

**BERRY HILLS  
COUNTRY CLUB  
EST. 1952**

**2022 GOLF HANDBOOK**

# 2022

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Golf Course & Grounds Superintendent -Russell Stewart

General Manager -Brandie Thomas

## Course Information

<u>Tees</u>	<u>Yardage</u>	<u>Course Rating</u>	<u>Slope Rating</u>
Blue	6,345	71.3	137
White	5,935	69.4	132
Gold	5,364	65.1	123
Red	5,012	69.0	129

Note: Blue tees are recommended for players with a course handicap of 12 or less. All ratings are for men except for the red tee's which are rated for women.





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# GOLF SCHEDULE

March 2 WVGA Rules Seminar

March 8 Deep Tine

March 27 UC Practice Round

March 28-29 UC Invitational

April 2 Belcher

April 4-5 Aerification

April 4-10 The Masters

April 9-10 WVGA 2 Person Scramble/ Oglebay Resort

April 13 Presidents Cup Sign Up Begins

April 26 WVU Classic

May 2-4 WVGA Mid-Amateur Championship pres. by PikeWood Energy

May 7 Derby Day

May 7-8 WVGA Junior Match Play Championship/ PCC

May 11 USGA US Open Qualifying/ Stonewall

May 13 KV Labor Management

May 16 Mountain Mission

May 16-22 PGA Championship

May 22-23 WVGA Senior Open Championship/ PCC

May 23 APEX

May 30 Spring Member Member

June 3 Contractors Outing

June 4-5 WVGA Fourball Championship/ Glade Springs

June 6 Go WV

June 13-14 WVGA Women's Sr. Amateur Championship/ Pipestem

June 13-19 US Open

June 16 Practice Rounds Men's Invitational

June 17-18 Men's Invitational

June 20 EL Robinson

June 22-24 WVGA 89th WV Open Championship

July 5 Callaway Jr Tour (Course Closed)

July 10-12 WVGA Women's Amateur

July 16-17 Men's & Senior's Club Championship

July 11-17 Open Championship

July 14 USGA US Amateur Qualifying/ Edgewood CC

July 18-19 WVGA Junior Amateur Championship/ Berry Hills CC

July 20 USGA US Sr. Amateur Qualifying/Guyan

July 23-24 WVGA Parent/Child Championship/ Glade Springs

July 25 Long Term Care

July 31-Aug 3 WVGA 103rd WV Amateur Championship/Canaan

August 8 Senior Series

August 10 USGA UA Mid Amateur Qualifying/Bridgeport CC

August 13-14 Member Member

August 15 CAMC

August 22 Boy Scouts of America

August 22-24 WVGA Senior Amateur Championship/ Canaan

August 29-30 Aerification

Sept 5 Superintendents Revenge

Sept 6 Course Closed/Deep Tine

Sept 11-13 UC Invitational

Sept 19 Thomas

Sept 20 Thomas Rain Date

Sept 26 Recovery Point

Sept 27 Senior Fourball Practice

Sept 28-29 Senior Four Ball

Oct 3 Autism

Oct 8 Fall Member Member

Oct 10 SMA

Oct 17 Apex



# BERRY HILLS COUNTRY CLUB

## COURSE INFORMATION



### HISTORY

A sixteen person group of men envisioned a golf course to be located on the top of the ridge between Davis Creek and the Middle Fork of Davis Creek in Kanawha County, West Virginia. It was to be laid out so that “no more physical effort is required to play a round than is true of the Old White Course”. Located between 900 and 950 feet above sea level, the course “will be much cooler on hot summer days” and the air “particularly clean”.

The group chose William F. Gordon (1893-1974) as the golf architect and attracted two hundred charter members. Each invested \$2,000 to fund this effort and produced an eighteen hole golf course of par 72 which opened on June 10, 1952. Mr. Gordon was a charter Member of the American Society of Golf Course Architects, along with Donald Ross and Robert Trent Jones.

We, the current members of Berry Hills Country Club, are indebted to these visionaries, as we enjoy the fruits of their efforts, and hope that our respect and nourishment to this special ground will be enjoyed for many future generations. Note: Hole 10 was later changed from a par five to a par four, and hole 18 from a par four to a par three.



# CARE OF THE COURSE

Berry Hills is one of the finest golf courses in West Virginia. Our staff has a challenging task in keeping our course in great shape due to our old style push-up greens (which are small), sloping terrain and extreme weather conditions. Improved grasses, innovative treatments, new equipment, capital improvements and other professional direction by our expert staff have successfully combated these challenges. Expecting open play and near perfect conditions at all times is unrealistic.

Every player has an obligation to take proper care of the course by following the guidelines below:

Avoid damage, particularly on tees, by not taking divots on practice swings.

Replace or sand divots as required, even when the cart path only rule is in effect.

Always repair your ball marks on the green plus one other, or more.

After hitting your shot, use rake to smooth all holes and footprints in bunkers.

Do not damage the hole when replacing the flag stick (and make sure it is fully inserted in the hole).

Do not lean on putter, particularly when removing the ball from the hole.

Do not unnecessarily walk around the hole.

Do not drive carts past fairway ropes where present, even in the rough.

Do not drive carts past cart posts (in absence of ropes).

Exit carts from course to cart path prior to cart poles.

Follow cart rules of the day by either staying on the cart path or driving 90 degrees from the cart path.

Gently accelerate carts and avoid wet or sloped areas to eliminate wheel slippage.

Do not drive laterally in the rough.

Keep carts entirely on path when parking or driving on the path.

Do not park carts in front of clubhouse.

Avoid walking or driving in wet areas.

Do not lay golf bags or drinks on the green.

Do not drag feet on the greens.

After teeing off, remove golf tees from teeing ground.

Follow signs and ropes for entering and exiting greens (particularly number 10).

Place litter in appropriate receptacles and do not let cart litter blow onto the course.

Keep carts off Bermuda grass as turf goes into or comes out of dormancy.

Do not enter or exit bunkers via steep slopes; use flattest area.



# GOLF RULES



## GOLF ETIQUETTE & SLOW PLAY

In the interest of all, players should play without delay. A foursome at Berry Hills should not require more than 4 hours and 15 minutes to play a round. Following the below guidelines will make golf at Berry Hills enjoyable for all:

- Play without undue delay (note: Rule 6-7 prescribes penalties for slow play).
- Play after the group in front is clear.
- Yell "FORE" immediately and loudly when any possible danger may exist from an errant shot.
- Do not allow an open hole to develop in front of you (allow faster players through if this occurs).

Hit a provisional ball prior to the search if a ball may be lost or out of bounds.  
Be considerate of adjacent groups within earshot, especially around greens and tees.  
Assure any maintenance staff is aware before making a stroke.  
Do not move, talk, or stand close to or directly behind the ball or the hole when a player is addressing the ball or making a stroke.

**Learn and follow the rules of golf.**  
Former USGA President Richard S. Tufts said that the principles underlying the Rules are:

1. Play the ball as it lies.
2. Play the course as you find it.
3. When it's not possible to do either, do what's fair.

### GUESTS:

Guests are allowed at BHCC under the following rules:  
Members must register guests at the Pro Shop prior to play.  
Guests must be accompanied by host members.  
Members are responsible for all charges and any damages.  
A member is limited to three guests without prior approval of the Golf Committee.  
A member must play in each group of guests unless an outing is Board approved.  
Guests are permitted to play only 2 times per month and not to exceed 10 times per year.  
Note: If the course is declared closed prior to completing hole number 13, the guest fee will be reduced to \$35, if immediately requested.

### HOURS OF OPERATION:

The golf schedule will delineate the Pro Shop and range hours of operation. The course will be closed on Mondays until 3:00 pm, on Tuesdays following Monday holidays, and during private outings (see Golf Schedule). The Grounds Superintendent will close the course whenever the conditions are such that play would be detrimental to the course. No carts will be available on days that the course is closed.



*Barry Evans*



*Chris Breed*



*Russell Stewart*

#### GOLF CARTS:

Drivers must have a valid driver's license and be at least 16 years of age. Only two persons and two bags are allowed per cart. Riders must be sitting in cart. Any damage or abuse to golf carts will be charged to the member's account. Our carts must last for several more years, so your care will be appreciated.

#### MISCELLANEOUS:

Range balls are to be used only at the range, chipping green, and putting green (never on the course).  
Range balls are the property of the club and are not to be hit purposely into the woods or anywhere on the course.  
Play must start on number 1, unless the Golf Professional's approval is granted.  
Do not walk onto the course prior to registering at the Pro Shop.  
Groups of more than five players are never allowed unless approved by the Golf Professional and determined to not interfere with the pace of play.  
Members are not allowed to reprimand employees.  
Special rules apply to junior players (golfers under 18 years of age) regarding their use of the course and facilities.  
Non-playing children must not be on the course during busy golfing periods even when accompanied by an adult, and never at the inconvenience of another member.  
Please follow these rules per Article X of the BHCC by-laws.

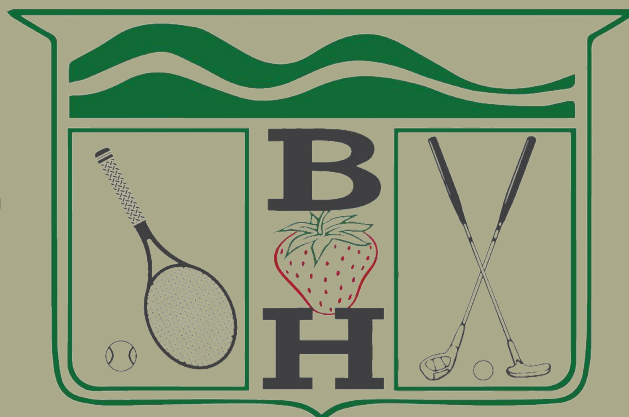
<b>Course Architect:</b>	William F. Gordon
<b>Greens:</b>	Poa Annua and Bentgrass
<b>Fairways:</b>	Vamont Bermudagrass
<b>Rough:</b>	Bluegrass, Ryegrass, Fescue
<b>Tees:</b>	Bentgrass, TifSport Bermudagrass
<b>Superintendent:</b>	Russell Stewart
<b>Head Golf Professional</b>	(since 1993): Barry G. Evans, Class A-1 PGA Member (2008 WV Open Champion) (2002 CPC Champion)

Mr. Joe Taylor was the Head Golf Professional from 1953 to 1984. Mr. Taylor was elected to the PGA's Tri-State Section Hall of Fame.

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# What is the World Handicap System™?

The World Handicap System (WHS) unifies the six existing handicap systems and provides every player in the world with a consistent measure of ability. The WHS enables players of different abilities, from anywhere in the world, to play with or compete against others on a fair basis.

The World Handicap System is comprised of the Rules of Handicapping and the Course Rating System. The Rules of Handicapping replaces the USGA Handicap System™, which has been in place since 1911, and the USGA Course Rating System™ has become the Course Rating System.

These are the key topic areas from which we expect you to receive the most questions from your members and guests. This serves as a quick reference guide, but please refer to the Rules of Handicapping for more detail.

## Handicap Index® Calculation Changes

With the World Handicap System, a player's best 8 scores out of the last 20 are used, not best 10 out of 20.

## Net Double Bogey Replaces ESC (Equitable Stroke Control)

Net Double Bogey is replacing ESC. *Net Double Bogey* = Double Bogey + any handicap strokes a player is entitled to receive based on their Course Handicap.

## Changes to Course Handicap

Slope Rating, Course Rating and Par will now be used to determine a Course Handicap, so expect to see changes in your players' Course Handicaps. As long as par is the same, there will no longer need to be an adjustment when players compete from different tees.

## Introduction of Playing Handicap

Playing Handicap is a new term that represents the number of strokes you actually play with during a round. Most of the time, it will be the same as your Course Handicap, but it may change based on the format of play and handicap allowance applied.

## Playing Conditions Calculation

The Playing Conditions Calculation is an automatic calculation that compares actual scores to the expected scores made each day. It is designed to account for days when the golf course plays significantly easier or more difficult than normal due to weather or course conditions. There is nothing you need to do except encourage players to post their scores immediately following their round, and work with your greens committee/superintendent to be sure that course difficulty is maintained on a consistent basis.

## Running Club Events

There are three key changes that may impact the way you run a club event:

- With the new maximum Handicap Index of 54.0, you may wish to consider using flights so that players with similar abilities will be grouped together.
- Since a Handicap Index will be updated daily, the recommendation will be for a Committee to use the Handicap Index at the start of the competition for all rounds.
- Handicap Allowance recommendations for various formats of play have changed. The new recommendations are found in Appendix C of the Rules of Handicapping.

## Safeguards and Handicap Controls

Two modern safeguards will be introduced in 2020:

- A soft cap and hard cap will automatically limit extreme upward movement of a Handicap Index.
- An automatic Handicap Index reduction will take place when a player posts an exceptional score.

The Handicap Committee still serves an important role, but these safeguards will make their jobs easier.

## Handicap Management Products

To ensure consistency of the World Handicap System, the Handicap Index of every player in the United States will be calculated and issued by the USGA. You will need to confirm that any product you use has access to the USGA Data Services platform.

## Contact Information

The best place to start is the Allied Golf Association in your area.

You can also reach the USGA Handicap Department directly by phone (908.234.2300 x5) or [hdcquestions@usga.org](mailto:hdcquestions@usga.org).