

2026 NVGA Match Play Tournament Results

At The Piedmont Club, Haymarket, VA 8-9 June --- The 2026 (3rd Annual) NVGA Match Play Championship concluded on Tuesday 9 June with new champions crowned in five divisions. This year the field consisted of 64 players: 16 Amateurs (age 49 and under); 8 Amateurs (age 49 and under) in a second flight that was added due to the number of players on the wait list; 16 Seniors (age 50+); 16 Super-Seniors (age 65+); and 8 Legends (age 70+). The entire field played two 18-hole matches on Monday (2 matches within each bracket plus consolation matches for those who lost their first-round matches). On day 2 the players who won both matches on Monday in their brackets returned for the finals match in the two 8-player brackets (2nd Flight Amateurs and Legends), and the semi-finals matches in the AM and finals matches in the PM for the Amateurs, Seniors and Super-Seniors (16-man brackets). For course maintenance reasons, all play on Tuesday began on hole #10.

Amateur Division: **Greg Cline** (Ft. Belvoir) the #6 seed, advanced to the finals by defeating Donald Trahan (Laurel Hill GC) 5&4 in the first round, Gus Lascola (Hidden Creek CC) 2&1 in the second round, and Rob Zehnder (USGA/VSGA e-club) in 19 holes in the 3rd round.

Liam Howard (Beacon Hill GC), the #1 seed and a college golfer on the Fordham University team, advanced to the finals by defeating James Thomas (Piedmont Club) 6&4 in the first round, Jace Gregory (Hermitage CC) 8&7 in the second round, and Reed Theiss (Loudoun G&CC) in 20 holes in the 3rd round.



L-R - Amateur Division finalists Liam Howard (Beacon Hill GC) and Greg Cline (Ft. Belvoir)

Greg never trailed in this match and quickly jumped out to a 2-up lead with a birdie on the first hole (#10) and a par on the second hole (#11). Liam countered with a nice up-and-down birdie from the right green-side bunker on the par-5 3rd hole (#12). Liam won the par-4 5th hole (#14) with a par to even the match. The two players then traded holes back and forth with Greg winning the 6th hole (#15) with par, Liam winning the par-3 7th hole (#16) with a birdie from about 6 feet, Greg winning the 8th hole (#17) with a 20-ft downhill birdie putt from the back edge of the green, and Liam winning the 9th hole (#18) with a birdie after reaching the par-5 green in two shots. The match was even after the first nine holes. Greg takes a 3-up lead with a par on the 12th hole (#3) when Liam's second shot found the hazard to the right of the green, and Greg then makes two birdies in a row on the 13th and 14th holes (#4 and #5). Liam wins the 15th hole (#6) with a nice up and down par from right of the green, but both players tie the last two holes with pars and Greg wins the match 2&1.



L-R: Amateur Division Champion Greg Cline (Ft. Belvoir) with Mark Vandegrift, NVGA

Amateur Division 2nd Flight: A second flight of Amateurs with an 8-player bracket was added to the field because of the number of players who were on the wait list. This bracket was just as competitive as the 16-player bracket with 6 of the 8 players age 21 and under and with indexes ranging from +2.2 to 2.8.

Owen Love (Belle Haven), a last-minute entry to the field, is a standout high school golfer who is set to graduate in 2027 and has verbally committed to play college golf at the University of Richmond. Owen breezed into the finals by defeating Daniel Kwon (Piedmont Club) 7&6 in the first round, and Henry Reardon (Laurel Hill GC) 6&5 in the second round. **Andrew Lucas** (Mount Vernon CC), is a professional hockey player currently playing in Europe and who doesn't get to play much golf except for the summer

break at home during the hockey off-season. Andrew advanced to the finals by defeating James Castle (Belle Haven CC) in 20 holes in the first round, and Chase Oatman (USGA/VSGA e-club) who conceded his match with Andrew in the second round after being 7 down through 9 holes.



L-R – Amateur Division 2nd flight Andrew Lucas (Mount Vernon CC) vs. Owen Love (Belle Haven CC)
Owen took a 3-up lead by winning the 1st hole (#10) and 3rd hole (#12) with pars and the 6th hole (#15) with a birdie. Andrew answered by winning the 7th hole (#16) with a par and the 8th hole (#17) with a birdie. Both players birdied the par-5 9th hole (#18) with Owen retaining his 1-up lead after the first 9 holes. Andrew tied up the match with a birdie on the 11th hole (#2). The next four holes were tied with pars. Owen takes a 1-up lead by winning the 16th hole (#7) with a par and closes out the match with an eagle 3 on the 17th hole (par 5 #8), winning the match 2&1.



L-R: Amateur 2nd Flight winner Owen Love (Belle Haven CC) with Mark Vandegrift, NVGA

Senior Division:



L-R: Senior Division finals Kevin Dillard (Army Navy CC) vs. Carlos Aranda (Springfield CC)

The finals in the Senior Division was between two of the top-ranked Senior Amateurs in Virginia. **Kevin Dillard** (Army Navy CC) is currently #9 in the Virginia state Senior Amateur rankings. **Carlos Aranda** (Springfield CC) is currently #11 in the GolfWeek Senior National rankings. Carlos was playing in this event even though he was also playing in the National Senior Hall of Fame tournament in High Point, NC beginning on Wednesday 10 June.

Kevin, the #4 seed, advanced to the finals by defeating Mark Vandegrift (Evergreen CC) 5&3, Chris Stout (Westwood CC) 3&2, and Jon Krinn (Westfields GC) 3&1. Carlos, the #2 seed, advanced to the finals by defeating Dave Knorr (Army Navy CC) 5&4, Rob Menefee (Belle Haven CC) 2&1, and Jeff Klatt (Bristow Manor GC) (the #3 seed and 4th ranked Senior in the VSGA rankings) 3&2.

With both players teeing it up for their 4th round in just over 24 hours, the match started with the first four holes tied with pars. Kevin won 5 (#14) and 6 (#15) with par to take a 2-up lead. Holes 7 (#16) (par) and 8 (#17) (bogey) were also tied. Both players were just short on the 9th hole (par 5 #18) in two shots. Kevin got up and down for a birdie to win the hole and took a 3-up lead into the second nine. Carlos won 10 (#1) with par. Both players put it in left front bunker in 2 shots on 12 (par 5 #3) but Kevin had a terrible lie in the lip of the bunker and Carlos won with a par to cut Kevin's lead to only 1 hole. Both players had challenging up-and-downs on 13 (#4) with Carlos long left and Kevin in the front bunker. Carlos converted with a 6-ft putt for par to square the match. 14 (#5) was tied with pars. Kevin two-putted from the front of the green and Carlos 3-putted from above the hole on the 15th hole (#6) to give Kevin a 1-up lead with two holes to play. Both players were in the left front greenside bunker in two shots on the par 5 17th hole (#8). Kevin's bunker shot was excellent, Carlos conceded his birdie putt, then Carlos calmly sank his birdie putt from about 10 feet to extend the match. On 18 (#9) both players hit good drives with Kevin hitting his approach shot to about 10 feet. Carlos' second shot was short and right of the green leaving a challenging chip shot that came up short of the hole. Carlos missed his 20-ft par putt and he conceded birdie to Kevin for the 2-up win.



L-R: Senior Champion Kevin Dillard (Army Navy CC) with Mark Vandegrift, NVGA

Super-Senior Division:



L-R – Super-Senior finalists Keith Morgan (Evergreen CC) and Steve Galing (Army Navy CC)

Keith Morgan (Evergreen CC), last year's champion in this division and the #1 seed, advanced to the finals by defeating John Elmore (Augustine GC) 3&2, John Lombardozi (RTJ Club) 6&5, and Rob Keith (Chantilly National) 1-up. Steve Galing (Army Navy CC), the #3 seed, advanced to the finals by defeating Don Iffland (Chantilly National) 8&6, Keith Myers (Blue Hills GC) 2&1, and Jon Zampedro (Pleasant Valley GC) 2&1.

Keith started off hot and built a 4-up lead winning holes 1 (#10), 3 (#12), and 4 (#13) with birdies and hole 2 (#11) with par. Steve wins the 6th hole (#15) with birdie and 7th hole (#16) with par to cut the lead to 2-up. Morgan increases his lead by winning the 8th hole (#17) with par and the 9th hole (#18) with birdie to take a 4-up lead into the second nine. Steve rallies winning the 10th hole (#1) with birdie and 11th hole (#2) with par to cut the lead to 2 holes again. The next two holes are tied with pars, and Keith birdies the 14th hole (#5) and wins the 15th hole (#6) with par to close out the match 4&3.



L-R -- Super-Senior Champion Keith Morgan (Evergreen CC) with Jon Zampedro, NVGA

Legend Division: **Ron Clatterbuck** (Evergreen CC), the #2 seed, easily advanced to the finals by defeating Ray D'Amore (1757 Club) 3&2 and Joe Wallenfelsz (Blue Ridge Shadows) 6&4. Bob Gardiner (South Riding GC), the #1 seed, also breezed into the final match by defeating Jim Miller (Rock Harbor GC) 6&5 and Dwight Holman (Piedmont Club) 4&2.



L-R: Legend Division finalists Bob Gardiner (South Riding GC) and Ron Clatterbuck (Evergreen CC)

Bob jumped out to a 3-up lead winning the first three holes with par, par and birdie. After winning the 6th (#15) hole with a par, Bob held a 4-up lead. Ron began a slow comeback by winning the 8th (#17) and 9th (#18) holes to reduce Bob's lead to 2-up at the turn to the second nine. Ron then won the 10th hole (#1) with a birdie and won the 13th hole (#4) to tie the match. Ron completed his come-from-behind victory by winning the 16th (#7) and 17th (#8) holes to close out the match 2&1. Nice comeback, Ron!



L-R: Legend Division Champion Ron Clatterbuck (Evergreen CC) with Mark Vandegrift

Congratulations to the five champions and thanks to everyone who played in this 3rd annual event! The golf course was in excellent condition we had wonderful weather to add to the fun!

The players and NVGA volunteer tournament organizers would like to express our most sincere appreciation to The Piedmont Club for hosting this event! Specifically, we would like to thank Rob Brock, General Manager, Head Professional Nick Pinchet, PGA, and Assistant Professional Thomas Cook, PGA for their invaluable assistance. The club staff was welcoming, helpful and went out of their way to help ensure the event was enjoyable and a success.

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See the following pages for the full results in each bracket.

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Amateur Division



Seed				
1	<i>Liam Howard</i>			
		<i>Liam Howard</i>		
16	<i>James Thomas</i>	6&4		
			<i>Liam Howard</i>	
8	<i>Dave Dustin</i>		8&7	
		<i>Jace Gregory</i>		
9	<i>Jace Gregory</i>	1 up		
				<i>Liam Howard</i>
4	<i>Colin Kent</i>			20 holes
		<i>Colin Kent</i>		
13	<i>Luis Chaparro</i>	4&3		
			<i>Reed Theiss</i>	
5	<i>Reed Theiss</i>		19 holes	
		<i>Reed Theiss</i>		
12	<i>Neil Delwadia</i>	3&2		
				<i>Greg Cline</i>
2	<i>James Page</i>			2&1
		<i>James Page</i>		
15	<i>Mike Croly</i>	5&4		
			<i>Rob Zehnder</i>	
7	<i>Rob Zehnder</i>		19 holes	
		<i>Rob Zehnder</i>		
10	<i>Chris McIntosh</i>	5&4		
				<i>Greg Cline</i>
3	<i>Gus Lascola</i>			19 holes
		<i>Gus Lascola</i>		
14	<i>Evan McNally</i>	6&5		
			<i>Greg Cline</i>	
6	<i>Greg Cline</i>		2&1	
		<i>Greg Cline</i>		
11	<i>Danald Trahan</i>	5&4		
	<i>James Thomas</i>	conceded		<i>Luis Chaparro</i>
	<i>Dustin</i>			4&3
	<i>Dave Dustin</i>	Consolation #1		<i>Neil Delwadia</i>
				Consolation #2
	<i>Mike Croly</i>	3&2		<i>Evan McNally</i>
		<i>Chris McIntosh</i>		3&2
	<i>Chris McIntosh</i>	Consolation #3		<i>Donald Trahan</i>
				Consolation #4

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2nd Flight Amateur Division



Seed				
1	<i>Daniel Kwon</i>			
8	<i>Owen Love</i>	<i>Owen Love</i> 7&6		
4	<i>Will Tracey</i>		<i>Owen Love</i> 6&5	
5	<i>Henry Reardon</i>	<i>Henry Reardon</i> 2&1		
2	<i>James Castle</i>			<i>Owen Love</i> 2&1
7	<i>Andrew Lucas</i>	<i>Andrew Lucas</i> 20 holes		
3	<i>Jack Crombie</i>		<i>Andrew Lucas</i> conceded	
6	<i>Chase Oatman</i>	<i>Chase Oatman</i> 2&1		
	<i>Daniel Kwon</i>	4&3		<i>James Castle</i> 20 holes
	<i>Will Tracey</i>	<i>Daniel Kwon</i> Consolation #1		<i>Jack Crombie</i> Consolation #2

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Tee Time	Seed				
9:00 #1	1	<i>Dan Hosek</i>	<i>Dan Hosek</i>		
9:00 #1	16	<i>Jeff Shanahan</i>	8&7		
				<i>Jon Krinn</i>	
9:00 #1	8	<i>Jon Krinn</i>	<i>Jon Krinn</i>	19 holes	
9:00 #1	9	<i>Danny Ott</i>	4&2		
					<i>Kevin Dillard</i>
9:10 #1	4	<i>Kevin Dillard</i>	<i>Kevin Dillard</i>	3&1	
9:10 #1	13	<i>Mark Vandegrift</i>	5&3		
				<i>Kevin Dillard</i>	
9:10 #1	5	<i>Chris Stout</i>	<i>Chris Stout</i>	3&2	
9:10 #1	12	<i>Chad Hess</i>	2&1		
					<i>Kevin Dillard</i>
9:20 #1	2	<i>Carlos Aranda</i>	<i>Carlos Aranda</i>	2 up	
9:20 #1	15	<i>Dave Knorr</i>	5&4		
				<i>Carlos Aranda</i>	
9:20 #1	7	<i>Rob Menefee</i>	<i>Rob Menefee</i>	2&1	
9:20 #1	10	<i>Eric Walker</i>	3&2		
					<i>Carlos Aranda</i>
9:30 #1	3	<i>Jeff Klatt</i>	<i>Jeff Klatt</i>	3&2	
9:30 #1	14	<i>John Durastanti</i>	5&3		
				<i>Jeff Klatt</i>	
9:30 #1	6	<i>Pete Barbera</i>	<i>Pete Barbera</i>	2&1	
9:30 #1	11	<i>Pat Mullin</i>	3&2		
		<i>Jeff Shanahan</i>	conceded	<i>Mark Vandegrift</i>	WD
		<i>Danny Ott</i>	Consolation #1	<i>Mark Vandegrift</i>	Consolation #2
		<i>Dave Knorr</i>	2&1	<i>John Durastanti</i>	WD
		<i>Eric Walker</i>	Consolation #3	<i>Pat Mullin</i>	Consolation #4

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Super-Senior Division



Seed					
1	<i>Keith Morgan</i>				
16	<i>John Elmore</i>	<i>Keith Morgan</i> 3&2			
8	<i>John Lombardozzi</i>		<i>Keith Morgan</i> 6&5		
9	<i>Dave Prokop</i>	<i>John Lombardozzi</i> 1 up			
4	<i>John Williams</i>			<i>Keith Morgan</i> 1 up	
13	<i>Ron Janicki</i>	<i>John Williams</i> 1 up			
5	<i>Rob Keith</i>		<i>Rob Keith</i> 3&2		
12	<i>Richard Lion</i>	<i>Rob Keith</i> 2&1			
2	<i>Jon Zampedro</i>				<i>Keith Morgan</i> 4&3
15	<i>Kenneth Chung</i>	<i>Jon Zampedro</i> 5&3			
7	<i>Trey Carson</i>		<i>Jon Zampedro</i> conceded		
10	<i>Bill Apple</i>	<i>Bill Apple</i> 1 up			
3	<i>Steve Galing</i>			<i>Steve Galing</i> 2&1	
14	<i>Donald Iffland</i>	<i>Steve Galing</i> 8&6			
6	<i>Brian West</i>		<i>Steve Galing</i> 2&1		
11	<i>Keith Myers</i>	<i>Keith Myers</i> 5&4			
	<i>John Elmore</i>	6&5		<i>Ron Janicki</i>	6&5
	<i>Dave Prokop</i>	<i>Dave Prokop</i> Consolation #1		<i>Richard Lion</i>	<i>Richard Lion</i> Consolation #2
	<i>Kenneth Chung</i>	2&1		<i>Donald Iffland</i>	2&1
	<i>Trey Carson</i>	<i>Trey Carson</i> Consolation #3		<i>Brian West</i>	<i>Donald Iffland</i> Consolation #4

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Legend Division



Seed				
1	<i>Bob Gardiner</i>			
		<i>Bob Gardiner</i>		
8	<i>Jim Miller</i>	6&5		
			<i>Bob Gardiner</i>	
4	<i>Dwight Holman</i>		4&2	
		<i>Dwight Holman</i>		
5	<i>Craig Lund</i>	19 holes		
				<i>Ron Clatterbuck</i>
2	<i>Ron Clatterbuck</i>			2&1
		<i>Ron Clatterbuck</i>		
7	<i>Ray D'Amore</i>	3&2		
			<i>Ron Clatterbuck</i>	
3	<i>Joe Wallenfelsz</i>		6&4	
		<i>Joe Wallenfelsz</i>		
6	<i>Lynn Wessman</i>	6&5		
	<i>Jim Miller</i>	1 up		<i>Ray D'Amore</i>
		<i>Craig Lund</i>		6&5
	<i>Craig Lund</i>	Consolation #1		<i>Lynn Wessman</i>
				Consolation #2