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91st WV Open sees new champion at Edgewood Country Club in August

With 90-plus-degree temperatures proving as challenging as the Edgewood Country Club golf course, amateur and West Virginia University golfer Todd Duncan of Daniels came from a two-stroke deficit after the second round to win the 91st West Virginia Open by one stroke at 16 under par 197.

Professional golfer (p) Will Evans of Charleston, who was in the lead after each of the first two rounds, finished one stroke back in second at 15 under par 198. Kenny Hess (p) of Parkersburg finished in third at 10 under par 203, while Davey Jude of Kermit and Christian Brand of Hurricane tied for fourth at nine under par 204.

Jonathan Clark of Hurricane took low senior honors and Jackson Woodburn of Scott Depot took low junior honors. Clark also took Low Senior honors at the WV Amateur.



Jackson Woodburn of Scott Depot (above left) took Low Junior honors at (-3) 210, while Jonathan Clark of Hurricane took Low Senior honors at (-2) 211.

Tied for 6th at (-7) 206

- David Bradshaw (p) of Harpers Ferry
- Noah Mullens of Milton

8th at (-6) 207

- Mitch Hoffman of Hurricane

Tied for 9th at (-5) 208

- Thadd Obecnycy II (p) of St. Clairsville, Ohio

- Cam Roam of Huntington



“We thank everyone for coming to play in the unrelenting heat this week. There was some amazing golf all three days and we congratulate Todd on his first West Virginia Open Championship,” said Edgewood’s Head Golf Professional Craig Berner.

“It’s been a great week at Edgewood Country Club. I can’t thank the membership here, the staff here, Club pro Craig Berner and Kenny Eggeleston on grounds. The golf course withstood the heat, and the guys thoroughly enjoyed the week. A true champion was crowned at the end of a day full of amazing competition,” said WVGA Executive Director Chris Slack. “We couldn’t have done this without our presenters from WVU Medicine and Dutch Miller and all our other sponsors.”

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Final day of WV Junior Amateur Championship crowns two former champions

The West Virginia Junior Amateur Championship, for players under 18 and conducted by the West Virginia Golf Association (WVGA), saw boys' and girls' champions crowned at Canaan Valley Resort.

Argyle Downes of Charles Town, the boys' 2021 Junior Amateur Champion, came from a two-stroke deficit to defeat McCartney Hinkle of Bluefield, Va., by two strokes. Downes finished at (-11) 205, while Hinkle finished at (-9) 207.

In the Girls' Championship Division, Savannah Hawkins of Hurricane broke the two-day tie with Kerri-Anne Cook of Oceana to win the title at (+3) 219. Hawkins, who won this tournament in 2022, scored 12 birdies over the 54-hole competition to aid in her win. Cook finished at (+6) 222.

"This was the first year for a three-day, 54-hole tournament, so we're glad to be the first course to host this format," said Canaan's Golf Shop Manager Sherri Harold. "We want to congratulate the Division winners and, of course, Savannah and Argyle for their wins today."

"It's great to see two former champions once again take the trophy this year. That shows the commitment of these young golfers to such a great sport," said WVGA's Director of Junior

Golf and Core Services Lucas Ware. "We thank the staff at Canaan Valley Resort for providing such a great course and wonderful atmosphere for the 2024 Junior Amateur Championship."

On the first day of play, Downes and Hinkle tied for the Boys' Championship lead at (-3) 69.

In the Girls Championship Division, Savannah Hawkins of Hurricane and Kerri-Anne Cook of Oceana tied for the lead at (+5) 77.

Parker O'Dell of Hurricane led the boys 13-14 division, while Campbell Hettlinger of Huntington led the girls 10-14 division and Jude Walker of Mount Zion led the boys 12 and under division.

On the second day of play, O'Dell maintained his first day's lead in the boys 13-14 division, winning the tournament at (+1) 145. Campbell Hettlinger of Huntington won the girls 10-14 division title, playing in her first WVGA event. Jude Walker of Mount Zion won the boys 12 and under division by six strokes, finishing at (+5) 149.

In the Girls' Championship Division, Hawkins and Cook remained tied for the lead at (+6) 150.

"We're always happy to see the kids here since junior golf is the future of golf," said Canaan's Harold. "It's good to see such great support for these young golfers from their parents, grandparents and other family members."

"Parker O'Dell claimed his back-to-back Boys 13-14 division title with a stellar round of one under par," said WVGA's Ware. "Congratulations to Jude and Campbell for their wins, too."

Click here for the [championship leaderboard](#).



Brand wins WV Mid-Amateur Championship at The Pines in Morgantown in August

The West Virginia Mid-Amateur Championship saw four of the top golfers in the state tee off for the semi-final round on the third day of competition, hosted by the West Virginia Golf Association (WVGA), at The Pines Country Club in Morgantown. By the end of the day, Thursday's semi-final matches were set and Christian Brand of Hurricane was the champion.

Following the stroke play round and Round of 32 on Tuesday, the Round of 16 and quarterfinals on Wednesday, Christian Brand of Hurricane, Davey Jude of Kermit, Noah Mullens of Milton and Josh Arbaugh of Morgantown faced off in the semi-final round on Thursday. In the Semi-Final Round, Brand defeated Jude 1 up, while Mullens defeated Arbaugh 4 and 3.

In the Championship Round, Brand overcame a strong challenge from Mullens, winning 3 and 2.

"This may have been the best Mid-Amateur Championship in recent years," said The Pines' Head Golf Professional Russell Reid. "With our greens in phenomenal condition, the weather and overall course conditions, there were plenty of scoring opportunities this week."

"This has been Christian Brand's year. He won the West Virginia Amateur Championship in May and was fourth in the West Virginia Open earlier this month. This is the first time since 2017 that someone has won both the Amateur and Mid-Amateur in the same season," said WVGA Executive Director Chris Slack. "We can't thank Russell Reid and the staff at The Pines enough for their work to make this a great event."

On the first day of the event, the stroke play round saw Brand finish first at six under par 65. The remainder of the top finishers were:

- Josh Arbaugh, Morgantown, (-3) 68;
- Davey Jude, Kermit, (-3) 68;

- Woody Woodward, Bridgeport, (-3) 68;
- David Schwinler, Morgantown, (-2) 69;
- Ian Patrick, Huntington, (-2) 69;
- Brian Anania, Scott Depot, (-1) 70;
- Trenton Roush, New Haven, (E) 71;
- Noah Mullens, Milton, (E) 71;
- Doug Wallace, Morgantown, (E) 71; and
- Ryan Bashour, Morgantown, (E) 71.



The field then moved to the Round of 32 to close the first day's competition.

"The Pines is honored to host this prestigious event, and we think the players are in for a real treat," said The Pines' Head Golf Professional Russell Reid. "The greens are spectacular, and we have a large field vying for the 32-player match play rounds."

Following the stroke play round and Round of 32 on the first day, the second day of competition featured the Round of 16 and quarterfinals.

Following the Round of 16, Brand defeated Mason, 6 and 5, and Jude defeated Woodward in 20 holes, while Mullens defeated O'Dell 1 up and Arbaugh defeated Wensel 2 up in the quarterfinal round to set the semi-final match.

"The quality of players in this tournament is what makes this so exciting," said The Pines' Head Golf Professional Russell Reid. "With the single-match elimination format, the player with the most skill should come out on top tomorrow."

Click here for the [final leaderboard](#).

Myers defends title in 2024 WVGA Senior Amateur Championship at Stonewall Resort

Bryan Myers of Wheeling defended his 2023 title, winning the Championship Bracket at the West Virginia Senior Amateur Championship, conducted by the West Virginia Golf Association (WVGA), at Stonewall Resort. Myers won his title over Bob Clark, also of Wheeling, in 21 holes.

In the Senior Championship Bracket, Bart Willis of Logan defeated Bill Boyle of Vienna 3 and 2.

Highlights of the three-day event included a total of seven birdies for Myers, five for Clark and two for Willis.

“We’re pleased to congratulate Bryan Myers on his repeat win and Bart Willis on his first title,” said Stonewall’s Head Golf Professional Mike Rogers. “Not only did they beat their competition over three days, but they also won over the weather and the course.”

“We join Mike in congratulating Bryan and Bart on their wins,” said WVGA Executive Director Chris Slack. “We’d like to thank Mike Rogers and his staff at Stonewall Resort for hosting this event.”

Bryan Myers of Wheeling and Ian Patrick of Huntington tied for the lead in stroke play on the opening day of play. Myers was aided by six birdies, while Patrick scored four birdies in the opening round. Neil Christiansen of Parkersburg, aided by five birdies on the day, sat at the top of the Senior Division at (-3) 69.

“It’s been a rough summer with the heat, but we’re looking forward to hosting the WVGA Senior Amateur Championship for some of the best golfers in the state,” said Stonewall’s Head Golf Professional Mike Rogers.

The first round of 18-hole stroke play was a qualifier to set the seeding for the remainder of the tournament on Tuesday and Wednesday, and was followed by the Round of 16 in each division.

The quarterfinal round of match play saw the fields cut further in the Championship and

Senior Divisions.

“We looked forward to the Championship, since match play has been so strong this week,” said Stonewall’s Head Golf Professional Mike Rogers.

In semi-final match play in the Championship Division, Myers defeated John

Bumgarner of Scott Depot 6 and 5, while Todd Westfall of Bridgeport defeated Van Stemple of Shepherdstown 2 and 1. In the other semi-final bracket, Michael Koreski of Parkersburg defeated Ian Patrick of Huntington 4 and 3, while Bob Clark of Wheeling defeated Brian McPherson of Belpre, Ohio, 1 up. In the final round leading to Wednesday’s Championship, Myers defeated Westfall 1 up and Clark defeated Koreski 6 and 4.

In semi-final match play of the Senior Division, Bill Boyle of Vienna defeated Reid Carroll of Barboursville 5 and 3, while David Eller of Barboursville defeated Michael Poling of Vienna in 19 holes. In the other bracket, Bart Willis of Logan defeated Jay Kaufman of Mineral Wells by concession, while Martin Morgan of Fairmont defeated Joe Roy of Barboursville 3 and 2. In the final round leading to Wednesday, Boyle defeated Eller 6 and 5, while Willis defeated Morgan in 19 holes.

Click here for the event leaderboard: [Senior Amateur Championship](#).



Senior Four-Ball Championship winners crowned at Guyan Golf and Country Club

The West Virginia Golf Association's (WVGA) Senior Four-Ball Championship saw one division with come-from-behind champions, while the other saw an extension of the first day's lead at Guyan Golf and Country Club in Huntington. There were 39 two-man teams in the tournament.

Coming from one stroke behind at (-6) 65 after the first day's play, the team of Ian Patrick of Huntington and Todd Westfall of Bridgeport took the Championship Division by two strokes, finishing at (-10) 132. Monday's leaders, Parkersburg Country Club members Brian McPherson and Cal



Wood, finished in second at (-8) 134.

Rounding out the top five were:

- Glenn Yost of Barboursville and Pat Carter of Huntington, (-6) 136;
- Bryan Myers of Wheeling and Jay Davis of St. Clairsville, Ohio, (-5) 137;
- John Bumgarner of Scott Depot and Jonathan Clark of Hurricane, (-2) 140; and
- Edward McCormick of Mount Nebo and Mark Strickland of Boomer, (-2) 140.

In the Senior Division, the team of Bob Clark and Penn Kurtz of Wheeling extended their first day one-stroke lead to win by three at (-7) 135. The other teams finishing in the top five were:

- Richard Carder of Fort Ashby and Jim Carpenter of Martinsburg, (-4) 138;
- Mark Cross and Jamie Bailes, both of Huntington, (-3) 139;
- Buddy Butler of Williamstown and Scott Cozzens of Vincent, Ohio, (-2) 140; and

- Edwin Morrison of Naples, Fl., and Jim Cyrus of Huntington, (-1) 141.

"We want to congratulate our champions and Senior Division winners for their great golf the last two days," said WVGA Executive Director Chris Slack.

"We're glad to be back hosting this event this year," said

Rick Ellison, Guyan's head golf professional. "Thanks to our staff, this course is among the best around, even with the drought."

At the end of the first day of competition, McPherson and Wood held the lead in the Championship Division at (-7) 64. One stroke behind at (-6) 65 was the team of Patrick and Westfall. In third, at (-4) 67, was the team of Yost and Carter.

In the Senior Division, the team of Clark and Kurtz held a one-stroke lead at (-4) 67, leading Dell Adkins and Jim Freemon, both of Barboursville, by one stroke. Tied for third at (-2) 69 was the team of Joe Crislip and Neil Christiansen, both of Parkersburg, and the team of Rick Degroff of Montrose and Mike Boggs of Hedgesville.

"It was overcast and gusty today, but temperatures were better than the heat we've had," said Slack.

Ellison said, "We're excited to host this event, especially since so many of our members are playing. The course is in great shape thanks to our staff and the Bermuda grass."

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2024 WV Two-Senior Scramble sees Groves and Ferrell come from behind for win

The 2024 West Virginia Two-Senior Scramble Championship saw 21 teams tee off at Pipestem Resort Golf Course hosted by the West Virginia Golf Association (WVGA).

In the Championship Flight, Jerry Groves and Pat Ferrell of Maxwelton came from behind to take the win at (-20) 124, defeating yesterday's leaders, Chuck Workman of Marlinton and Jeff Harper of Coolville, Ohio, by one stroke.

Rounding out the top five teams are:

- Joe Crislip and Neil Christiansen, both of Parkersburg, (-18) 126;
- Brian Morrison of Barboursville and Scott McClure of Huntington, (-18) 126; and
- John Ridenour of Long Bottom, Ohio, and Mitchell Roush of Mason, (-18) 126.

In the First Flight, three teams were tied for the lead at (-12) 132, but Hank Middlemas and Gary Hawkins, both of Fairmont, won the Flight on a scorecard playoff. Rounding out the top five teams (with ties) were:

- Tim Dyer and Terry Warne, both of Bridgeport, (-12) 132;
- Chester Smith of Parkersburg and David Shaffer of Wheeling, (-12) 132;
- Terrence Beam of Daniels and Larry Powers of Craigsville, (-9) 135;
- David Corbin of Charleston and Jeffrey Surface of South Charleston, (-8) 136; and
- Danny Gill of Beckley and Kelly Bowman of Beaver, (-8) 136.

Steve Robertson, head golf professional at Pipestem Resort State Park, said, "It's good to have new players at our course and our facility."

At the end of the first day's play, in the Championship Flight, Chuck Workman of Marlinton and Jeff Harper of Coolville, Ohio, had a two-stroke lead over the field at (-12) 60. Rounding out the top teams were:

- Keith Honaker of Crab Orchard and Chris Daniels of Beckley, (-10) 62;

- Jerry Groves and Pat Ferrell of Maxwelton, (-10) 62;
- Brian Morrison of Barboursville and Scott McClure of Huntington, (-9) 63;
- John Ridenour of Long Bottom, Ohio, and Mitchell Roush of Mason, (-9) 63; and
- Art Willis and David Loggins of Verdunville, (-9) 63.

In the First Flight, three teams were tied for the lead at (-5) 67. Those teams were:

- Hank Middlemas and Gary Hawkins, both of Fairmont;
- Chester Smith of Parkersburg and David Shaffer of Wheeling; and
- Tim Dyer and Terry Warne, both of Bridgeport.

"Scrambles are so much fun. I hope the ladies and seniors all had a great time this weekend under perfect weather conditions," said WVGA's Director of Junior Golf and Core Services Lucas Ware. "We want to thank Steven Robertson and his team for having this course in such great condition. Their hospitality has been above and beyond."

Click here for [final leaderboard](#).



2024 WV Two-Lady Scramble sees close final scores at Pipestem Resort State Park

The 2024 West Virginia Two-Lady Scramble Championship teed off at Pipestem Resort Golf Course, hosted by the West Virginia Golf Association (WVGA).

In the Championship Flight, the team of Teresa Harper of Coolville, Ohio, and Melanie Collins of Parkersburg broke the first day's tie with the team of Karen Rainey of Daniels and Dorothy Romanek of Wheeling, winning with a one-stroke lead at (-11) 133. Rainey and Romanek finished one stroke back at (-10) 134.

The team of Drema Watts of St. Albans and Kim Smith of Winfield extended their first-day's one-stroke lead to two strokes, finishing at (-6) 138 in the First Flight.

There were seven teams in this event.

Steve Robertson, head golf professional at Pipestem Resort State Park, said, "The course was in great condition and that helped make this a great event for the ladies."

"We were pleased with the conditions here and how closely matched the competitors were in the Championship and First Flights," said WVGA's Director of Junior Golf and Core Services Lucas Ware.

On the first day of play in the Championship Flight, the team of Karen Rainey of Daniels and Dorothy Romanek of Wheeling and the team of Teresa Harper of Coolville, Ohio and Melanie Collins of Parkersburg shared the lead at (-6) 66.

The team of Drema Watts of St. Albans and Kim Smith of Winfield held a one-stroke lead in the First Flight at (-2) 70.

Steve Robertson, head golf professional at Pipestem Resort State Park, said, "It's always good to have WVGA events here, and we're glad to see the addition of the Scramble Championship for the ladies."

"We are pleased with the weather and the event, the second Scramble for the ladies," said WVGA's Director of Junior Golf and Core Services Lucas Ware. "Special thanks go to

Steve Robertson and his staff for having things in such great shape."

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2024 WV Two-Lady Scramble Championship Division winners Teresa Harper of Coolville, Ohio, and Melanie Collins of Parkersburg.

101st Playing of West Virginia Women's Amateur sees incredible playoff finish

The 101st playing of the West Virginia Women's Amateur, conducted by the West Virginia Golf Association (WVGA), saw a five-hole playoff on the final day of the three-day championship at Bridgeport Country Club with Susan Glasby of Chesapeake, Ohio, emerging victorious over Savannah Hawkins of Hurricane.

The final round of stroke play saw Glasby tied with Hawkins at the end of regulation play at (+7) 223 for the tournament in the Championship Flight. Other top finishers in the Championship Flight were Emily Holzopfel of Rayland, Ohio, in third, Taylor Sargent of Milton in fourth and Cathleen Wong of Parkersburg in fifth.

"The fact that a five-hole playoff settled the championship after three days speaks to the strength of this field and the caliber of women's golf in West Virginia," said Bridgeport's Head Golf Pro Mike Gervais.

In the First Flight, the winner was Ella Keffer of Marietta, Ohio, besting second place finisher Kailey Pettit of Moundsville by five strokes. Rounding out the top five were Marra Johnson of Bridgeport in third, Christine Derienzo of Charleston in fourth and Emma Nicol of Charleston in fifth.

Skylar Jefairjian of Fairmont won the Second Flight by two strokes over Leigh Chandler, also of Fairmont. Lisa Younis of Shepherdstown took third, followed by Scarlett Albertson of Charleston in fourth and Karen Rainey of Daniels in fifth.

Audrey Kerr of Bridgeport took overall net honors by three strokes over Taylor Sargent of Milton. Ella Keffer of Marietta, Ohio, took third, followed by Allison Ballard of Charleston and Nicole Lincicome of Vienna tied for fourth.

This championship featured 24 of the best female golfers from West Virginia from teenagers to seniors.

The round of stroke play saw Emily Holzopfel of Rayland, Ohio, top the leader board with a (+1) 73.

"We are happy to host the 101st Women's Amateur Championship and its nice mix of player ages," said Bridgeport's Head Golf Pro Mike Gervais. "It's been great to see Caroline Ramsey's reaction and to be able to honor her contributions to women's golf in West Virginia."

The second round of stroke play saw Glasby take the lead in the Championship Flight at (+6) 150, leading Holzopfel and Savannah Hawkins who are tied for second at (+7).

"The course is in good shape, especially considering the weather," said Bridgeport's Head Golf Pro Mike Gervais. "We hope the players are seeing and enjoying the renovations we've made over the past three years, including a total rework of the bunkers."

In the First Flight, the leader was Kailey Pettit of Moundsville, followed by Marra Johnson of Bridgeport in second. In the Second Flight, Chandler and Jefairjian tied for first. Sargent had the lead in the Overall Net division at (-2) 142.

Click here for the leaderboard; [101st WV Women's Amateur – Final](#).



Champion Susan Glasby



Runner-up Savannah Hawkins

2024 WV Club Team Championship sees repeat domination by Sleepy Hollow

The 2024 WV Club Team Championship, conducted by the West Virginia Golf Association (WVGA) on the Cobb course at Glade Springs Resort in Daniels, crowned its champions Sunday with Sleepy Hollow teams repeating by taking two of three team titles.

Winners of the Men's Championship team from Sleepy Hollow, repeating for the third year, included Brian Anania, Chris Bohach, Mitch Hoffman and Cory Hoshor, finishing with a combined score of two under par 286. Other top five finishers included teams from Berry Hills, Glad Springs, Fincastle and Edgewood. A total of 44 golfers played on 11 men's teams.



Winners of the Senior Championship team from Sleepy Hollow included David and John Bumgarner, Cory Hoshor and John Duty, finishing with a combined score of three over par 219. The remainder of the top five teams represented Glade Springs, Parkersburg Country Club, Edgewood Country Club and Guyan Golf and Country Club. A total of 32 golfers played on senior teams.



Winners of the Ladies' Championship team from Edgewood Country Club included Christine Derienzo, Susie Murad, Lynn Roth and David Scragg, scoring 21 over par 237. The



second-place team represented Glade Springs, followed by Parkersburg Country Club.

Individual winners on the day were:

- Men's champion Jared Porter, Princeton, (-5) 67;



- Senior champion Patrick Allen, Parkersburg Country Club, (-1) 71.



- Ladies' champion Karen Rainey, Glade Springs, (+11) 83; and



“We’re very excited to host the last WVGA championship of the season. Our ladies were the defending champions, and we were hoping to bring the trophy home again, but they played well and took second,” said Jared Porter, assistant head golf professional at The Resort at Glade Springs. “The course was in great shape for Sunday, after being pretty wet earlier in the week.”

Tournament [results can be found here](#).

35th WVGA Parent-Child Tournament sees first-day leads extended, ties broken at Glade

The 35th WV Parent-Child Championship, conducted by the West Virginia Golf Association (WVGA), concluded Sunday on both the Cobb Course at The Resort at Glade Springs and the Stonehaven Course at Glade Springs Village.

The 36-hole Championship featured a sold-out field of 230 players competing on the Glade Springs Resort's Cobb Course and The Village at Glade Springs Stonehaven Course. The format was a two-person scramble and tees were based off each player's age. Each team counted at least six tee shots from each team member. This Championship also featured an Extended Family Division and a Mother-Child Division.

The father-daughter team of Larry and Savannah Hawkins of Hurricane extended their first-day lead in the Championship Flight from at (-11) to (-22) 122. They were followed by the team of David and Joshua Bumgarner of Scott Depot in second at (-18) 126. Tied for third at (-17) 127 were the teams of Tad and Nik Tomblin of Alum Creek, Sam and Parker O'Dell of Hurricane and Andrew Call of Buckhannon and Drew Call of Shepherdstown.

Ties were broken following the first day's action in the other Flights:

- The team of Doug and Chris Williams of Scott Depot broke a seven-team tie for first with a total (-17) 127 to take First Flight;
- Second Flight, which had a 14-team tie for first after day one, saw Tommy and Timmy Kirk of Morgantown take honors at (-12) 132 in a scorecard playoff against Owen and Garland Elliott of Falling Waters;
- Third Flight saw the team of David and David Wolfe, Sr. finish at (-11) 133 to break a first-day 10-team tie for first;
- Fourth Flight saw the team of Will and William Johnson of Charleston finish at (-10) 134 to break Saturday's 10-team tie for first at (-1) 71;

- Brett and Blake Hunt of Fairmont finished at (-1) 143 to break a five-team tie for first in Fifth Flight; and
- Sixth Flight saw Matt and Mahkai Grose of Daniels finish at (+3) 147 to break a three-way tie for first Saturday.

In the Mother-Child Division, Linda and Jared Taylor of Bluefield defended their 2023 win with a (-9) 135.

The Extended Family Division saw winners Ben Ramsey and Jerry Turley of Bluefield, Va., finish at (-15) 129.

"We've hosted this event in prior years," said Glade Springs Resort's Head Golf Professional Kyle Long. "It's always a good field and a good test for the golfers, as shown by the number of ties at the end of Saturday."

The father-daughter team of Larry and Savannah Hawkins of Hurricane lead the Championship Flight following the first day of competition. They were followed by the teams of David and Joshua Bumgarner of Scott Depot, Andrew Call of Buckhannon and Drew Call of Shepherdstown, and Tad and Nik Tomblin of Alum Creek, all tied for second at (-10) under par 62.

Ties were the story of the first day in the other Flights: First Flight had a seven-team tie; Second Flight had a 14-team tie; Third Flight had a 10-team tie; Fourth Flight had a 10-team tie; Fifth Flight had a five-team tie; and Sixth Flight had a three-way tie for first.

Leaders of the Mother-Child Division were Linda and Jared Taylor of Bluefield with a five under par 67.

"We love this large event each year and look forward to it," said Glade Springs Village's Head Golf Professional Matt Felber. "The course are good, even in the recent heat, and we enjoy co-hosted events with our two great facilities."

Click here for the [Parent-Child Championship leader board](#).

Congratulations to our Parent-Child Tournament Champions and Division winners



First Flight: Doug and Chris Williams of Scott Depot



Second Flight: Tommy and Timmy Kirk of Morgantown



Third Flight: David and David Wolfe, Sr. of Hurricane



Fourth Flight: Will and William Johnson of Charleston



Champions: Larry and Savannah Hawkins of Hurricane



Fifth Flight: Brett and Blake Hunt of Fairmont



Sixth Flight: Matt and Mahkai Grose of Daniels



Mother-Child: Linda and Jared Taylor of Bluefield



Extended Family: Ben Ramsey and Jerry Turley

Teeing up confidence: Bringing golf to women and women to golf

The West Virginia Golf Association is dedicated to making an impact in women's lives through the game of golf by creating a space that is inclusive, educational, fun, uplifting and non-judgmental.

During June and July the WVGA offered Ladies Golf Clinics at the Coonskin Park Driving Range for women of all ages and skill levels at no cost. They also provide clubs, tees, and balls for any participant in need.

Clinics were instructed by WVGA Director of Women's Golf and PGA Pro Sarah Cole, with assistance from co-workers.

Over the past few years the Ladies Golf Clinics have been an important topic of conversation among the WVGA staff. They knew it was a huge undertaking that a staff of four was not able to execute while running 180+ days of competitive golf, 21 State Championships, four USGA Qualifiers, five fundraisers and administering First Tee - West Virginia statewide. In June 2023, Sarah Cole accepted a full time position at the WVGA with pure dedication to women's golf in West Virginia and growing their game.

"I wanted to do these clinics simply because I want more women to play golf! Golf is one of the most challenging yet rewarding sports and can be very intimidating as a beginner. Clinics are a great way to introduce new players to the game without putting too much pressure on oneself to perform well. Our clinics have a variety of people of all ages and skills. I saw women hit 100-yard shots and some hit 10-yard shots, but with each shot people were being congratulated and high-fives were being given.

I hope that the clinics will instill a newfound confidence in these ladies and teach them that they can do difficult things" Cole said.



Sarah Cole *WVGA Director of Women's Golf and One Day Series*

A safe space, like the WVGA has created in their Ladies Golf Clinics, is a great place to begin building confidence. Golf is a lot harder than it looks, so surround yourself with uplifting women who will get excited about your good shots! Confidence is gained one step at a time, on and off the course.

WVGA Executive Director Chris Slack was impressed by how many participants attended the first Ladies Golf Clinic in June and is looking forward to growing women's golf in West Virginia.

"The first night of the Ladies Clinics was truly incredible. This has been a goal of the staff for a while and to see it actually happen, and to have over 50 ladies come and participate was truly special. Sarah Cole has done a great job organizing and the help from the rest of our staff has been great, we never dreamed we would have this many show up, especially on night one. The number of lady golfers, not only in West Virginia, but nationwide has always been fairly low so to see this many ladies, who mostly were beginners, is awesome and we hope they will continue to pursue golf whether it's by hitting range balls, going to Topgolf or going to a course to play. We hope to see a lot of the same ladies, as well as a bunch of new faces at future clinics as the summer progresses," said WVGA Executive Director Chris Slack.

The USGA has taken notice of this new program, highlighting it in a June issue of *USGA-AGA Weekly Update*. They said, "Sharing a new initiative from the WVGA that should serve as inspiration for others. Throughout June and July, WVGA offered no-cost Ladies Golf Clinics at a public driving range for women of all skills and levels. The article (above) highlights the program as well as other ways the association is engaging one of golf's fastest growing segments.

Grants available to promising young golfers through U.S. National Development Program

The U.S. National Development Program Grant is designed to mitigate barriers of cost to promising junior golfers who demonstrate both the financial need and the potential to progress through the U.S. National Development Program (USNDP) pathway.

Grants up to \$10,000 will be awarded; and will reimburse costs associated with practice fees, competitive tournament fees, tournament travel, instructional fees, and equipment up to a limit that the USGA deems as appropriate for each area.

In 2024, grants were awarded to over 70 talented young golfers nationwide, with a median grant award of \$10,000.

NEW APPLICANTS

New applicants must first fill out a pre-screening survey to determine basic eligibility for a potential USNDP Grant. Athletes and their families who meet the basic eligibility to be considered for a USNDP Grant will be emailed a link to the USNDP Grant Management Center to complete an application.

Prescreening Survey

APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED VIA THE USNDP GRANT MANAGEMENT CENTER. Only application materials submitted within the secure application portal – the USNDP Grant Management Center – will be considered for the grant. Emailed submissions will not be considered for the Grant.

RETURNING APPLICANTS

To complete a 2025 application, use your login credentials created for the 2024 Grant Application portal, now known as the USNDP Grant Management Center. Please do not create a new account. For log in assistance, select “Forgot Password” or email USNDPGrants@usga.org.

FAMILIES APPLYING FOR MULTIPLE ATHLETES

The USNDP Grant Management Center is designed for families to conveniently manage multiple athletes under one household account or one user login profile. Families should manage their athletes’ applications under one account.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: OCTOBER 31, 2024





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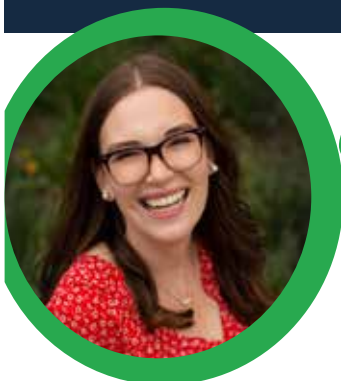


TOGETHER WE CAN PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY

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

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