



## Shenandoah Valley Golf Club ~ Golf Central

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The key to any company's success normally begins and ends with the quality of service you receive. I guess that is one of the primary reasons Shenandoah Valley Golf Club in Front Royal Virginia remains one of the most popular golf facilities in the mid-Atlantic. Having 27 beautiful golf holes certainly doesn't hurt either, but SVGC's commitment to caring for the customer fuels their achievements.

Many of you reading this have more than likely played in an event at Shenandoah Valley Golf Club. I've always considered the club to be golf central for outings in the area. Local businesses and organizations have hosted their tournaments for many consecutive years at Shenandoah Valley. The staff knows what it takes to make a great outing. On the day of the event Shenandoah Valley Golf Club really struts their stuff. Staff situates themselves throughout the course to help the pace of play, get scoring updates on the course that leads to quicker posting after the round, and provide beverages and snacks. Contests within the tournament include longest drive, closest to the pin, and chipping and putting. Standard outing packages include range balls and snacks at The Club 27 Fire Grill. From there, you can choose a la carte what you would like to serve at your competition. A staff member will always be there to aid and assist you in planning and organizing the event. Whatever special needs you may require can be handled from a tournament gift to an after-event dinner.



Blue Nine Hole 1 Par 5

Shenandoah Valley Golf Club is also renowned for the events and leagues that occur there on a regular basis. They just wrapped up their 16th annual Summer Two-Man. The dates for the 18th Fall Two-Man are October 21 & 22. For the 22nd year, SVGC hosts the Warren County Scramble, and this year it occurs on Saturday, August 5. The Monday Men's Senior League, one of the most successful leagues I've come across, draws silvered haired gents from faraway counties each week. The ladies hold their Senior League on Wednesdays.

At Shenandoah Valley, the course's main challenges are found on tree-lined rolling fairways with a mixed bag of pines, willows and tall hardwoods bordering the majority of the holes. The superintendent does a great job in keeping growth under control. Needed tree and branch removal occurs regularly here to provide a better playing field. The three nines are the Red, White, and Blue, with the latter being

an addition to the original eighteen. Everyone has their favorite, but most would agree that the most difficult and easily the longest is the Blue Nine. A pair of really good par 5s opens and closes this nine, which also features much larger putting surfaces than the other two nines. When you pair the Blue Nine up with the Red Nine at Shenandoah Valley, you get the par-72 combo that is used most for major tournaments. You can see the par 4 first hole on the Red Nine on your walk to the clubhouse. Short in stature, you'll want to focus on your approach shot here to a narrow, deep green. Make up a stroke or two on the short par 5 closer on the Red, where birdies and even eagles are within sight. The White Nine can be described as a shot-makers circuit. Both par 3s on this circuit present plenty of challenge. The third plays uphill while the eighth is known as one of the tougher greens to hit from the tee, and then putting delivers even a bigger treat.



Many events conclude in the majestic clubhouse and the first-class banquet room. The wrap around deck and stunning vistas make this facility extremely popular for wedding receptions and parties. Contact a golf central staff member to set up your charity outing or event at Shenandoah Valley Golf Club.

**Blue Nine Hole 9 Par 5**

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