

FALL SEPTEMBER 2026 EDITION

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Divot Digest

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SUMMER IS RETREATING, AS AUTUMN AIRUSHERS IN A NEW SEASON of FUN&FESTIVITIES at BCC!

Fun at the Club Pool may be waning, however, the "Fall Lineup" of exciting and wonderful opportunities to capitalize on at the Club are increasing! Now is the perfect to enjoy golf with fellow members or bring a guest to delight in our fantastic course conditions. As well, Fall is a great time at the Clubhouse, with Autumn Foliage soon to show her colors, come enjoy a great lunch or dinner, indoors or out. The choices are many and Bridgeport CC is the place to be this Fall!

SAVE THE DATE!

Dazzy Cup

Oct 3rd and 4th
2-Man Team
Event. Sign up
on the golf
genius app!

MGA Shootout

October 11th
Final MGA Event of
the year. Everyone who
has qualified or will
qualify, is encouraged
to participate.

SEPTEMBER HOURS

Ah! September. Lauded by many as the most pleasant month in WV. Brisk mornings, followed by warm sun. The ideal weather for golfing and amazing activities here at BCC! We will be waiting as you "Fall" in and enjoy Your Club, this Autumn Season! Please remember the Club's Dress Code Policy remains in full effect.

CLUBHOUSE HOURS:

Monday	CLOSED
Tues – Thur.	9:00am–9:00pm
Friday	8:00am–10:00pm
Saturday	8:00am–10:00pm
Sunday	9:00am–7:00pm

PRO SHOP HOURS:

Monday	CLOSED
Tues. – Fri.	8:00am 7:00pm
Sat.-Sun.	8:00am–7:00pm

DRIVING RANGE HOURS:

Tues- Sun	8:00am - 6:00pm
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FROM THE CLUB HOUSE

Hello September! School is officially back in session! Our dedicated staff wants to thank you for spending your summer with us. We have had lots of fun this summer. Now that we're starting to get into the colder weather, stop in and check out our additions to the menu! We also have a lot of food specials for you made by our very own Chef! Please try them while supplies last!

We have spots open for events still for fall and for winter! Let us make your holiday season easier by booking them with us!

If you don't see a favorite, ask and we'll do what we can to accommodate! Most of our Lunch, Brunch, and Dinner menus have Gluten Free Options, if you have any questions, ask our dedicated staff!

September Hours of operations:

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 9:00-9:00

Wednesday: 9:00-9:00

Thursday: 9:00-9:00

Friday: 8:00 – 10:00

Saturday: 8:00 – 10:00

Sunday: 9:00 – 7:00



MENS GOLF



Carson Higginbotham (Overall Champion)

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS: CONGRATULATIONS TO CARSON

HIGGINBOTHAM FOR WINNING OUR 2026 MEN'S CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP WITH A TWO-DAY TOTAL OF (69-68) 137 GREAT PLAYING CARSON!

FIRST FLIGHT WINNER ROB KRESS (73-76) 149
SECOND FLIGHT WINNER SCOTT SCHIELD (85-80) 165
THIRD FLIGHT WINNER MARK MICHAELIS (84-84) 168
FOURTH FLIGHT WINNER GREG HADJIS (80-93) 173
WOMEN'S CLUB WINNER AUDREY KERR (79-79) 158

DAZZY CUP

OCTOBER 3RD & 4TH

2-MAN TEAMS: MUST HAVE A COMBINED HANDICAP OF 15 OR HIGHER.

SATURDAY: BETTER BALL OF PAIR; FULL HANDICAP
SUNDAY: *FRONT 9*- SCRAMBLE. *BACK 9*- ALTERNATE SHOT.



*First Flight Winner
Rob Kress*



*Second Flight Winner
Scott Schield*



*Third Flight Winner
Mark Michaelis*



*Fourth Flight Winner
Greg Hadjis*



*Women's Club Champion
Audrey Kerr*

POOL NEWS



We would like to thank you for a wonderful summer, and we will see you next year! Keep your eyes open next spring for a list of events we have planned for the summer 2027.

*Senior Club Champion
Mark Oliverio*



2026 BATTLE AT THE BRIDGE RESULTS

Needed a playoff to determine this year's winners! Thank you to all of the participants for playing this weekend!

Champions: Rick Henderson & Chris Leon (126)

2nd Place: Mark Oliverio & Marco Oliverio (126)

3rd Place: Matt Saab & Ty Garrison (128)

2026 Labor Day Pick 4 Winners: Congratulations to Ty Garrison, Brayden Stutler, Hunter Reed & Tyler Hartzell who shot (-23) 121. Thank you to everyone that participated!



SEPTEMBER OUTSIDE OUTINGS:

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH – MHHF OUTING

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH – GO-WV OUTING

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH– UHC PRO-AM

BCC WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION

The women of the Women's Golf Association continue to play golf on Tuesdays beginning at 10:00 a.m. for the remainder of the season. All BCC women golfers are invited to join our organization and golf with the women each week.

Thanks go out to Michael Gervais and the Country Club staff for an amazing Women's Member/Guest on Saturday, August 15th. Thirty-two women competed in the "Casino Theme" Member/Guest. The format was a shamble taking the two best scores of the foursome on each hole. The pro shop also set up a putting contest that all participants took part in between nines. Finishing first was Rita Robbins, Terri Donaldson, Connie Dierrigi & Carol Benniger

*2026 Women's Club
Champion Audrey Kerr*



JUNIOR GOLF

2026 Junior Club Championship Results

11-14 (9 Holes): Maceo Ryan won shooting a score of 41.

10 & Under (9 Holes): Evan Stemple with a score of 40.

Thanks to All for competing and congratulations to all the winners!



DRIVE, CHIP AND PUTT RESULTS

FRIDAY EVENING PRIOR TO OUR JUNIOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP, WE HOSTED A SEASON ENDING PARTY, CELEBRATING OUR JUNIOR GOLFERS. THE EVENT INCLUDED A DRIVE, CHIP AND PUTT COMPETITION, A PUTTING COURSE, GOLF. IN THE D.C.P. CHALLENGE PLAYERS WERE AWARDED POINTS FOR THEIR FINISHING POSITION IN EACH SKILL AREA (DRIVE, CHIP AND PUTT). BELOW ARE THE RESULTS FOR EACH AGE DIVISION:

11-14 AGE DIVISION:

MACEO RYAN

8-10 AGE DIVISION:

MARIA ALEX

7 AND UNDER AGE DIVISION:

ASHTON RENZELLI

WE WANT TO THANK ALL OF OUR JUNIOR GOLFERS FOR COMING OUT FOR OUR PARTY AND JUNIOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP



JUNIOR GOLF



Our BCC Bomber Junior Golfers (13U) competed in the PGA Jr. League All-Star Tri-State Section Qualifier at Tam O' Shanter Golf Course!

- Maceo Ryan
- Brooks Randolph
- Levi Forman
- Liam Coffman
- James Cadorete
- Ian Stemple
- Zoey Raymond
- Izzy Raymond





GOLF COURSE ETIQUETTE



The summer golf season is at full throttle and with such, our club golf course is producing record numbers of rounds played. This newsletter section on Golf Etiquette, is just a friendly reminder that touches on how to take care of your BCC Golf Course, fellow members and their guests. It by no means exhausts everything that would be considered appropriate or polite at the Club.

PRIOR TO PLAY: Please call the Golf Shop and book a Tee-Time. Even if you are on your way to the Club. This helps the staff with preparedness, allowing us to better serve you and your guests.

CHECK IN: Please check in with the Golf Shop prior to play or when utilizing the range.

PACE OF PLAY: BCC culture embodies a brisk pace of play. Everyone is expected to complete their round in four hours or less. Remember that your place on the course is immediately behind the group in front of you, not immediately in front of the group behind you. If a hole is open in front of you and a group behind you is playing faster, please invite them to play through.

GOLF CART RULES: Do not drive the cart within 30 yards of the green; never drive between a bunker and green. Please follow current cart rules. If possible stay on path or rough until you get to your ball and cross fairways at 90 Degrees.

BUNKER ETIQUETTE: Prior to entering the bunker, locate the low point which is where you should enter and exit. Never jump in or jump out using the grass face as a step. Sometimes taking the rake into the bunker with you, can help avoid creating extra work during the raking process. Once you've hit your shot, rake the sand in a manner to eliminate footprints, leaving the sand in a condition that you yourself would like to find it. Lastly, when placing the rakes, the handle should be placed on the bunker edge, with the remainder of the rake inside the bunker. This will prevent the golf ball from coming to rest against the rake.

DIVOT REPAIR: Repairing your divots is fundamental to maintaining good course conditions and good golf etiquette; you *always* want to do your best to leave the course better then you found it. Replacing your divots shows that you care about keeping the golf course in good shape and helps maintain the golf course.

BALL MARK REPAIR: Repairing ball marks is another cornerstone in golf etiquette. Always carry a repair tool and quickly fix ball marks on the green to be flat. Fixing any additional marks, is also encouraged, if applicable. If you have any questions on how to repair a ball mark, please connect with one of the BCC Golf Professional Staff members.

PLAYING PRIORITY: Foursomes have priority. If you have a twosome, you do not have priority on the golf course; if it is possible for the foursome to let a twosome play through the foursome will follow proper etiquette. If you tee off the back nine, you do not have priority on the front nine. You must get in line behind the groups teeing off number one. All players must have one of the Golf Pro's permission to tee off #10. **5-somes are allowed only at the Golf shop's discretion**

Just a friendly reminder to not wear your hat or visor backwards in the clubhouse. Thank You.

GROUND COMMITTEE

Dear Members,

I am writing to provide an update on the course and share some insight into the operational challenges our team has faced over the past month.

With over 7 inches of rain in recent weeks, excessive moisture has prevented us from mowing the turf as regularly as usual. To protect the saturated grounds from damage, we have roped off certain areas. Thank you for your patience and cooperation in avoiding these designated zones.

To help the course recover, we are venting the greens this week. This vital process allows the soil and root systems to breathe and dry out. Additionally, we will begin tee and approach aerification and topdressing this month as we work diligently to return the course to peak playing condition.

Best regards,

Andy Bates



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PLEASE, as you take pictures or make a good memory, simply send those to Anthony Burnside at aburnside13@outlook.com Pictures are especially useful. Thank you for your Membership!

Congratulations to Michael Gervais; he is the 2026 Tri-State PGA Professional Champion! 🏆

Bridgeport Country Club (West Virginia) head golf professional Michael Gervais, the round 1 leader, secured his first section championship, relying on steady play and resiliency to grab the lead and the title with a birdie on #18 after 36-holes in high temperatures, and he did it with a torn ACL. What a gritty and championship performance by Michael Gervais. He finished 4-under par with a two-round total of 140 (67/73).

Congratulations to Michael; he qualified along with Talon Kriebel, Dennis Munko, Kevin Shields, and John Aber for the 2027 PGA Professional Championship, presented by Club Car, Corebridge Financial and Rolex, at Streaming Golf Resort on April 25-28.





PROFESSIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
STREAMSONG GOLF RESORT

QUALIFIERS (5)

- 1. MICHAEL GERVAIS, Bridgeport Country Club
- T2. TALON KRIEBEL, Glengarry Golf Links
- T2 DENNIS MUNKO, Shooters Golf
- 4. KEVIN SHIELDS, The Club at Nevillewood
- T5 JOHN ABER, Allegheny Country Club

ALTERNATES - IN ORDER (4)

- T5 DEVIN GEE, Oakmont Country Club
- T5 EASTON RENWICK, Wildwood Golf Club
- T8 BRENDAN KING, Longue Vue Club
- T8 GORDON VIETMEIER, Gordon Vietmeier Golf School



Qualifiers advance to the 2027 PGA Professional Championship, presented by Club Car, Corebridge Financial and Rolex, at Streaming Golf Resort on April 25-28

TSPGA QUALIFIERS & ALTERNATES

TRI-STATE PGA PROFESSIONAL CHAMPIONS		
1931 Perry Delvecchio	1964 Frank Kiraly	1997 Ed Vietmeier
1932 Ted Luther	1965 Ed Furgol	1998 Barry G. Evans
1933 Emil Loeffler Jr.	1966 Joe Taylor	1999 Bob Ford
1934 Perry Delvecchio	1967 Billy Capps	2000 John Mazza
1935 Perry Delvecchio	1968 Roland Stafford	2001 John Aber
1936 Tony Joy	1969 Chuck Scally Sr.	2002 Bob Ford
1937 Sam Parks Jr.	1970 Billy Capps	2003 Barry G. Evans
1938 Ted Luther	1971 Chuck Scally Sr.	2004 Sean Farren
1939 Dick Shoemaker	1972 Roland Stafford	2005 Sean Farren
1940 Arthur Clark	1973 Roland Stafford	2006 Bob Ford
1941 Perry Delvecchio	1974 Norm Rack	2007 Brad Westfall
1942 Ted Luther	1975 Chuck Scally Sr.	2008 Brad Westfall
1943 Sam Parks Jr.	1976 Chuck Scally Sr.	2009 Barry G. Evans
1944 Monty Onoretta	1977 Roy Vucinich	2010 Barry G. Evans
1945 Sam Parks Jr.	1978 Jim Ferree	2011 Rob McClellan
1946 Dick Shoemaker	1979 Mike Evans	2012 Joe Boros
1947 Dick Shoemaker	1980 Bob Ford	2013 Rob McClellan
1948 Rut Coffey	1981 Jim Ferree	2014 Denny Dolci
1949 Bobby Cruickshank	1982 Bob Ford	2015 Kevin Shields
1950 Bobby Cruickshank	1983 Mike Evans	2016 Roy Vucinich
1951 Mike Pavella	1984 Bob Ford	2017 Justin Collins
1952 Tom Blaskovich	1985 John Mazza	2018 Kevin Shields
1953 Joe Taylor	1986 Ron Milanovich	2019 Devin Gee
1954 Mike Pavella	1987 Dale Loeslein	2020 John Aber
1955 Carl Beljan	1988 Roy Vucinich	2021 Rob McClellan
1956 Mike Pavella	1989 Scott Davis	2022 Kevin Shields
1957 Joby Conner	1990 Cleve Coldwater	2023 Devin Gee
1958 Mike Krak	1991 John Aubrey	2024 Rob McClellan
1959 Mike Krak	1992 Harry Toscano	2025 Justin Collins
1960 Andy Borkovich	1993 Ed Vietmeier	2026 Michael Gervais
1961 Lew Worsham	1994 Bob Ford	
1962 Ed Furgol	1995 Bob Ford	
1963 Ed Furgol	1996 Ned Weaver	



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