score Differential for consistency and fairness.



For more information on the WHS™, please visit usga.org/whs.

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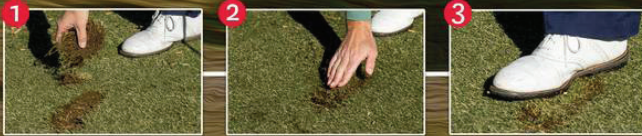
Divot Repair: Replace or Fill?

The easy guide to proper divot repair.



REPLACE

When the divot is still intact with soil attached.



Place the divot back in scar, then press with your foot to enhance rooting.

FILL

When the divot is shattered with no soil attached



Fill to ground level without overfilling. Press with your foot to compact and level mix.

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How To Repair a Ball Mark

A few extra seconds is all it takes to keep the putting greens looking and playing their best.



CHOOSE WISELY

A ball mark repair tool is recommended, but other pointed devices can be used.



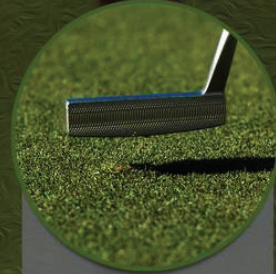
PUSH DON'T PRY

Starting from the back and sides, gently push & stretch the turf to the center of the mark.



WORK AROUND

Work around the ball mark until it's filled in. Avoid lifting & twisting the turf harshly.



FINAL TOUCH

Use your putter to lightly tap down the mark. Fix other marks in addition to yours.

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USGA P.J. Boatwright Internship Program benefits WV Golf Association and interns

In 1991, the USGA established the P.J. Boatwright Jr. Internship Program, in which the WVGA has been participating for many years. This program is designed to give experience to individuals who are interested in pursuing a career in golf administration, while assisting state and regional golf associations in the promotion of amateur golf, on a short-term, entry-level basis.

Each internship is different, since the needs vary from association to association. An intern may help conduct tournaments, junior golf programs, membership services and other general activities that promote the best interests of golf. Arrangements for multiple summer employment are possible as well.

The common thread running through the internship is exposure to tournament preparations,

administration and post-tournament business. The nature of tournament administration will test one's patience, initiative and decision-making abilities, as well as one's ability to endure long hours and hard work.

A prospective intern should demonstrate strong managerial potential and a sufficient interest in golf. The WVGA provides an appropriate level of orientation and ongoing training and attention. Each intern becomes an employee of the golf association, which will have primary responsibility for recruitment, and sole responsibility for compensation and supervision. Upon completion of the program, the USGA receives evaluations from both the association and the intern.

The West Virginia Golf Association is one of 60 golf organizations that may use these interns.

Not eligible for hire are golf professionals; USGA employees or their relatives; USGA committee members or their relatives; as well as association and organization employees and officials or their relatives.

We are accepting 2024 applications now: [click here](#).



Swing into the new year as a VIP Card holder

VIP Card Holders have access to 66 West Virginia private, public and resort courses at EXCLUSIVE VIP rates. They also receive an official Handicap Index for score posting and each golfer has a specific, private number assigned to them. When you purchase the VIP Card you are a member of the WVGA and are eligible to participate in WVGA events.

2024 West Virginia VIP Card

Rules & Regulations:

- 2024 West Virginia VIP Cardholder is entitled to the round(s) of golf listed from 1/1/2024 through 12/31/2024.
- Some clubs may limit daily VIP play at their discretion. Please call ahead for tee times.
- Fee includes motorized cart, unless otherwise noted.
- Please call 24 hours in advance of requesting a tee time, you must ID yourself as a West Virginia VIP cardholder.
- VIP Cards may not be used for tournaments or special events.
- Cardholder must present their VIP Card before playing. ID may be requested, VIP Cards are non-transferrable.



- Cardholder must abide by dress code and other regulations of the VIP course.
- Members 17 and younger must play with an adult.

- Replacement VIP Cards are \$15, payable to the WVGA.

The West Virginia VIP Card is one of the many benefits of becoming a member of the WVGA. At right are all 66 courses VIP Card Holders have access to as well as rates and restrictions. Courses are broken down by region/eClub. Each circle represents the amount of plays each course offers. [Click here for more details or to purchase a card.](#)



NORTHERN PANHANDLE	MOUNTAIN LAKES	MID-OHIO VALLEY
1. Mountville CC, Mountville \$40.00 ●● Weekend plays after 12:00pm	20. Glenview GC, Glenview \$50.00 UNLIMITED	41. Golf Club of WV, Weavertown \$25.00 UNLIMITED Saturday-Sunday \$29.00
2. Mountaineer Woodview, New Cumberland \$20.00 ●● Monday - Friday anytime, Saturday and Sunday after 2:00pm Ogletree Resort, Wheeling	21. Nicholas Memorial, Summersville \$30.00 UNLIMITED	42. Greenhills CC, Rowleswood \$40.00 ●●●● Valid Monday and Wednesday after 12:00pm
3. Crispin Course, \$35.00 ●● Monday - Thursday anytime, Friday - Sunday after 2:00pm	22. Stonewall Resort, Roanoke \$55.00 ●●●●●●●● Opening Day - April 26 and Oct 21 - closing day \$45. Weekend rate April 29 - October 28 \$43.00.	43. Mingo Bottom CC, Elizabeth \$25.00 UNLIMITED Weekends \$33.00
4. Jones Course, \$40.00 ●●● Monday - Thursday anytime, Friday - Sunday after 2:00pm	23. Alpine Lake Resort, Terra Alta \$35.00 ●●●● (1) Additional weekend plays after 12:00pm Weekends and holidays after 12:00pm	44. Parkersburg CC, Parkersburg \$90.00 ●●●● Foursome rate \$350.00 (must be VIP Holders), Monday - Friday only
5. Palmer Course, \$40.00 ●●● Monday - Thursday anytime, Friday - Sunday after 2:00pm	24. Apple Valley GC, Fairmont \$35.00 ●●●●●●●● Weekend plays after 12:00pm	45. Boone County CC, Spencer \$18.00 ●● 46. Sistersville CC, Sistersville \$30.00 UNLIMITED
6. Wheeling CC, Wheeling \$25.00 ●●● Monday - Thursday anytime, Friday - Sunday after 2:00pm	25. Barbour CC, Phillipi \$28.00 UNLIMITED Weekend plays after 12:00pm	47. St. Marys GC, St. Marys \$20.00 ●●●● Thursday after 12:00pm
METRO VALLEY	MOUNTAINEER COUNTRY	NEW RIVER - GREENBRIER VALLEY
7. Berry Hills CC, Charleston \$50.00 ●●●● Tuesday & Thursday Only	26. Big Meadow GC, Mt. Clay \$35.00 ●●●●●●●● Weekends and holidays after 12:00pm	48. Ripstein State Park \$30.00 ●●●●●●●● Weekends and holiday plays after 12:00pm
8. Big Bend CC, Tompkins \$20.00 ●●●●●●●● Monday - Thursday anytime Weekends and holidays after 12:00pm	27. Bridgeport CC, Bridgeport \$40.00 ●●●●●●●● Weekends and holidays after 12:00pm	49. The Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs May - October, Weekends and holiday plays after 12:00pm Valid April - October, Monday - Thursday only
9. Coanakin Park, Charleston \$15.00 ●●● Monday - Thursday anytime, Weekends and holidays after 12:00pm	28. Clarkston CC, Clarkston \$38.00 ●●●●●●●● Monday - Friday anytime, Saturday after 2:00pm	50. The Old White Course \$25.00 ●●●●●●●● April and November \$30.00, May - October \$20.00
10. Edgewood CC, Sistersville \$50.00 ●●●● Tuesday - Thursday anytime, Friday and Saturday after 10:00pm \$75.00, Golf attire required.	29. Fairmont Field Club, Fairmont \$35.00 ●●●●●●●● Weekends and holiday plays after 12:00pm	51. Fincoast Golf Course, Bluefield, VA \$35.00 ●●●● Valid Monday - Friday
11. Esquire CC, Barboursville \$35.00 ●●●●●●●● Weekends and holiday plays after 12:00pm	30. Green Hills CC, Fairmont \$38.00 ●●●●●●●● Monday and Saturday after 1:00pm, Weekends and holidays after 12:00pm	52. Fountain Springs GC, Beckersston \$30.00 ●●●●●●●● Valid Monday - Friday
12. Little Creek CC, S. Charleston \$25.00 ●●●●●●●● Monday - Thursday anytime, Weekends and holiday plays after 12:00pm.	31. Lakeview Course \$32.00 ●●●●●●●● (1) Weekend plays after 12:00pm	53. Lewisburg Elite CC, Lewisburg \$36.00 ●●●●●●●● Weekends and holiday plays after 12:00pm
13. Logan CC, Charlestown \$25.00 ●●●●●●●● Offer valid after 11:00am	32. Mountainview Course \$27.00 ●●●●●●●● (1) Weekend plays after 12:00pm	54. Pippsheim State Park, Pippsheim
14. Riverside CC, Mason \$32.00 ●●●●●●●● Weekends and holiday plays after 12:00pm	33. Preston CC, Kingwood \$35.00 ●●●●●●●● Monday-Thursday anytime, (1) Play offered Friday-Sunday after 12:00pm	55. Pippsheim Short Course \$22.00 UNLIMITED
15. Riverview CC, Lesage \$32.00 UNLIMITED Weekends and holiday plays after 10:00pm	34. Sunny Croft CC, Clarkburg \$30.00 ●●●●●●●● Weekends and holidays after 12:00pm	56. Pocahontas CC, Buckhazy \$20.00 ●●●●●●●●
EASTERN PANHANDLE	POTOMAC HIGHLANDS	57. Princeton Elite, Princeton \$25.00 ●●●●●●●● The Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs
16. Cacapon State Park, Berkeley Springs \$30.00 ●●●● Weekend plays after 12:00pm	35. Tugart Lake GC, Grifton \$30.00 ●●●●●●●● Weekends and holiday plays after 12:00pm	58. Princeton Elite, Princeton \$25.00 ●●●●●●●● The Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs
17. Locust Hill GC, Charles Town \$20.00 ●●●●●●●● (1) Weekend plays after 12:00pm The Woods, Hedgesville	36. Canaan Valley Resort, Davis \$36.00 ●●●●●●●● \$36.00 Friday - Sunday and holidays.	59. The Greenbrier Course \$30.00 ●●●●●●●● May - October, Weekends and holiday plays after 10:00pm April and November \$35.00, May - October \$20.00
18. Mountain View Course, \$25.00 ●●●●●●●●	37. Elk GOLF Club, \$33.00 UNLIMITED	60. Woodhaven Course \$50.00 UNLIMITED (1) Weekend play after 12:00pm
19. Stony Lick Course, \$20.00 ●●●●●●●●	38. Fisher Mountain Golf Club, Franklin \$50.00 UNLIMITED	61. The Old White Course \$25.00 ●●●●●●●● April and November \$30.00, May - October \$30.00. Weekends and holiday plays after 10:00pm.

● INDICATES HOW MANY PLAYS PER COURSE
Call the WVGA Office for Assistance: (804) 391-5000

2024 WVGA schedule released; Registration opens online March 4 at noon

2024 WVGA Championship Schedule

April 8-9	Tri-State PGA WV Classic	Guyan Golf & Country Club
April 20-21	Two Man Scramble Championship	Stonewall Resort
April 28	Junior Match Play Qualifier	Greenhills Country Club (Ravenswood)
May 5	Junior Match Play Qualifier	Tygart Lake Public Golf Course
May 11-12	Junior Match Play Championship	Parkersburg Country Club
May 17-19	Four-Ball Match Play Championship	The Resort at Glade Springs
May 20-21	Senior Open Championship	Berry Hills Country Club
May 6	105th WV Amateur Qualifier	Wheeling Country Club
May 7	105th WV Amateur Qualifier	Edgewood Country Club
May 9	105th WV Amateur Qualifier	Locust Hill Golf Course
May 13	105th WV Amateur Qualifier	Bridgeport Country Club
May 16	105th WV Amateur Qualifier	Pipestem Resort State Park
May 20	105th WV Amateur Qualifier	Guyan Golf & Country Club
May 22	105th WV Amateur Last Chance Qualifier	Stonewall Resort
May 26-29	105th WV Amateur Championship	The Greenbrier Resort
June 14-15	Mixed Format Championship	Glade Springs Village-Stonehaven
June 17-18	Women's Senior Amateur Championship	The Resort at Glade Springs
June 29-30	Four-Ball Championship	The Raven Golf Club at Snowshoe
July 1-2	Junior Amateur Championship	Canaan Valley Resort
July 14-16	101st WV Women's Amateur Championship	Bridgeport Country Club
July 15-17	Senior Amateur Championship	Stonewall Resort
July 20-21	Parent-Child Championship	The Resort at Glade Springs/ Glade Springs Village-Stonehaven
July 7	91st WV Open Qualifier	Riverside Golf Club
July 8	91st WV Open Qualifier	Sleepy Hollow Golf Club
July 18	91st WV Open Qualifier	The Club at Cress Creek
July 22	91st WV Open Qualifier	The Resort at Glade Springs
July 23	91st WV Open Qualifier	The Pines Country Club
July 25	91st WV Open Last Chance Qualifier	Bel Meadow Golf Club
July 29-Aug 2	91st WV Open Championship	Edgewood Country Club
July 29	Womens Intra State Matches	The Club at Cress Creek
August 23-24	Two Lady Scramble Championship	Pipestem Resort State Park
August 23-24	Two Man Senior Scramble Championship	Pipestem Resort State Park
August 27-29	Mid-Amateur Championship	The Pines Country Club
September 23-24	Senior Four-Ball Championship	Guyan Golf & Country Club
October 6	Club Team Championship	Glade Springs Village-Woodhaven

2024 USGA Qualifying Schedule

April 29	U.S. Open Qualifying	Parkersburg Country Club
July 10	U.S. Senior Amateur Qualifying	Sleepy Hollow Golf Club
August 19	U.S. Mid-Amateur Qualifying	Guyan Golf & Country Club
September 19	U.S. Amateur Four-Ball Qualifying	Edgewood Country Club

2024 WVGA Team Events

March 30	North South Junior Matches	The Resort at Glade Springs
April 26-28	WV-VA Team Matches	The Resort at Glade Springs
July 15-16	Virginia - Carolinas Womens	Keswick Golf Club
August 10-11	Virginias - Carolinas Boys	Occano Golf Club
October 17-19	Captain's Putter Matches	Bayville Country Club
TBD	Mid-Atlantic Junior Invitational	TBD

2024 WVGA Senior Series Schedule

April 10	The Resort at Glade Springs
April 17	The Pines Country Club
April 30	Mountaineers Woodview
May 1 (9:00am)	Oglebay- Palmer
May 10	Mingo Bottom Golf Club
May 14	Bel Meadow Golf Club
May 22	Little Creek Golf Course
June 3	Sleepy Hollow Golf Club
June 10	Pocahontas Country Club
June 11 (9:00am)	The Raven Golf Club
June 21	Green Hills Country Club (Fairmont)
June 25	Fincastle
June 26 (9:00am)	Pipestem Resort State Park
July 1	Preston Country Club
July 2 (9:00am)	Lakeview Resort
July 12	Glenville Golf Club
July 24	Grandview Country Club
August 5	Berry Hills Country Club
August 14	Bridge Haven Golf Club
August 19	Stonewall Resort
August 20 (9:00am)	Canaan Valley Resort
September 10	Lewisburg Elks Country Club
September 16	Greenhills Country Club (Ravenswood)
October 2	Riverside Golf Club
October 7	Edgewood Country Club
October 14	Parkersburg Country Club

2024 WV Amateur Series presented by PSIMED Schedule

April 16	Edgewood Country Club
April 22	Parkersburg Country Club
May 9	Riverside Golf Club
May 13	The Resort at Glade Springs
May 23	Fincastle
June 12	Stonewall Resort

Callaway Junior Tour Rookie League

April 21 @ noon	Rookie League	Sistersville CC
May 11 @ noon	Rookie League	St. Mary's GC
May 18 @ noon	Rookie League	Minibel Par 3 GC
June 7 @ noon	Rookie League	Lewisburg Elks CC
June 9 @ 10 am	Rookie League	Coonskin Park
June 21 @ 3 pm	Rookie League	Fairmont FC
June 22 @ noon	Rookie League	Barbour CC
July 12 @ 3 pm	Rookie League	Mingo Bottom GC
August 9 @ 3:30 pm	Rookie League	Locust Hill GC

Callaway Junior Tour

June 3 @ 8:30 am	CJRT	Guyan G&CC
June 4 @ 8:30 am	CJRT	Esquire GC
June 6 @ 8:30 am	CJRT	Stonewall Resort
June 10 @ 9:00 am	CJRT	Sleepy Hollow GC
June 12 @ 8:30 am	CJRT	The Pines CC
June 13 @ 8:30 am	CJRT	Canaan Valley Resort
June 17 @ 8:30 am	CJRT	Bridgeport CC
June 18 @ 8:30 am	CJRT	The Club at Cress Creek
June 19 @ 8:30am	CJRT	Locust Hill GC
June 24 @ 8:30am	CJRT	Berry Hills CC
June 25 @ 9:00am	CJRT	Edgewood CC
June 26 @ 8:30am	CJRT	Riverside GC
July 8 @ 8:30am	CJRT	The Greenbrier (AM)
July 8 @ 2:00pm	CJRT	The Greenbrier (PM)
July 10 @ 8:30am	CJRT	Oglebay (Jones)
July 11 @ 8:30am	CJRT	Wheeling CC
July 17 @ 8:30am	CJRT	The Resort at Glade Springs
July 17 @ 5:00pm	Par 3 Shootout	Pipestem Resort
July 18 @ 8:30am	CJRT	Pipestem Resort State Park
July 22 @ 10:00am	CJRT	Parkersburg CC
July 23 @ 8:30am	CJRT	Mingo Bottom GC
Jul 25 @ 9:00am	CJRT Tour Championship	Greenbrier Sporting Club

Callaway Junior Tour High School Series

August 8 @ 9 am	High School Series-Capital City Classic	Edgewood CC
August 9 @ 8:30 am	High School Series-WVGA Invite	Riverside GC
August 13 @ 8:30 am	High School Series-WVGA Invite	Oglebay Resort (Jones)
August 14 @ 8:30 am	High School Series-WVGA Invite	Stonewall Resort

Thanks to our sponsors and partners





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TOGETHER WE CAN PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY

CLUBS IN HANDS CAMPAIGN is an annual campaign focused on raising the necessary funds to establish the First Tee School Program in all West Virginia Elementary and Middle Schools.

The focus of First Tee - West Virginia is to give young people, ages 5-18, of all backgrounds an opportunity to develop, through golf, character education and life-enhancing values such as honesty, integrity and sportsmanship. The Life Skills Experience is one of the unique features that separates our program from many other junior golf programs.

The First Tee School Program is currently implemented in over 190 schools across West Virginia, while our golf course program is taught at 8 locations statewide. Our goal is to establish the First Tee School Program in every Elementary and Middle School and grow our golf course program. Together, with your support, you will help us reach our goal and provide opportunities for our youth to grow through our golf and character education program.



“Without the First Tee, I would not be where or who I am today. I will forever be grateful for the First Tee and the love for the game of golf it has given me. As a current collegiate golfer, I am thankful for the skills and lessons the First Tee provided me with, and am most thankful for the friendships the game of golf has allowed me to form!” - Emma Nicol

Thank you for your support!

\$627,000.00 RAISED of \$1,470,000.00 GOAL



Beyond THE FAIRWAYS

GOLF TOURNAMENT

at



COURSE: Arnold Palmer Signature

DATE: Friday, May 31, 2024

REGISTRATION: 10:00am

SHOTGUN: 11:30am

FORMAT: 4-Person Scramble

ENTRY: \$600 team | \$150 individual

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e-mail form: jpreast@wvga.org

online: firstteewestvirginia.org/events

New for 2024: The Ladies League

The West Virginia Golf Association is excited to announce a new playing series for women! The Ladies League will provide women golfers an opportunity to play in different formats throughout the State. The Ladies League will focus on team and partner formats with the option to compete in individual stroke play for some tournaments. All tournaments will be pre-flighted with handicaps. Partners and team members do not have to be from the same Club.

Entry fee for each tournament will be \$65 per player. This includes greens fee, cart, lunch,



and prizes. Players must register as a team or partners. Visit our website to register for the upcoming season!

April 15

Stonewall Resort, Roanoke
Format: 2-person best ball and individual stroke play option

May 15

Clarksburg Country Club
Format: 2 Best Balls of Foursome and individual stroke play option

June 27

Woodhaven Golf Course, Daniels
Format: 4- Person Scramble

September 7-8

Alpine Lake Resort, Terra Alta
Format: 2 best balls of foursome

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Administration and handles a lot of behind-the-scenes work for events, fundraisers and championships, not to mention creates and is responsible for the VIP Card program I mentioned above. Jeff Preast, our Executive Director of The First Tee, handles day-to-day operations of our green grass programming sites, oversees our coaches and schedules at those sites, the national school program and all the work that comes with The First Tee. Lucas Ware, our director of Junior Golf and Core Services, handles the ongoing operation of the Callaway Junior Tour and Rookie League, while being a key part of many of the WVGA Championships and Qualifiers as well as being the main point of contact for Handicapping and Course Rating questions. Sarah Cole, our Director of Women's Golf and

One-Day Events, is mainly responsible for the Women's Championship's and the operation of the Senior Series and both the WV Amateur Series and new ladies one-day events. Diane Slaughter is our Director of Public Relations and puts out news releases for all championships and one-day events, not to mention creates this newsletter along with many other press duties.

Lastly, I want to thank you, the WVGA member. Whether you participate in our events, purchase a VIP Card, have a GHIN number to post your score or just enjoy following along during the year we couldn't do what we do without you. We enjoy every aspect of the West Virginia Golf Association and if anyone on our staff can be of any assistance please let us know.

See you on the course soon!

New apparel and gifts are available for golfers of all ages - get what you need for 2024

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Nine-hole golf courses:

Editor's note: In order to showcase our nine-hole courses across West Virginia, we will be featuring two of them in each issue of this newsletter.

Course name:

Sistersville Country Club

Address:

WV-2
Sistersville, WV 26175

Manager:

Timmy Meeks

Course Superintendent:

Dale Cline

Membership structure:

Public

Year opened:

1907

Designer:

Unknown

Season dates:

Year-round, weather permitting

Rates:

9 holes: \$25 with cart

18 holes: \$35 with cart

What's a unique fact or feature about your course?

This course hosted the West Virginia Open Championship at one time.



What separates your course from other nine-hole courses?

The course is flat and walkable among the hills of West Virginia.

What do you brag about?

Sam Snead competed here in the West Virginia Open Championship.

How to book tee times:

Call 304.652.3005, but tee times aren't necessary

Web site:

www.sistersvillecc.com

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/132691034664>



The hidden gems of golf in West Virginia

Course name:

The Greenbrier

Address:

101 Main Street, West
White Sulphur Springs, WV

Director of Golf:

Hill Herrick

Director of Golf Maintenance:

Kelly Shumate

Ownership structure:

Corporation

Year opened:

2018 as a 9-hole course with all original features of original holes intact following the 2016 flood.

Designer:

Seth Raynor, redesigned by Jack Nicklaus

Season dates:

May 6, 2024 - October 6, 2024

Rates:

Registered guest: 9 holes-\$180, 18-\$240
Non-registered guest: 9-\$260, 18-\$355
Reduced rates after 11 am and 3 pm

What's a unique fact or feature about your course?

The Greenbrier Course was designed by Seth Raynor, who had teamed up with Charles Blair Macdonald in designing and building the earlier Old White Course. The course opened for play in 1924. Jack Nicklaus redesigned the course in 1977 in preparation for the Ryder Cup matches in 1979. Heavily bunkered, with water coming into play on many holes, the course is challenging and exciting for professionals and amateurs alike. The #2 hole, a 403-yard, par 4 with a large lake on the right, is the signature hole of the Course.

From 1985 to 1987, The Greenbrier/American Express Championship, a PGA Tour Champions event, saw Don January win the first two years and Bruce Crampton win the finale.

Jack Nicklaus completely modernized the course before the 1979 Ryder

Cup matches. For the first time since the 1927 inaugural match, a new "All-Europe team" competed against their American opponents. Score USA 17 – Europe 11

Harold Payne won the first WV Amateur Championship played on the redesigned course in 1979. It was used for the tournament (along with Old White) from 1979 to 2016.

In 1994, the Solheim Cup matched the 10 best LPGA professionals against the 10 best European professionals, featuring Swedish superstar Annika Sorenstam. American Dottie Pepper went out in 32 strokes to rally the USA team on the final day for the win. Score USA 13 – Europe 7

What do you brag about?

Measuring 6681 yards with a par 72, The Greenbrier Course was the first one in the world to hold the distinction of hosting both the Ryder Cup and Solheim Cup Matches (1994)

How to book tee times:

Call 304.536.7899.

Web site:

www.greenbrier.com





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