

Evergreen CC Wins 2026 Northern VA Senior Team Championship

June 14, 2026 --- At Evergreen CC (ECC) in Haymarket, VA and Belle Haven CC (BHCC) in Alexandria, VA: Evergreen CC won the 2026 NVGA Senior Team Championship over Belle Haven CC with a final score of 7 to 5. ECC swept all 6 points in the two matches at home while their away team playing at BHCC won a crucial 1 point in the first group by winning the front nine that sealed the victory.

The Washington Metropolitan Golf Association (WMGA) had organized the senior team championship competitions for senior amateur golfers ages 55 and over since 1960. From its inception through the 2013 season, the teams consisted of 12 players on each team organized in 6 pairs (sides) playing 4-ball matches at scratch (no handicaps). 3 sides played at the home course and 3 sides played at the opponent's course. Scoring used a Nassau format --- 1 point each for the front nine, back nine, and 18 holes. Beginning with the 2014 season, the teams were reduced to 8 players with 2 sides playing at home and 2 sides playing away.

Since the WMGA dissolved early in 2025, the Northern Virginia Golf Association (NVGA) volunteered to organize a senior team championship competition for the clubs located in Virginia. This year 16 clubs participated in the event. The format included 8-man teams (2 sides at home and away) like the competitions held since 2014, but the minimum age limit was changed to 50 years old consistent with other senior amateur tournaments in Virginia.

The competition began with 4 divisions of 4 teams each; each team would play the other three teams in their division in the play-in rounds. The four division winners advanced to the quarterfinals (round-of-8) plus four wild-card teams. Evergreen CC won its division with a record of 3-0 and was automatically included in the quarterfinals. Although it did not win its division, Belle Haven CC finished with a record of 2-1 in their division and gained the #6 seed in the playoffs by having won 22.5 points in its two matches with an average of 7.5 points per match.

The following table shows the scoring for the playoff matches:

Saturday May 30th			
Quarterfinals			
Home Team	Score	Away Team	Score
#1 International	9	#8 Loudoun	3
#2 Evergreen	7	#7 Piedmont	5
#3 Blue Ridge Shadows	0.5	#6 Belle Haven	11.5
#4 Washington Golf	7.5	#5 Army Navy	4.5
Sunday June 7th			
Semi Finals			
Home Team	Score	Away Team	Score
#1 International	4	#6 Belle Haven	8
#2 Evergreen	6.5	#4 Washington Golf	5.5
Sunday June 14th			
Finals			
Home Team	Score	Away Team	Score
#2 Evergreen	7	#6 Belle Haven	5

ECC advanced to the finals match by defeating #7 seed Piedmont Club in the quarterfinals and defeating #4 seed Washington Golf & CC in the semi-finals. BHCC, the #6 seed, advanced to the finals match by defeating #3 seed Blue Ridge Shadows GC in the quarterfinals and #1 seed International CC in the semi-finals.

Congratulations to Evergreen CC's Senior Team on winning the 2026 NVGA Senior Team Championship. Evergreen CC had previously won the WMGA Senior Team championships in 2010 and 2013. Well done to the Belle Haven CC Senior team for making the playoffs, defeating both the #1 and #3 seeded teams on the way to a runner-up finish!

Details of the 2 matches at each location are on the following pages.

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At Belle Haven Country Club (BHCC)



Match 1 L-R: Tom Dunn and Rob Menefee (BHCC) vs. Mike Johnston (MJ) and John (Boney) Hoffman (ECC)

BHCC jumped out to an early lead on the front nine when Tom hit his 3rd shot on the par-5 1st hole to about 6 inches for a conceded birdie. ECC bounced back quickly by winning #2 with pars after both Tom and Rob missed the green and failed to get up-and-down, and MJ birdied #3 to put ECC 1-up. MJ birdied the par-3 #6 from short range to put ECC 2-up. BHCC wins #7 with par. Everyone misses the green on the tough 418-yd #8 hole, but MJ makes a great up-and-down par from over the green on the right side to a middle pin about 50 feet away to win the hole. Rob and Tom both end up in the right green-side bunker on the par-3 #9 so ECC wins the hole with par and wins the front nine 3-up.

Rob and Tom take charge on the back nine winning #11 with Rob's birdie, #14 and #15 with Tom's pars, and Rob drains a 25 ft birdie putt from past the hole for birdie on the tough 200-yd par 3 #17. After #18 is tied with pars, BHCC wins the back nine 4-up and wins the 18 1-up.

Overall result: ECC 1 BHCC 2



Match 2 L-R: Mark Adams and Jim Bruyette (BHCC) vs. Ron Clatterbuck and Dave Prokop (ECC)

ECC wins #1 with Ron's birdie but BHCC gets the match back even by winning #3 with Mark's par. The match stays even until #7 when Mark makes a birdie to win the hole and Jim wins #8 with par. #9 is tied with pars and BHCC wins the front nine 2-up.

On the back nine BHCC wins #10 with par and #13 with par to take a 2-up lead. ECC is unable to win any holes as #14 through #17 are tied with pars and BHCC wins the back nine 2&1. Of note, Mark and Jim did not have a bogey on a hole all day and were 1-under par through 17 holes.

Overall result: ECC 0 BHCC 3

At Evergreen Country Club



Match 1: Chuck Moline (ECC), Tom Riley (BHCC), Eric Rizzo (BHCC) and Francesco (Frank) Romano (ECC)

The front nine is all ECC as they win #1 with pars, #3 with Chuck's 25-footer for birdie, #5 with Frank's birdie and #8 with Chuck's birdie to win 4-up.

On the back nine ECC wins #10 with pars but BHCC ties it up by winning #11 with pars. #12-#14 were tied with pars. #15 resulted in a tie with Tom and Frank both making birdie. #17 was tied with pars with Eric making a 10' comebacker after hitting the hole with a slick 35' downhill. On #18 with ECC only needing to tie the hole, Frank's third shot was 20 ft to a middle pin while Tom was long and left, facing a tough two-putt. Eric was pin high in the left rough. Tom putted to 8'; Eric was not able to get down in 5; Frank putted to gimme distance and the hole was conceded for par to win the back nine 1-up. ECC's team score was a 3-under par 69 for the 18. Good playing!

Result: ECC 3 BHCC 0



Match 2: L-R Shannon Smith and Brett Thompson (ECC) vs. Mark White and Chip Beveridge (BHCC)

BHCC takes an early 2-up lead by winning #2 with Chip's birdie and #3 with Mark's birdie. ECC rallies by winning the par-5 #6 with Shannons 30-ft putt for birdie, with Brett outside him for Eagle. On #7, Shannon hit his approach shot to 7 ft behind hole to a back pin and made birdie for another win. Brett burned the edge on a birdie putt on #8, resulting in a tie. Brett then hit a SW to 7 ft on #9, made the putt, and the front nine comeback was complete with ECC winning the front nine 1-up.

On the back nine BHCC wins #10 with easy pars as both Shannon and Brett were out of position off the tee. ECC wins #11 with Shannon's par. #12 was tied when Mark hit a great approach shot from 170 yds to 5 ft but the putt just missed after Frank two-putted from long distance. BHCC won #13 with Chip's close in birdie to a tricky back pin to take a 1-up lead. ECC rallies again winning #14 and #15 with two "ugly" pars (as described by the ECC players) to take a 1-up lead. On #17 Brett's approach shot from the left rough landed just beyond the front pin and rolled out to the back part of the green. Shannon got up and down from the front left bunker. Brett then drained the 65' putt to win hole and close out the back nine 2&1. Shannon and Brett were 2-under par through 17 holes.

Result: ECC 3 BHCC 0 Overall total at Evergreen: ECC 6 BHCC 0. Overall total at ECC and BHCC: ECC 7 BHCC 5