



**BERRY HILLS
COUNTRY CLUB
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2023 GOLF HANDBOOK

2023

Golf Chair -Jon Akers

Board President -Jim Roncaglione

Head Golf Professional -Barry G. Evans, PGA A-1

Assistant Professional -Chris Breed, PGA A-8

Grounds Chair -Cephas Evans

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.



2023 Golf Schedule



April

April 1 Belcher

April 3-4 Course Closed for Aerification

April 5 Masters Par 3

April 15th Daymark Kids Lesson

April 17 Vandalia Community School

April 24 United Way Outing

May

May 6 Derby Day

May 8 GoWV

May 12 KVLV

May 13 GM Revenge

May 15 Mountain Mission

May 29 Member Member (one day memorial tourney)

June

June 2 Contractors

June 5 Apex

June 12 WV Superintendents Outing

June 15-17 Men's Invitational 59th Annual Member Guest

June 19 Course Closed Deep Tine

June 26 Pretera

July

July 8-9 Club Championship

July 17 WV Kids

July 24-28 WV State Open

July 31 Long Term Care

August

August 7 WVGA Senior Series

August 12-13 Member Member

August 14 CAMC

August 18 Star USA

August 21 Boy Scouts Outing

August Aerification TBD

September

September 4 Labor Day Superintendents Revenge

Sept 15 Contractors

Sept 18 Thomas Hospital

Sept 19 Thomas Rain Date

Sept 25 Recovery Point

Sept 29 Cares

October

Oct 2 Autism

Oct 7 Fall Member Member

Oct 9 SMA

Oct 16 Apex





2023 MEMBER TOURNAMENTS



BERRY HILLS COUNTRY CLUB

April

April 1 Belcher
April 5 Masters Par 3



June

June 15-17
Men's Invitational 59th
Annual Member Guest

MAY

May 6 Derby Day Member Outing
May 13 GM Revenge Tournament
May 29 Member Member (1 day)



July

July 8-9 Club Championship

August

August 12-13 Member Member



SAVE THE DATE

- Additional Tournaments will be added to the schedule.
- Tournament details will be advertised in the BHCC newsletter, through social media & by email.

Sign up with the Pro Shop for

WEEKLY THURSDAY NIGHT SKINS



September

September 4 Labor Day
Superintendents Revenge

October

October 7 Fall Member Member (1 day)

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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.

Course Architect:	William F. Gordon
Greens:	Poa Annuua and Bentgrass
Fairways:	Vamont Bermudagrass
Rough:	Bluegrass, Ryegrass, Fescue
Tees:	Bentgrass, TifSport Bermudagrass
Superintendent:	Russell Stewart
Head Golf Professional	(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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