

## Golf

BCC is essentially a rolling hills course with fairways lined by mature pine and deciduous trees that were planted in the 1950's. Even a few of the seemingly flat fairways have rolling contours, which were not by design but a result of holes from blasting trees and rock from the ground to create playable fairways. The scenic setting coupled with the well manicured tees, fairways, and greens provide members excellent playing conditions on a challenging, yet fair layout year round,



The course is essentially a nine-hole course, but it does have a separate hole for #9 and #18. While the 6,052 yard layout is not overly long, shot making is at a premium. The *course rating* for men is 69.5, for women 67.3 and seniors 65.0. The *slope rating* for men is 121, for women 104 and seniors 112. The tree-lined undulating fairways require accurate tee shots and then precise shots to small, fast greens, most of which are guarded by sand traps. Water guards the fourth green and members must tee off over water on the tenth hole. What makes the tenth tee tough is that sits right in front of the clubhouse veranda where fellow members love to heckle the players.

A putting green is near tee #1 and there is also an iron practice area. The course has cart paths throughout and most members have their own golf carts, which they store in the cart shed. Golf carts are also available for rent: they are on a first come basis. Members and guests are required to observe the 90 degree rule. Otherwise, all carts are to be driven on paths where available and should be kept 50 feet from all greens.



**Hole #1. Par 4 348 yards** - A sharp dogleg left occurs about 230 yards from the tee. Any tee left and short of the dogleg leaves an extremely difficult shot for all except low handicap players. A good tee shot leaves the player about 90-100 yards into a small, flat green. Push the shot and you are flirting with a large Yew that could eat your ball. Pull your shot a little left and you are in a sand trap. Fly or bounce over the green and you may be out of bounds or if lucky, get a bounce off a wooden fence back towards the green. Seniors must drive their tee shot in the 210 range to get an open second shot, while the women's tee requires about a 100 yards to the prime second shot area.



**Hole #2. Par 4 363 yards** – The men's tee is a blind shot up over an elevated fairway that doglegs left and quickly falls away into a deep valley leaving an uphill shot to a green that is protected right front and left side with sand traps. A pulled, topped or skied tee shot is death and makes par extremely difficult. The prime second shot area is in the 250+ yard tee shot range and resting on the upslope some 150 yards or less away. Miss your tee shot just a little and you'll get some sort of uphill, downhill or sidehill lie. The right front trap gobbles up balls not well struck and out to the right. Just hope the pin is not tucked in on the right front of the green. The ladies and seniors yardage for the hole is in the 275 yard range



**Hole #3. Par 3 206 yards** – A par is well earned on this hole and a birdie is usually a stroke up on the field in a tournament or scramble. Just hope the wind is not blowing hard. For the most part it blows into your face. The green is protected by large oaks in the front left and are probably the most hit trees on the course. Push it just a little right and you'll be in a trap. Push it a little more right and you'll be in a pine thicket trying to run it below the low hanging branches and through the sand trap to get on the green. Pray the pin is not front and left. If so keep, keep your ball short of the pin. If you are long and on the back of the green, just say "shoot me." Senior hole yardage is 183 and women's 164 yards.



**Hole #4 Par 5 488 yards** – One of two par 5's, #4 is an excellent birdie opportunity as it is a straight away hole. In scrambles, most teams play for an eagle - that is if they connect with a good drive. Other than a very wayward drive right into pine trees or left into the Buckhannon River, there are few hazards that challenge an accurate drive down the fairway. While most players on their second shot will lay-up in front of the water protecting the front of the green, long hitters can and often go for the green in two. This hole has one of the larger greens, depending on the location of the pin, a player can face a big breaking putt. Senior's yardage is 368 and women's is 348.



**Hole #5 Par 4 255 yards** – The shortest par four generally requires a short-to-mid iron to an elevated fairway that cannot be seen from the tee box. Hit a wood and risk a steep downhill lie in the rough to an elevated green that is protected in the front and right by sand traps. A shot over the green goes down a steep slope in heavy rough. The hole has a fairly small green that has a significant slope in the front part of the green. Pin placements in the front often lead to 3-putts and sometimes 4-putt along with a flying putter. Senior yardage is 250 and women play the hole as a par 3 with yardage of 109.



**Hole #6 Par 4 391 yards** – Hole number 6 is the #1 handicap hole for the men. The tee shot is across a valley to a flat fairway in around the 150 marker. The hole has a slight dogleg to the right and many shots are pushed into the trees on the right, which most of the time requires a punch out. After a good drive, players have a short-to-mid iron slightly downhill to a flat green. Out of bounds traverses the left hand side of the fairway and with pine trees all the way along the right side. A trap behind the green gathers most long shots. Those that miss the trap can easily roll out of bounds. This hole is also the #1 handicap hole for the women whose yardage is 367. Senior yardage is 376, however, it is their #3 handicap hole.



**Hole #7 Par 4 334 yards** – Hole number 7 looks to be benign as it is straight away and often offers a short iron second shot into the green. An errant drive most often puts the player in the trees, again requiring a pitch out. Don't get complacent on your second shot as it requires total accuracy. Miss the green even slightly can be very punishing. Many a decent round has been ruined when the second shot goes left of the green, down the steep hill leaving one on pine needles, maybe behind a tree and faced with a steep uphill punch shot as slightest amount of height will knock the ball down and it will be back at your feet. If you do miss your second shot, pray that it lands short in front of the green. Senior yardage is 305 and women's 295.



**Hole #8 Par 5 513 yards** – Number 8 is one of the more picturesque holes on the course especially in the fall. The fairway is predominately straight with a slight dogleg over the last 200 yards. For the most part, it takes three shots to reach the green, but keep your shots out of the left hand rough as trees will come into play. Due to the very undulating nature of the fairway, you can get some interesting lies, such as a downhill lie to an elevated fairway. Unless you get your third shot in the 100 yard range, you will be facing a blind, uphill shot to a small green that is guarded front and right by a sand trap. Senior yardage is 485 and women's 479.



**Hole #9 Par 3 152 yards** – The picturesque ninth is a hole that has seen several "hole in ones" over the years. Senior yardage is 140 and women's is 132. The hole requires a well struck, accurate shot. A shot pulled slightly to the left will leave a tough shot from the rough to an elevated green. Go a little more to the left and you'll hit one of the overhanging trees, a common sight. Go right and you'll be in a trap. Go long and you'll most likely be penalized with a very difficult shot and possibly a penalty drop shot as it rolls down to the cart shed. The small green is relatively flat, but has some difficult to see slight breaks. After finishing #9, you'll pass the 19<sup>th</sup> hole to get a refreshment as you proceed to the 10<sup>th</sup> tee.



**Hole #10 Par 4 304 yards** – The tee box is right in front of the clubhouse veranda and players often have a gallery and get some good natured ribbing, especially if one suffers the fate of a topped ball in the small pond in front of the tee box. Long hitters drop to a fairway woods or long irons to position their second shot in the prime landing area beyond the dogleg. Seniors and women pretty much play the same layout as hole number one. There is a sand trap that sits as the edge of the dogleg. Put your tee shot in there and you will have about 100 yards to the green. Any shot short and left off the tee will require a superb shot or two to give the player a chance at par.



**Hole #11 Par 4 381 yards** – Number 11 plays pretty much the same as #2. The back tee adds almost 20 yards to the length of the hole. This additional yardage comes into play in the second shot as it is usually much harder than the second shot from the front tees of #2. Seniors and women again play the same layout as #2. The key to this hole is an accurate long tee shot as trees come into play for most errant tee shots.



**Hole #12 Par 3 235 yards** – Number 12 plays 25 yards longer than #3. Many players except for the long hitters will use their driver on this hole, especially if the wind is blowing. Most players are satisfied with par on this hole. Even though it is a steep downhill shot, unless you hit the green, it takes a skilled chip or pitch to put yourself into range for a comfortable par putt. The rough around this green seems thicker than on other holes making it tough to get the club on the ball.



**Hole #13 Par 5 498 yards** – The additional 10 yards here over #4 is enough to keep many of the long hitters from going for the green in two. But, some do and are successful. But some find the Buckhannon River when they try to hit their tee shot too hard or come up short in the lake on their second shot. For most, it requires three shots to make it to the green. Seniors play a back tee with yardage of 476 on this hole, while women's yardage is 356.



**Hole #14 Par 3 172 yards** – While #5 is a par 4, this hole played as a par 3 on the back side. This is a difficult hole (#6 handicap) for the men as they face a 170+ yard uphill shot to a blind pin placement. The tee sits back in the trees and the players shot must be straight or it will hit one of the overhanging trees on the right or left side. Again the key to this hole is the placement of the pin as a back pin placement is so much easier than the front. Senior yardage is 131 and women's is 109.



**Hole #15 Par 4 403 yards** – This is the number 2 handicap hole for the men and the hole plays pretty much the same as the front side for the men, women and seniors. In the spring, the fairway in front of the green stays wet and short shots will stick and stop quickly. As summer comes along, players are then faced with a much harder surface in front of the green and shots coming up short often bounce and run through the green. Therefore, players should hit solid shots into the green which will hold.



**Hole #16 Par 4 330 yards** – This hole plays much the same as number 7. The elevated green is the challenge as intimated in the #7 summary, miss the green and you'll need a great touch on your chip or a great putt to save your par.



**Hole #17 Par 5 535 yards** – Number 17 plays much the same as #8. It is solid par five requiring three shots for most players to make the green. Players need to watch not pushing their drive to the right as there is a pear tree and a pine tree that can easily come into play on the second shot. Players also need to be aware of the sand trap that guards the right front part of the green.



**Hole #18 Par 3 135 yards** – Well you made it to our beautiful 18<sup>th</sup> hole. Here's another hole that has had its share of "hole in one" shots over the years. Just keep your solid short iron shot straight so that it doesn't catch the trees and you have a good chance to be on the green. This is another green where the pin placement comes into play. Suffice it to say, a front pin placement is diabolical. We hope you enjoyed the course. Stop by and relax at the 19<sup>th</sup> hole.