

21ST SENIOR OPEN OF VIRGINIA



September 29-30



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KEY FACTS

FORMAT: 36 holes of stroke play. If there is a tie atop the leaderboard after Wednesday's second round, a sudden-death playoff will be utilized to determine a champion.

STARTING TIMES: Starting at 8:30 a.m. both days off Nos. 1 and 10.

CLUB ADDRESS: 701 Club Drive, Keswick, 22947

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CLUB PERSONNEL: Rob McNamara (director of golf), Bubba Pulley (head golf professional), Troy Fink (superintendent)

COURSE OPENED: 1949. Current Full Cry Course opened in 2014.

SENIOR OPENS HOSTED: 1 (2026)

ABOUT KESWICK CLUB

One of the top resort courses in the United States, per Golf Digest's rankings, Keswick's reimagined Full Cry layout opened in 2014. One of legendary architect Pete Dye's final designs, Keswick features many Dye signatures, including intricate bunkering, challenging greens, and strategically placed railroad ties. Keswick Club has become a major championship venue in recent years, hosting both the VSGA Amateur and VSGA Women's Amateur, along with the MAPGA Senior Championship.

ABOUT THE SENIOR OPEN OF VIRGINIA



The Senior Open of Virginia is conducted jointly by the Virginia State Golf Association and Middle Atlantic PGA and features a field of 72 players, split between pros and amateurs. After a run of four straight wins by amateurs, professionals have won the last five Senior Opens.



Defending champion Rick Schuller

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RECENT WINNERS



2025: INDEPENDENCE GC

Rick Schuller (Chester)
69-72--141



2024: WILLOW OAKS CC

Rick Schuller (Chester)
72-67--139



2023: INDEPENDENCE GC

Brendan McGrath (Centreville)
68-70--138*

*-won with birdie on 2nd playoff hole



2022: INDEPENDENCE GC

Rick Schuller (Chester)
68-66-134



2021: INDEPENDENCE GC

Brendan McGrath (Centreville)
71-64--135



2020: INDEPENDENCE GC

a-Matt Sughrue (Arlington)
70-68--138



2019: INDEPENDENCE GC

a-Dave Pulk (Williamsburg)
70-69--139



2018: TWO RIVERS CC

a-Buck Brittain (Tazewell)
69-67--136

FIELD NOTES

AMATEUR

- **Dave Williams Jr.:** Leads the VSGA Senior Player rankings. Williams has four wins in 14 starts this season: the VSGA Senior Four-Ball (with **Roger Newsom**), the Sleepy Hole Amateur, the Peninsula Senior Amateur, and the Hidden Valley Four-Ball.
- **Jeffrey Klatt:** VSGA Senior Amateur Champion, No. 2 in VSGA Senior Player rankings, 13 points behind Williams. Eight top 5s in 14 starts this season.
- **Buck Brittain:** Two-time Senior Open champion seeking his first win in the event since going back-to-back in 2017 and 2018. No. 3 in VSGA Senior Player rankings with senior wins at the Valentine Invitational and Chatmoss Invitational. Six top 10s in 12 starts.
- **Tom Vlahakis:** No. 4 in VSGA Senior Player rankings, with senior wins at The Signature at The Federal Club and Fredericksburg Amateur. Tied for 3rd at VSGA Senior Stroke Play and advanced to the round of 16 at the VSGA Senior Amateur.
- **Roger Newsom:** Two-time State Open of Virginia winner and 2014 Senior Open of Virginia champion. Partnered with Dave Williams Jr. to win the VSGA Senior Four-Ball in May.
- **Paras Pandya:** No. 8 in VSGA Senior Player Rankings. Won the RGA Senior Amateur and Alleghany Amateur (Senior) and was stroke-play qualifying medalist at the VSGA Senior Amateur.
- **Scott Shingler:** Still plays a mix of regular and senior events. Advanced to the final match at the VSGA Amateur and is coming off advancing to second flight match play at the Crump Cup.

PROFESSIONAL

- **Rick Schuller, PGA:** Won three of the past four Senior Opens of Virginia and has a chance to not only become the first three-peat winner of the Senior Open, but to do it at three different courses. No. 2 in MAPGA Rolex Senior Player of the Year rankings.
- **David Hutsell, PGA:** The Baltimore Country Club pro won the MAPGA Senior Championship at Keswick in August and is No. 1 in the MAPGA Rolex Senior Player of the Year rankings. Also won the senior division at the MAPGA Northern Chapter Championship.
- **John O'Leary, PGA:** No. 3 in MAPGA Rolex Senior POY rankings. Finished second at MAPGA Senior Championship at Keswick and participated in the Senior PGA Championship earlier this summer.
- **Brendan McGrath, PGA:** Has only played in three events and ranks 15th on the MAPGA Rolex Senior POY list, but has won this championship twice in the last five years.
- **Rob McNamara, PGA:** Director of golf at Keswick and 1996 State Open of Virginia champion.

KESWICK CLUB SCORECARD

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	OUT
Par	4	5	4	3	4	4	3	5	4	36
Yards	379	519	329	168	414	395	155	537	258	3154
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	IN	TOT
4	3	5	4	4	4	3	5	4	36	72
337	173	528	320	327	437	190	534	410	3256	6410

Yardages are tentative and subject to change by the committee.

PAST CHAMPIONS IN FIELD

Rick Schuller (2013, 2022, 2024, 2025)
 Brendan McGrath (2021, 2023)
 *-Dave Pulk (2015, 2019)
 *-Buck Brittain (2017, 2018)
 Ricky Touma (2016)
 *-Roger Newsom (2014)
 Tim Lewis (2012)
 Jay Hardwick (2009)
 Jon Corliss (2008)
 *-won as an amateur

2025 RESULTS | CHAMPIONSHIP HISTORY