

Berry Hills Country Club

(established 1952)



2017 Golf Handbook

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Notes



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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	66.3	127
Red	5,012	69.0	129

*Note: Blue Tees are recommended for players with course handicaps of 12 or less.
All ratings are for men except for the red tees, which are rated for women.*

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

Note:

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

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"Golf is deceptively simple and endlessly complicated; it satisfies the soul and frustrates the intellect. It is at the same time rewarding and maddening - and it is without a doubt the greatest game mankind has ever invented."
- Arnold Palmer

2017 BHCC Golf Schedule

Daylight Savings Time begins March 12, 2017

APRIL 2017

Pro Shop Hours:	8:00 am - 6:00 pm
Range Hours:	8:00 am - 6:30 pm
Saturday, April 1	Belcher Scramble -10:30 am Shotgun
Mon-Tues, April 3-4	Aerification
Wednesday, April 5	Masters/BHCC Par 3 Contest-5:00 pm
Saturday, April 8	Belcher Rain Date
Mon-Tues, April 10-11	Aerification Raindate
Wednesday, April 12	Ladies Golf Clinic-5:00 pm
Monday, April 17	WVGA Senior Series
Thursday, April 20	Three Club Tourney-5:00 pm
Sunday, April 23	Taylor Made Demo Day-11:00 am-5:00 pm
Wednesday, April 26	Ladies Clinics-5:00pm

Note: Masters Golf Tournament, Augusta National, April 6-9

MAY 2017

Pro Shop Hours:	8:00 am - 7:00 pm
Range Hours:	7:45 am - 7:00 pm
Wednesday, May 3	Callaway Demo Day-12-6:00 pm
Saturday, May 6	Derby Day Golf Outing
Tuesday, May 9	SWAT-5:00 pm
Wednesday, May 10	Titliest Demo Day 12-6 pm
Friday, May 12	Dog Day One Day Member-Guest
Tuesday, May 16	ASBO-Morning Tee Times
Sunday, May 21	Mixed Interclub-1:00 pm
Monday, May 22	Mountain Mission Outing
Tuesday, May 23	SWAT-5:00 pm
Sunday, May 28	Beat the Pro
Monday, May 29	Memorial Day-Family Day
Tuesday, May 30	Course closed

JUNE 2017

Pro Shop Hours:	8:00 am - 7:00 pm (Open at 7:00 am weekends and holidays)
Range Hours:	7:45 am - 7:30 pm
Thursday, June 1	Family Golf Night
Friday, June 2	Contractors Association Outing
Monday, June 5	Thomas Foundation Outing
Tuesday, June 6	SWAT-5:00 pm
Thursday, June 8	WV Classic Practice Rounds
Friday, June 9	WV Classic
Monday, June 12	Thomas Rain Date
Thursday, June 15	Men's Invitational Practice Round
Friday, June 16	Men's Invitational
Saturday, June 17	Men's Invitational
Monday, June 19	E. L. Robinson Golf Outing
Tuesday, June 20	SWAT-5:00 pm
Wed-Thurs, June 21-22	Junior Clinic: Golf Only-10:00 am-2:00 pm
Thursday, June 29	Family Night Golf

Note: The U. S. Open, Erin Hills, Wisconsin-June 15-18

JULY 2017

Pro Shop Hours:	8:00 am - 7:00 pm (Open at 7:00 am weekends and holidays)
Range Hours:	7:45 am - 7:30 pm
Tuesday, July 4	Fourth of July-Beat the Pro
Thursday, July 6	Family Golf Night
Monday, July 10	Kanawha Valley Labor Outing
Tuesday, July 11	SWAT-5:00 pm
Sat, July 15-Sun, July 16	Men's, Senior, and Ladies Club Championship
Monday, July 17	Top Flite Junior Tour
Thursday, July 20	Family Golf Night
Monday, July 24	APEX Outing
Tuesday, July 25	SWAT-5:00 pm
Thursday, July 27	John Stricker Memorial Outing
Saturday, July 29	WVGA Fourball-BHCC
Sunday, July 30	WVGA Fourball-ECC
Monday, July 31	Long Term Care Outing

Note: The Open Championship, Royal Birkdale-July 20-23

AUGUST 2017

Pro Shop Hours:	8:00 am - 7:00 pm (Open at 7:00 am weekends and holidays)
Range Hours:	7:45 am - 7:30 pm
Thursday, August 3	Family Golf Night
Friday, August 4	Men's Mem/Mem Tournament Pairings Party-6:00 pm
Saturday, August 5	Men's Mem/Mem Tournament
Sunday, August 6	Men's Mem/Mem Tournament
Tuesday, August 8	SWAT-5:00 pm
Thursday, August 10	Family Golf Night
Wednesday, August 16	Mountain State Agency Outing, morning Tee Times
Thursday, August 17	Capitol City Auto Auction Outing
Monday, August 21	CAMC Golf Outing
Tuesday, August 22	SWAT-5:00 pm
Monday, August 28	St. Jude Golf Outing
Thursday, August 31	Pro-Am Pairings Party-7:00 pm

Note: PGA Championship, Quail Hollow Club, August 10-13

SEPTEMBER 2017

Pro Shop Hours:	8:00 am - 6:00 pm
Range Hours:	8:00 am - 6:00 pm
Friday, September 1	BHCC Pro-AM
Monday, September 4	Labor Day
Monday, September 25	Charleston Area Alliance Outing
Tuesday, September 26	SSAC Regional
Thursday, September 28	Kid's Chance
Saturday, September 30	Monster Scramble

OCTOBER 2017

Pro Shop Hours:	8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Range Hours:	8:00 am - 5:00 pm (weather permitting, closes end of October)
Monday, Oct 2	Autism Awareness Outing
Thursday, October 5	Hope for Appalachia Outing
Monday, October 9	SMA Golf Outing

HANDICAPS

Berry Hills subscribes to the USGA Handicap System, which is administered by the West Virginia Golf Association. A Handicap Index allows players of different abilities to compete fairly. The basic premise is that every player will try to make the best score at each hole in every round, regardless of where the round is played, and that the player will post every acceptable round for peer review. Peer review and having opportunities to play with other players are critical components of the USGA Handicap System.

No player has an inherent right to a USGA Handicap Index. A player must **earn** an Index and must observe the spirit of the USGA Handicap System. The player is responsible for posting every acceptable round for peer review immediately after a round or as soon as possible. At BHCC, there are times when immediate posting to the Handicap System is not possible because the Pro Shop is closed and access to the computer is not available. When this occurs, the player should provide information to the Bag Room Attendants after their round so the Pro Shop Staff can enter the scores the next day. The information required is as follows:

- Full Name
- Date
- Tees Played
- Holes Played
- Acceptable Score

A USGA Handicap Index compares a player's scoring ability to the scoring ability of an expert amateur (scratch player) on a course of standard difficulty (slope rating of 113). A Handicap Index (HI) reflects a player's **potential** scoring ability. Equitable Stroke Control (ESC) is one feature of the system to estimate potential. ESC sets the maximum score that a player can post on any hole, depending on the player's Course Handicap (Course Handicap is derived from the player's HI and the slope rating of the tees being played at a given course).

EQUITABLE STROKE CONTROL

Course Maximum Score

Handicap on Any Hole

9 or less	Double Bogey
10 to 19	7
20 to 29	8
30 to 39	9
40 or more	10

A player does not have to complete 18 holes to post a score. If 13 or more holes are played, the player shall post an 18-hole score. If 7 to 12 holes are played, the player shall post a 9-hole score. Scores are posted in the USGA Handicap computer system.

The game of golf is based on the premise that a golfer will play as well as he can. Under the USGA Handicap System, a player is required to record a hole score for a hole not finished or not played, and to adjust any hole score when it is higher than the maximum number allowed under ESC. The most likely score may not exceed the players Equitable Stroke Control (ESC) limit. The most likely score should be preceded by an "X".

The score to post on holes not played is **NOT** the ESC maximum. The ESC maximum is used for holes played poorly. If a player quits after 17 holes and fails to tee off on number 18, then a score shall be recorded for hole 18. Since BHCC's number 18 has a men's hole handicap of 16, then a male player with a Course Handicap of 16 or higher shall record X-4 (par plus 1) and a player with a Course Handicap of 15 or less shall record a score of X-3 (par plus 0). This logic applies to all holes that are not played.

A hole score should also be posted for a hole not completed. This score is **NOT** necessarily the ESC maximum. If a player picks up his ball 20 feet from the green, then the player shall estimate his most likely score (probably assuming a chip and two putts). If a player has played only one stroke to that point, then a X-4 would be recorded. If the player was laying 5 and had a Course Handicap of 15, then the ESC maximum of X-7 would be posted. These guidelines allow a player to post a score which is referred to as the "adjusted score". Adjusted scores are the scores entered for handicap purposes only.

The most likely score is a judgment that each player must make based on the player's own game. It consists of the number of strokes already taken plus, in the player's best judgment, the number of strokes needed to complete the hole from that position **more than half the time**. The player must evaluate each situation based on what the player can reasonably expect to score and cannot exceed the ESC maximum. The most likely score is used when a player does not complete a hole that is started and is not utilized when a hole is not played or not played under the rules of golf.

EQUITABLE STROKE CONTROL (CON'T)

Scores made when a local rule for preferred lies and/or winter rules is in effect **MUST** be posted for handicap purposes unless the committee (preferably the Handicap Committee in consultation with the committee in charge of the course) determines that the conditions are so poor that such score should not be posted. **Individual players playing the course do not independently decide whether scores are acceptable because of this condition.** If an individual decides to apply some form of this local rule and the committee has not invoked such a rule, the player's score is acceptable and must be posted for handicap purposes.

2017 Handicap Committee

Chairman

Geoff Christian

The Handicap Committee has the obligation and responsibility of making certain that a player's USGA Handicap Index reflects his potential ability. The USGA Handicap System is a great way to allow fun and fair competitions at Berry Hills. Peer review is an important aspect of the system. Feel free to contact the handicap committee with any questions about the process or concerns that you make have so that we can continue having a great club with great members.

ACTIVE SEASON:

Berry Hills has an inactive golf season for handicap purposes. No scores from rounds played on a course during an inactive season can be posted. Rounds played in other states where the season is active must be posted. All acceptable rounds of golf should be posted immediately after the round played. Keeping your handicap card with you will allow you to post at courses that subscribed to the GHIN computer system for handicaps. If this is not possible, record the date, the adjusted score as previously described, the course rating, and the slope rating, so that this information can be entered later.

TOURNAMENTS:

Berry Hills will conduct several golf tournaments for members during the year. Tournaments are specific to men, women, juniors, couples, seniors or a combination. Sign up sheets are posted in the Pro Shop. An established USGA Handicap Index is required for most of these tournaments. A Handicap Index typically requires 20 posted scores but can be established with as few as five. If interested in establishing a handicap, please contact the golf staff to sign up for this fee service.

Rounds played during tournament play must be entered and designated as a tournament round. Tournaments included in this requirement are the Club Championships, WVGA stroke tournaments, Member-Member and other events designated as a tournament by the Tournament and Handicap committees at BHCC or other courses. Caddies are not allowed during tournament play at BHCC member events.

Any player entering tournaments at BHCC must have a minimum of five scores posted in the previous twelve months AND must have posted all of their acceptable scores in the preceding twelve months prior to the tournament date. All player Handicap Indexes will be subject to review prior to the tournament. Any exception to this rule will only be considered with a majority vote by a quorum of the Handicap Committee.

TEE TIMES:

During the golfing season, tee times are required for play on weekends and holidays. Tee times can be requested as early as the Thursday prior to the weekend, either in person at the Pro Shop or by calling the Pro Shop (304-744-8790). Singles and twosomes may be paired up with others during busy times. Frost or other delays will move all tee times back.

ATTIRE:

Appropriate attire is required for all members and guests while using any of the golf facilities. Shirts with collars must be worn at all times except that ladies may wear appropriate collarless tops. No jeans or cut-off jeans are allowed. Shorts must be of appropriate length. Golfers may wear mock or turtleneck shirts with a 1 ½ inch collar. Shirts should be tucked in. Golf shoes must be of the spike-less variety with no metal in the spikes. All attire is subject to the Golf Professional's approval.

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.

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.

GOLF ETIQUETTE AND 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.

Members in the Retired membership class are permitted to play on weekends after 1 pm or following the last tee time.

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 four 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.

*The Golf Committee, the Board, and the entire membership
appreciates your attention and compliance with all of these matters.*