

79TH VSGA SR. AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP



August 17-21



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KEY FACTS

FORMAT: 36 holes of stroke play qualifying Monday and Tuesday, with the top 32 players advancing to match play. A playoff will be used to resolve any ties for the final match-play spots. Rounds of 32 and 16 on Wednesday; quarterfinals and semifinals on Thursday; 18-hole championship match scheduled for Friday morning.

STARTING TIMES: Beginning at 8 a.m. off Nos. #1 and #10.

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CLUB PERSONNEL: Andy Bonn (director of golf), Luke Fisher (superintendent)

COURSE OPENED: 1961 | **VSGA CHAMPIONSHIPS:** 8

LAST CHAMPIONSHIP: 2024 Women's Amateur

2026 VSGA SENIOR PLAYER RANKINGS

1. **Dave Williams Jr.** (750)
2. **Tom Vlahakis** (648)
3. **Tony Good** (590)
4. **Jeffrey Klatt** (562)
5. **Buck Brittain** (506)
6. **Bowen Sargent** (481)
7. **Paras Pandya** (459)
8. **Kevin Dillard** (427)
9. **Pete Barbera** (399)
10. **Steve Serrao** (398)
11. **Jon Hurst** (363)
12. **Darrell Craft** (360)
13. Roger Newsom (250)
14. **Scott Bemberis** (232)
15. **Mark McCoy** (228)
16. **Michael Trueworthy** (221)
17. **Tom Follain** (207)
18. **Scott Shingler** (191)
19. David Jordan (180)
20. **Jack Allara** (177)

-bold indicates in field



UPCOMING MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS

AUGUST 31-SEPTEMBER 1: 8th VSGA Senior Team Championship and 4th VSGA Super Senior Team Championship, Mattaponi Springs GC, Ruther Glen

SEPTEMBER 18-19: 50th VSGA Mid-Amateur Championship, Bay Creek GC & Resort, Cape Charles

SEPTEMBER 29-30: 21st Senior Open of Virginia, Keswick Club, Keswick

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2026 VSGA MEN'S WINNERS

TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP (OPEN)

Ben Beach/Sam Beach (60-72--132, won in playoff)

VIRGINIA-WEST VIRGINIA MATCHES

Virginia 14, West Virginia 14 (Virginia retains Feudin' Stick)

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Hermitage CC "A" (64-69--133)

SENIOR FOUR-BALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Dave Williams Jr./Roger Newsom (63-63--136)

SUPER SENIOR FOUR-BALL CHAMPIONSHIP

65+: Dave Pulk/Kent Erdahl (70-69--139, won in playoff)

70+: Jim Woodson/Jack Allara (72-70--142)

75+: Mike Ancel/Terry Towler (69-72--141)

FOUR-BALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Jacob Foti/Charlie Lamb (65-69--134, -8)

SENIOR STROKE PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

Darrell Craft (73-68--141)

AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

Final: Rylan Shim def. Scott Shingler, 5 and 4

Medalists: Colton Rodgers (70-69--139),

Eli Felty (68-71--139), Talon Dingleline (68-71--139)

STATE OPEN OF VIRGINIA

Winner: Mark Lawrence Jr. (67-63-66--196)

Low amateur: Drew Brockwell (64-68-68--200)

SUPER SENIOR STROKE PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

65+: Mikeal Johnston (73-72--145)

70+: Jim Woodson (77-71--148)

75+: Mike Brown (74-75--149, won in playoff)

D.C. AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

August 11-13 (Mount Vernon CC)

SENIOR AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

August 17-21 (River Bend Club)

TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP (SENIOR/SUPER SENIOR)

Senior: August 31-September 1 (Mattaponi Springs GC)

Super Sr.: August 31-September 1 (Mattaponi Springs GC)

MID-AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

September 18-20 (Bay Creek Resort)

SENIOR OPEN OF VIRGINIA

September 29-30 (Keswick Club)

MID-SENIOR AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

October 19-21 (Spotswood CC)

CAPTAIN'S PUTTER MATCHES

October 16-17 (Cedar Point Club)

SUPER SENIOR AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

65+: October 19-21 (Spotswood CC)

70+: October 19-21 (Spotswood CC)

75+: October 19-21 (Spotswood CC)

FIELD NOTES

In this decade alone, River Bend Club has welcomed the VSGA Amateur, VSGA Junior Stroke Play, and VSGA Women's Amateur championships. Now the seniors get their turn at the venerable Northern Virginia course. Plenty of big names will look to claim the trophy come Friday, including every past champion since 2017.

Rich Buckner (2017), **Cam Young** (2018), **Steve Serrao** (2019), **Buck Brittain** (2020, 2021, 2024, 2025), **Jon Hurst** (2022), and **Scott Shingler** (pictured, 2023) are all participating in the championship.



- Brittain's four Senior Amateur titles rank second in history behind Virginia Golf Hall of Famer **Moss Beecroft's** six. Should Brittain successfully defend his title, he'd join **Richard B. Payne** as the only players to win three consecutive Senior Amateur titles.
- **Paras Pandya**, last year's finalist opposite Brittain, won the Richmond Golf Association Senior Amateur earlier this year at The Foundry GC.
- **Dave Williams Jr.**, who sits atop the VSGA Senior Player Rankings, has four wins this season in VSGA/VSGA Player Rankings events, including two individual (Sleepy Hole Amateur and Peninsula Amateur) and two partner events (VSGA Senior Four-Ball and Hidden Valley Four-Ball).
- **Darrell Craft**, coming off a Senior Stroke Play title in June, is vying to be the first player since **Keith Decker** in 2014 to win both the SSP and Senior Amateur in the same year.
- Decker was the last player to earn stroke-play medalist honors and win the championship, doing so in 2016.
- There are five River Bend Club members in the field, including **Jason Pool**, **Somsak Chivavibul**, **Robert Youngblood**, **Geoff Pence**, and a to-be-determined host-club exemption.

QUALIFYING MEDALISTS

- **NEWPORT NEWS GC:** Gordon Shelton and Stephen Whitfield (74)
- **SPOTSWOOD GC:** Doug Shifflett (74)
- **RASPBERRY FALLS G&HC:** Dan Falls and Jason Pool (72)
- **THE PIEDMONT CLUB:** Carlos Aranda (69)
- **STONEHENGE G&CC:** Marc Hogan (72)
- **GREAT OAKS CC:** Jeremy Fogus (72)

RIVER BEND CLUB SCORECARD

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	OUT
Par	5	4	3	4	4	4	3	4	5	36
Yards	516	427	147	390	414	368	168	373	556	3359
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	IN	TOT
3	4	4	3	5	3	4	4	5	35	71
132	438	325	195	516	154	389	426	528	3103	6462

RECAPING 2025

WINNER

Buck Brittain (d. Paras Pandya, 4&3)

MEDALIST

Scott Shingler
(66-70--136)

SITE: Bay Creek
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