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2026 GOLF HANDBOOK

# BERRY HILLS COUNTRY CLUB

*“Success in golf depends less on strength of body than upon strength of mind and character.” Arnold Palmer*



# 2026

Golf & Green Chair -Averill Perdue

Board President -Ryan Donovan

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

Assistant Professional -Chris Breed, PGA A-8

Golf Course & Grounds Superintendent -Ben Rigney

Golf Course & Grounds Assistant Superintendent -Jeremy Phillips

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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## 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.

# 2026 Golf Schedule



## March

March 10 Deep Tine (18 holes)  
March 28 Belcher Tournament

## April

April 1 RANGE OPEN for the 2025 Season  
April 17 Fight for Maddog Outing  
April 28 Kappa Delta Rho

## May

May 4 GoWV  
May 8 KVLM  
May 11 Aerification  
May 18 Apex May 25 Memorial Day tourney

## June

June 1 Healing Waters for Warriors  
June 2 Presidents Cup begins  
June 5 Contractors  
June 18, 19, 20 62nd Annual Men's Invitational  
June 23 Senior Series

## July

July 4 Independence Day Scramble  
July 6 Junior Tour  
July 13 WV Kids Cancer Crusaders  
July 14 Course Closed until noon  
July 31 Member Member Practice

## August

August 1, 2 Member Member  
August 3 WV Municipal League  
August 10 CAMC  
August 14 Star USA  
August 16, 17 Senior Four Ball  
Aug 24 WVGA Scramble

## September

September 7 Superintendents Revenge  
Sept 8 Course Closed  
Sept 8, 9, 10 UC Tournament  
Sept 21 Recovery Point  
Sept 25 UC Fundraiser  
Sept 28 Ace Pipeline

## October

Oct 2, 3, 4 Fall Member Member  
Oct 5 Autism Outing  
Oct 6 High School Regionals  
  
Oct 19 Apex

# 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.



**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 Annuua and Bentgrass
<b>Fairways:</b>	Vamont Bermudagrass
<b>Rough:</b>	Bluegrass, Ryegrass, Fescue
<b>Tees:</b>	Bentgrass, TifSport Bermudagrass
<b>Superintendent:</b>	Ben Rigney
<b>Ast. Superintendent:</b>	Jeremy Phillips
<b>Head Golf Professional (since 1993):</b>	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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