The Villages, Florida’s Friendliest Hometown®, is dedicated to creating world-class golf courses with a professional golf team that’s hometown friendly.

Our entire team is committed to providing the friendliest golf and country club experience in the world.

Whether you are a seasoned golfer or are just taking up the game, The Villages offers it all—from championship courses designed by some of the top names in the world of golf; to challenging executive courses; to personal golf lessons and coaching to get you playing your very best.

World-class golf is just one of the many unique lifestyle opportunities that makes The Villages a great place for you to call home.

*Your Villages ID is your passport to participation in The Villages.*
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Information in the Good Golf Guide is subject to change from publication to publication.
Our mission in publishing this booklet is to provide you with all the information about golf you will need in The Villages to make your game as enjoyable as possible.

It is no coincidence that reference to the etiquette for the game is presented in the USGA Rules of Golf prior to mentioning any other rule. Good Golf in Florida’s Friendliest Hometown means:

1. Consideration for others on and off the course
2. Care for the golf course
3. Safety on the course
4. Respect for the game of golf

And remember...It’s just a game!

The Villages has adopted the theme of Good Golf to identify those actions and behaviors expected from all golfers in order to preserve the integrity of the game, and provide enjoyment for all golfers on the course.

Plan to attend our complimentary Tee Time Reservation and Good Golf School. You will learn more about how to make the most of your golf experience at The Villages. Contact the Tee Time Membership office at (352) 750-4558 or register online at www.GolfTheVillages.com to reserve your seat at the next school!
Good Golf Creed

One word in this pledge is the key to our The Villages Golfer’s Creed.

R-E-S-P-E-C-T

Responsibility – I will follow the rules of the golf course and take responsibility for all of my actions on the course.

Etiquette – I will understand the importance of good golf etiquette and will abide by the rules of golf.

Safety – I will exercise awareness and caution when golfing and recognize the importance of keeping safety in mind.

Pace of Play – I will learn more about ways of maintaining my position on the course and always do my best to move without delay.

Educate – I will do my best to educate others on the principles of this creed by sharing them and living up to these principles at every opportunity.

Condition – I will strive to leave the course in better shape than I found it.

Tradition – I will embrace the rules and traditions of this ancient and honorable game and respect my fellow golfers and the courses we are privileged to play.

If you RESPECT the golf course and other golfers, you will already be doing all of the things we suggest as being traits of Good Golf.

Only if you RESPECT the game can you then truly call yourself a golfer.
Pace of Play

Pace of play is one of the key factors to enjoyment of the game by all golfers. Golf courses in The Villages have been rated by the USGA’s pace rating system which determines, according to length and difficulty of each hole, the acceptable time that should be allowed to play a round. This is referred to as the “pace of play” or the “time par” for each course.

Our ambassadors are on the course to help assist all golfers with maintaining an acceptable pace according to the guidelines below, ensuring all golfers have an enjoyable experience. Golfers become “out of position” on the course when they have a hole open AND are behind the time par for their position on the course.

Championship Courses

The pace of play “time par” for the championship courses ranges from 4 hours and 5 minutes at Orange Blossom Hills to 4 hours and 26 minutes at Palmer Legends Country Club.

Executive Courses

The pace of play “time par” ranges from 75 minutes to 105 minutes according to the length and difficulty of each course.

The pace of play “time par” is listed on each scorecard.

One of the most important factors in maintaining pace is playing the tees that are most commensurate with your playing ability. Not only will this help you and your group maintain pace, but you will receive far greater enjoyment from the game.
**Key for Enjoyment**

Possibly the most important factor in enjoyment of the game is selecting a tee position suitable for one's skill level. This not only helps par to be more attainable, but can assist a new or high handicap golfer in maintaining their position on the course without undue pressure. This in itself helps a golfer relax, produce better golf shots, and contributes to an overall positive experience for everyone on the course.

Courses on the Executive Golf Trail feature three tee placements, while the country clubs offer up to six selections. For new golfers, we recommend starting at the most forward tee. As you improve in the game it is fun to increase your challenge by moving to the middle or back tee placement, and working your way up to a round on one of the championship courses.

The executive courses have been rated for difficulty on a scale of 1-4, with 1 being the friendliest and 4 being the most challenging. A list of these courses and their ratings are located on the back, inside cover of this book.

Please consult with any of our starters, ambassadors or golf staff for recommendations.

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**Championship Course**

**Tee Selection Guidelines**

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This chart is to be used as a guideline to help golfers potentially align their average driving distance with a course length that is best suited to their abilities.

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**Executive Course**

**Tee Selection Recommendations**

_Teeing off on a 100 yard Par 3, what club would you use?_

- If you choose 9 iron through Wedges: Black Tees
- If you choose 5,6,7 or 8 iron: Gold Tees
- If you choose Wood, Hybrid or 3-4 iron: Green Tees

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[Website Link]
Play Ready Golf

According to the USGA Rules of Golf, the player who has the “honor” should be allowed to play before his or her opponent or others in the group.

Ready golf is a method of play suggested, unless in competition, for speeding up play on a course.

The following suggestions will help you maintain your position on the golf course:

• **Be ready** to play when it is your turn.

• **For everyone’s safety on the course** make sure there are no people directly in front of you.

• **Park golf cars behind the green** on the path in the forward direction of the next tee.

• **Leave the green immediately** upon finishing to allow the players behind to play. This includes the last hole where the tendency is to stop, total scores and exchange phone numbers.

• **Play at the tee markers** where you can carry the full distance required to reasonably reach the green in regulation on the majority of holes.

• **Take extra clubs** to your shots.

• **Drop-off** the player farthest from the hole prior to reaching the green.

• **Playing any hole** after 3 over par, please pick up the ball and proceed to the next hole.

   *Education on the proper protocol of golf is the most important responsibility of a golfer.*
Here in The Villages®, we think the most important part of the game is having fun! These are our suggestions for making any casual game of golf enjoyable for every player.

**IMPROVED LIES & IMPEDED SWINGS**
Move the ball out of a divot, or away from obstacles, up to two club lengths to help your chances at a great shot.

**RAKE & PLACE**
Lift the ball, rake the area, and re-place the ball in its original spot if you find yourself in a bad lie in the bunker. If one attempt fails, relocate the ball outside of the bunker and add a stroke.

**OUT OF BOUNDS, LOST OR WATER BALL**
Proceed to the approximate point of where the ball went missing, place a ball within 2 club lengths and add a penalty stroke.

**MAXIMUM SCORE**
Use triple bogey (par plus 3) as the maximum score on any hole and pick up after you’ve reached that score.

**COMPLIMENTARY PUTTS**
Any putt less than 3 feet in length is considered good with the next stroke.

**TEE IT FORWARD**
Select a set of tees proportionate to your skill level. Move up a tee to have more fun, or move back a tee to challenge yourself.

Whether you’re an everyday golfer, or only make an occasional trip to the greens, these Friendly Golf Recommendations can ensure that you always have fun!

To learn more visit your favorite golf shop or www.GolfTheVillages.com/FriendlyGolf

*These recommendations are not permitted to be used by anyone participating in a tournament associated with The Villages Community or for anyone maintaining a USGA Handicap (the scores are not acceptable for posting). They are not recommended for any golfer wishing to pursue an enhanced playing ability or play following the traditions of the game.*
COMMON ETIQUETTE

• AVOID DISTRACTING THE OTHER PLAYERS. No one should move, talk, stand close to, or directly behind the ball or the hole when a player is addressing the ball or making a stroke.

• PLEASE DO NOT STEP IN THE PUTTING LINE of another player when on the green to prevent indentation in the line of the intended putt.

• PLEASE LAY THE FLAGSTICK DOWN CAREFULLY so no damage is made to the putting green. Remove the flagstick slowly prior to retrieving the ball, not quickly in an effort to remove the ball, and before utilizing any ball removal devices (i.e., suction cup). If you are attempting to remove the ball by hand with the flagstick still in place, please do so with caution as to not damage the edges of the cup.

• PLAYERS SHOULD PLAY WITHOUT DELAY in the interest of all golfers on the course. When the play of a hole has been completed, players should immediately leave the putting green.

Please NEVER play or retrieve a ball from the yard of a resident. Report any damage of private property to the homeowner.

• PLAYING IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED beyond the property line of our resident homes, even if not designated by white out-of-bounds stakes.

• PRACTICE IS PROHIBITED on the golf course.

• PLEASE LIMIT PRACTICE to designated areas. Visit one of the practice greens or golf ranges in The Villages to work on your game.

• PLEASE AVOID PLAYING more than one ball on any hole.

• PLEASE USE RECEPTACLES provided for trash and do not discard cigarette butts on the course.

Leave The Course Better Than You Found It!
**Care of The Course**

Golfers play a large part in determining the condition of the golf course. Proper use of golf cars in addition to good course etiquette make a big difference. Please help us keep your courses in the best shape possible by practicing Good Golf and adhering to the following suggestions:

**Golf Car Parking**

It is important to keep all four tires on the path, especially around the tees and greens. If a golf car is parked by a tee box with two tires on the path and two on the grass, it can contribute to worn spots and ruts.

**Bunker Care**

Before leaving a bunker, a player should carefully fill up and smooth over all holes and footprints they have made.

- **Enter the bunker** at the lowest point closest to the ball to avoid unnecessary damage to the lip.

- **On all courses at The Villages**, we request that rakes be replaced INSIDE the bunker at 90 degrees to the edge of the bunker.

**Divot Repair**

Sand should be used to replace divots taken during a swing.

- **Complimentary sand** is available at all championship and executive courses.

- **Damage through practice swings.** Players should never damage the turf during practice swings. All damage to the course during a shot should be repaired to aid speedy recovery.

- Each private car owner should obtain a sand bucket or container for filling divots.

- To maximize the use of the grass on the driving range tee, please place your ball at the grassy back edge of your previous divot, removing just a small portion of grass with each swing.
Care of the Course

Ball Marks

When a golf ball impacts the greens surface, in most cases, it leaves an indentation in the green referred to as a “ball mark”. If this ball mark is not repaired it will take up to three weeks to heal, while a PROPERLY repaired ball mark will heal in 3-4 days. While it’s understandable that on some occasions you may not be able to find your exact ball mark, what we suggest is that you always try and find yours and one other. If everyone were to repair at least two, we should be able to cover for each others’ missed ones and everyone will benefit in the form of smoother putting surfaces!

For a ball mark to heal in a timely manner it is EXTREMELY important that it is repaired properly according to the diagram below.

Repairing Ball Marks Properly:

Correct Way
1. Discard loose piece of turf
2. Insert repair tool outside back of ball mark
3. Pull turf toward the center of the hole
4. Gently tap repaired area with your putter
5. This action stretches undamaged turf over ball mark providing instant recovery

Wrong Way
1. Do not replace loose piece of turf. It will die and delay healing process.
2. Do not pry up center of depression with repair tool as it exposes soil and will delay recovery
3. Do not insert repair tool and twist it. This only breaks more turf loose.

Here is a picture from the 1st green of Fox Run at Glenview Champions Country Club. Each golf ball represents a ball mark that was left un-repaired! They say a picture is worth a thousand words. We hope you agree!
SAFETY ON THE COURSE

• Golf courses are restricted to golfing traffic only.
• Please refrain from riding, biking, fishing, walking or engaging in other recreational activities on the courses.
• Pets are not permitted on golf courses or practice facilities at any time.
• Please allow golfers ahead to move out of range before hitting a shot in their direction.
• Play is over at dusk. *Dusk is defined as 30 minutes after sunset.*

REMEMBER THE 1, 2, 3 APPROACH FOR ANY GOLF COURSE EMERGENCY

If you ever experience any health emergency on the golf course, please follow these 3 steps:

1. **Call 911 and give your exact location**  
   (Example: Fox Run Hole # 6 Green; Bonita Pass Hole # 3 Tee Box)

2. **Notify golf staff** – Call the golf shop or executive starter building. (Phone Number on the score card)

3. **Stay where you are.** EMS will be coming to your exact location.
LIGHTNING SAFETY

FLORIDA IS THE “LIGHTNING CAPITAL” OF THE USA

• Seek shelter immediately at the first sign of lightning.

• Courses do not close due to lightning, nor will our staff ask you to leave the course. Although we do recommend you leave the course if you witness lightning, if you choose to continue, please PROCEED AT YOUR OWN RISK. Rain checks will be distributed if applicable.

• Covered golf cars do not provide appropriate safety protection from lightning.

• Do not seek shelter under trees and power lines.

BE AWARE:
The United States Golf association (USGA) emphasizes the right of players to stop play if they think lightning threatens them, even though the committee or staff has not asked players to stop play.
BEGINNING THE GAME

Golf is a game that carries a tremendous sense of tradition and honor. In many instances it will be dependent on the player alone whether a penalty is called or just the right thing being done.

When a player has respect for the game that brings enjoyment to so many, the suggestions offered in Good Golf are natural.

To avoid any confusion, it is important to have knowledge of systems and procedures in place.

Your cooperation and compliance with the suggestions and policies in this booklet are greatly appreciated.

EQUIPMENT

At one time golf was an expensive sport requiring a large investment to play the game. This can be true today if one were to shop for the latest, high-tech equipment available.

The truth is a person interested in taking up the game now can get started with a very minimal expense.

A beginner set consists of a:
3, 5 or 7 wood • 5, 7 and 9 iron • Putter

Even at this level it is recommended to have the clubs custom fitted for you. This will ensure that the club has the proper grip, shaft and lie angle for your “authentic swing.”

Take the time to mark your clubs with address labels and your phone number…just in case one is misplaced.

Visit our Custom Club Shop at The Sarasota Golf Practice Center for the best service and equipment for your game.

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Successful Start

Please arrive at the course in time for registration, 20 minutes prior to your scheduled tee time.

• **Residents must present** their Resident ID card on each use of any Executive or Championship course. *Photocopied IDs / digital copies are not permitted.*

• **At the executive courses** you must check-in with the Starter. During check-in you will confirm that your group is playing at the correct course at the designated tee time and pay any applicable fees.

• **At the championship golf courses** you must report to the golf shop for registration before proceeding to the Starter.

• **All play must start on the first hole**, unless otherwise instructed by the Starter or one of the course Ambassadors.

• **Please remain behind the designated point** on the first tee of each course to allow the group ahead to complete the hole and clear the green.

• **Be sure to tell your guests** to always carry their valid guest and photo ID showing their home address even when accompanied by a resident.

*Please see page 18 for more golf guest information.*
How to Dress

The following dress code is for all championship and executive golf courses, The Villages Golf Academy, driving ranges, warm-up nets and putting greens.

The acceptable golf attire includes, but is not limited to, the below:

• Shoes must be worn at all times when on the golf courses. Tennis or golf shoes with soft spikes, or shoes with no more than a 1-inch heel, are mandatory.

• Shorts or skirts must cover the majority of the thigh and may not be cut-off or have holes.

• Denim pants are allowed.

• No overalls, tennis skirts, cut-offs, biking shorts, bathing suits or athletic exercise apparel.

Dress Code for Women

• Fashion golf tops may be without a collar but should not expose the stomach and must have straps at least 2-inches wide.

• No t-shirts.

Dress Code for Men

• Shirts shall have a collar and sleeves.

• Turtlenecks, mock turtlenecks and blade collars are acceptable.

• No t-shirts.
The Villages has established the following guidelines and suggestions that, if followed, will minimize the stress and damage caused to the golf courses:

- Golf cars must remain on the golf car paths on the executive courses with the exception of the par 4 holes. (Silver Lake is the only exception, where golf car traffic is allowed on the fairways of all holes.)
- Golf cars must remain on the paths on all par 3’s on the championship courses.
- We encourage the use of the 90 degree rule on all par 4’s and par 5’s (see next page for explanation).
- The championship courses have small posts, (white with green tops), named “Deacon Beacons,” designating where golf car traffic is restricted between the beacons and the greens. Golf cars must return to the path at or before the beacons.
- A maximum of two bags and riders are allowed per golf car, regardless of the number of seats available. The only exception to this guideline is on the executive courses if the golf car remains on the golf car path at all times.
- Unless special circumstances prevail, starters are not authorized to allow more than two golf cars per group. If three golf cars are necessary, only two cars are permitted in the fairway at any given time.
- To operate a country-club-owned and rented golf car, the operator must be at least 16 years of age and have a valid driver’s license.
- From time to time, due to wet, extremely dry, and/or other agronomic conditions, we may require golf cars to remain on paths on all or certain holes.
- As we all know, golf cars have evolved not only as vehicles to use on the golf course, but as modes of transportation around our hometown. In many cases these vehicles are referred to as Low Speed Vehicles (LSV’s). As some are quite large and heavy, and move more quickly than regular golf cars, to be used on The Villages fairways they must be under 1500 lbs curb weight, and be able to switch to turf speed while on the course.
- The tires on a golf car play a significant role in how much damage and stress the use of the golf cars put onto the golf course. Since many residents use their golf cars or LSV’s as modes of transportation, and have equipped them with non-traditional golf car tires, it has become necessary to establish a tire policy in order to protect the golf courses. (see next page)
- Spectators are permitted in golf cars, provided they observe these guidelines. A cart rental fee on the championship courses is required if applicable.
- UTV Golf boards, bicycles and motorized bicycles are prohibited on the golf courses.
Golf Car Use

Tire Policy

Tires on golf cars to be used on any of The Villages fairways must meet the following requirements:

1. The manufacturer of the tire must refer to the tire as a “golf course tire”.

2. Tires must have a rounded vertical tread with a maximum depth of 1/4 inches.

3. Total tire width must be a minimum of 8 inches.

4. Tire pressure must not exceed 28 psi.

5. Tires may change from year to year. We reserve the right to modify this policy without notice in accordance set by the tire industry.

Note: Golf cars that do not have the approved tires will not be allowed on any of the championship courses in The Villages. If a golfer only plays courses on the Executive Golf Trail, they will be allowed to use their cars, but will be restricted to paths only. All golfers with a reasonable accommodation card must have their tires on the approved list. Visit www.GolfTheVillages.com for the most updated approved list.

90 Degree Rule

Please keep your cart in the rough for the majority of your round. Enter the fairway only to hit a shot and then return immediately to the rough.
Golf cars and clubs may be rented from any country club for use at an executive course. It is recommended to seek out the closest club to the course one wishes to play. Recommendations are listed below.

Rental of the golf car is for golf course use only and must be returned to the country club upon completion of play. The daily trail fee will be applicable for guests and residents without annual trail fees.

For use at Silver Lake or Hill Top courses: Rent at Orange Blossom Hills Country Club.

For use at De La Vista, El Diablo or El Santiago courses: Rent at Tierra Del Sol Country Club.

For use at Chula Vista and Mira Mesa courses: Rent at Hacienda Hills Country Club.

For use at Saddlebrook or Hawkes Bay courses: Rent at Glenview Champions Country Club.

For use at Walnut Grove, Briarwood, Amberwood or Oakleigh courses: Rent at Lopez Legacy Country Club.

For use at Churchill Greens, Belmont and Pimlico courses: Rent at Palmer Legends Country Club.

For use at Bogart and Bacall courses: Rent at Mallory Hill Country Club.

For use at Heron, Pelican, Yankee Clipper, Southern Star, Bonita Pass, Redfish Run and Tarpon Boil courses: Rent at Cane Garden Country Club.

For use at Turtle Mound, Sandhill, Roosevelt and Truman courses: Rent at Havana Country Club.

For use at Palmetto, Sweetgum and Mangrove: Rent at Evans Prairie Country Club.

For use at Escambia, Okeechobee, Sarasota and Volusia: Rent at Belle Glade Country Club.
As active residents of The Villages you will undoubtedly have guests visit you from time to time. We want you to be well informed of the guidelines for you and your guest to get your round off to a good start!

• Guests of a resident of The Villages whose home address is outside of Lake, Sumter, and Marion counties are eligible to use selected resident of The Villages, amenity-supported recreation facilities; which includes the executive golf courses. Fees will apply.

• A Guest ID Card of The Villages is required for guests 1 year of age or older. Guest passes can be obtained at any of the Regional Recreation Centers or the District Customer Service Office.

• Be sure to tell your guest to always carry their valid photo ID along with their Guest ID Card of The Villages.

• If your child or grandchild resides in Lake, Marion, or Sumter County, you may obtain an “In Area” Guest ID Card for them at any Regional Recreation Center or the District Customer Service Office. Residents must accompany these child(ren) or grandchild(ren) to all recreation centers and the executive golf courses.

• Children under the age of 10 wishing to play golf on The Villages golf courses must see one of the team professionals at a championship course for a proficiency approval before playing.

• Spectators under the age of 10 are not permitted.

Executive Courses

• Guests under the age of 19 must be accompanied by a resident of The Villages or a guest of The Villages, 19 or over, with a valid guest and photo ID.

Championship Courses

• Children 16 and older are allowed to play unaccompanied provided they have the appropriate guest pass.

• If your guest does not qualify for a guest pass for The Villages they will pay the non-resident greens fee.
The Villages welcomes golfers with disabilities and has a Reasonable Accommodation Policy in place to allow greater access to the golf courses for these patrons. All championship courses have small posts called “Deacon’s Beacons” on each side of the fairway indicating where golf cars are to move to the golf car paths to preserve turf conditions around the greens.

On the executive courses, in most cases, golf cars are to remain on the paths with the exception of par 4 or 5 holes. If a golfer needs additional access to enjoy the game, due to a disability or medical condition, they have the following two options.

Option #1

If they wish to use a standard golf car, providing they meet certain medical conditions, they will be allowed closer access to the greens surface than the “Deacon’s Beacons” on the championship courses, and allowed off the golf car paths on the executive courses. The golf car must have approved tires. Agronomic conditions will dictate how much daily access can be granted, however, in no case will golf cars be allowed closer than 15 ft. from the greens or tee surfaces. Golf cars will not be allowed off the path on days holes are designated “cart path only” due to wet or other agronomic conditions.

While we won’t deny this accommodation to anyone who requests it on the day of play, due to their disability, as a convenience to the golfer, we offer an advanced procedure allowing the golfer to avoid the necessity of requesting this each time they play. We recommend this for all residents who are seeking such permissions on a routine basis. Please contact Country Club Administration (352) 753-3396 for further details.
Option #2

If a golfer needs greater access than available in option 1, such as driving onto or near the greens and tees, a “single rider golf car” must be used. Each championship golf course has single rider golf cars available for use on the championship courses or the executive courses. In addition, golfers are welcome to use their own single rider golf car, provided the golf car is golf industry specific for this purpose, and will not cause undue damage to the golf course. Single rider golf cars are allowed anywhere on the golf course, with the exception of bunkers, including on the greens and tees, provided they do not cause damage to the golf course. Single rider golf cars will be allowed off the paths on holes that are designated golf car path only as long as no damage is caused to the golf course. We recommend if you intend to rent one of our single rider cars to reserve it in advance (by calling the applicable golf shop); otherwise no advance notification is required for option 2.
The team at The Villages Golf Academy welcomes the opportunity to develop lifelong relationships with our golfing residents.

We designed our golf instructional programs to help golfers find a simple, fun, and affordable way to improve their golf skills and overall enjoyment of the game.

We believe golf is a game that can be a positive part of any resident’s life. Our goal is to become more than just your instructor, but your coach as well. We offer a unique and comprehensive instructional program that addresses the needs and goals of every golfer from the beginner to the most advanced player.

Our PGA and LPGA certified instructors are dedicated and take the time to build programs that focus on our golfers’ individual needs and desires. Your personalized program includes private lessons, golf schools, and private groups. The programs are simple, fun, effective and focus on four key elements of performance:

**Basic Swing Mechanics**
**Advanced Swing Mechanics**
**Course Management Skills**
**Properly Fitted Golf Equipment**

For more information call (352) 259-8121 or (352) 259-2077
Instruction Programs

We offer a variety of group and individual programs suitable for players of all skill levels which can be customized to suit your golf needs. Two of our most popular multi-day programs are designed for new and returning golfers. Both are conducted in a fun and relaxed atmosphere with fellow residents of similar ability.

New to Golf School

Students learn the basics of putting, short shots around the green, full swing with an iron and wood, plus gain a basic understanding of equipment, rules and etiquette. The 7 ½ hours of instruction includes a 6:1 instructor-to-student ratio. Following the instruction week, there will be a 2-hour on-course introduction of the check-in procedures and course management.

Refresher Golf School

This program is an excellent choice for those players returning to the game. Students will enhance their understanding of putting, chipping, pitching, full swing and includes an on-course assessment with the instructor. The 4 ½ hours of instruction includes a 6:1 instructor to student ratio as well as a refresher golf school manual for easy reference.

State-of-the-Art Teaching and Club Fitting Technology

The Villages Golf Academy is proud to provide the finest technology available. In addition to cutting-edge launch monitors, we use video-capture software and high-speed cameras enabling instructors to recommend swing changes. For more information on all we offer, visit www.GolfTheVillages.com.

Take a private lesson in one of the Golf Academy’s indoor, climate-controlled teaching bays — designed to accommodate all weather conditions.
The Golf Academy Locations

PALMER LEGENDS
Country Club
1625 Palmer Way
The Villages, FL 32162

Sarasota
GOLF
PRACTICE CENTER
133 Moyer Loop
The Villages, FL 32163

LEGACY
Country Club
17145 Buena Vista Blvd
The Villages, FL 32162

Where Dreams of Better Golf Can Come True!
Support Offices

The Villages Golf and Tennis Administration Office

As a resident of The Villages you are automatically a member at all of our country clubs. As an added value to that membership we offer membership enhancement programs for every budget. Country club membership enhancements are offered for golf, tennis and pool memberships.

Country club enhancements may be purchased at the Tee Time Membership Office located at The Villages Golf and Country Club Administration office. Please call (352) 750-4558 in advance to discuss your needs.

The Golf and Tennis Administration Office is located in the Lake Sumter Landing Market Square® at 1030 Lake Sumter Landing, and is open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Telephone support is available on Saturday and Sunday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Membership enhancements are processed Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Driving Ranges

Driving ranges are located at:

**Palmer Legends:**
Monday – Friday: Dawn to Dusk  
Saturday: Dawn to 4pm  
Sunday: 8am to Dusk

**Lopez Legacy (aqua range):**
Monday – Tuesday: Dawn to Dusk  
Wednesday: Dawn to 4pm  
Thursday: 8am to Dusk  
Friday – Sunday: Dawn to Dusk

**Glenview Champions:**
Monday: 8am to Dusk  
Tuesday – Saturday: Dawn to Dusk  
Sunday: Dawn to 4pm

**Sarasota Golf Practice Center (aqua range):**
Monday – Tuesday: 7am to Dusk  
Wednesday: 9am to Dusk  
Thursday – Sunday: 7am to Dusk

*For mat schedules visit [www.GolfTheVillages.com](http://www.GolfTheVillages.com)*

Ball machine tokens may be purchased at any of these shops. Additionally, we offer a pre-paid range program in the form of our E-Range Card system. Not only is there a cost savings, but it offers the convenience of not having to buy a token each time. Tokens are unavailable after the golf shops close, so if you are considering practicing in the evening hours, you may consider an E-Range Card as an option.

*Rented range balls are for that day’s use only.*
PRACTICE FACILITIES

Hitting Nets
All country club facilities without a driving range feature hitting nets for warmup. To be courteous to other players, we ask you to please limit your warmup to 20 balls or less.

Putting Greens
Practice putting greens are available at all country clubs and most executive courses. Golf shots (chip shots) knee high or lower are allowed as long as they do not cause damage to the green or are potentially causing harm to others. Some courses have two greens; one designated for putting and one designated for pitching. Please follow the appropriate signage.

Bunkers
Practice bunkers are available at:
- Evans Prairie
- Glenview Champions
- Lopez Legacy
- Palmer Legends
- Sarasota

There may be times the bunkers are reserved for instruction.

Reminder:
The dress code also applies to the practice facilities.
CounTry Clubs

Belle Glade Country Club

Belle Glade Country Club, opened in 2014, is the 12th and last Country Club built in The Villages. The facility features a fabulous 27-hole layout, short game area, golf shop, & restaurant. The Tequesta nine not only begins with a picturesque par 5 wrapping around water, but it also features The Villages only island green, our own version of the fabled TPC Sawgrass island green. The Seminole nine features elevated views found in few places in Florida, and the Calusa nine takes you back to the old Florida style golf around a nature preserve that’s beautiful and breathtaking. Belle Glade features 6 sets of tees that will allow for a challenging and enjoyable experience for golfers of all abilities. It is located on Moyer loop off of Morse Boulevard.

Bonifay Country Club

Bonifay is home to Destin, Fort Walton and Pensacola courses. With 6 sets of tees ranging from 4,763 to 7,090 yards, golfers of every skill level will be challenged by the rolling terrain, changes in elevation as well as some of the best green complexes in The Villages. With so many holes that could be its “signature” hole, one of the most memorable will be #5 of Destin. This par 3 stretches from 207 to 95 yards in which almost all of it is carry over water. With water in the front, and bunkers guarding the back of the green, this hole will challenge even the best players. The Clifton, Ezell and Clifton Design Group have outdone themselves at Bonifay Country Club.

Cane Garden Country Club

One of Florida’s most naturally beautiful courses where the pursuit of “birdies” is equal to the time one might spend “bird” watching. The course plays around a 140-acre eagle preserve. Be sure to also look out
for the Southeast American Kestrel, a Falcon species, and Burrowing Owls. The 27-hole course features a clubhouse with a tropical atmosphere and a view of Lake Miona. With teeing positions from 4,980 to 7,000 yards, every golfer should find a home in the natural settings of Cane Garden.

**Evans Prairie Country Club**

Evans Prairie offers dramatic views as it winds around the Evans Prairie preserve. This 27-hole championship course, with 6 sets of tees ranging from 3,888 to 7,025, is sure to give golfers of every skill level a challenging day on the course. Players will find that there are many holes where “target golf” comes into play. The 8th hole of Killdeer is just one of those holes. This par 5 is set against the east side of Evans Prairie and has a beautiful view of the clubhouse. The prairie’s undulating edge helps to shape the hole — curving into a peninsula and creating some very challenging landing areas. Club selection will be at a premium on #8 and many others on Evans Prairie. The design group of Clifton, Ezell and Clifton has come back once again with a memorable golf experience.

**Glenview Champions Country Club**

Designed by Clifton, Ezell and Clifton Design Group in consultation with top Senior PGA Pros Tommy Aaron, Hubert Green and John Mahaffey. Changes in elevation challenge players with uphill, downhill and sidehill lies placing a premium on shot placement and putting skill. The par 3’s are some of the most challenging in Central Florida. 6 sets of tees make this course playable for all skill levels. Facilities include golf shop, driving range, chipping and putting greens, and country club restaurant. Located just West of the Savannah Center at the end of Glenview Road.
Hacienda Hills Country Club

This 27-hole course is a great test for all skill levels. Though bunkers come into play on every hole and water on eight holes, there are very few forced carries. Hole 1 on The Lakes and The Oaks share one large green and are mirror image par 5’s with a lake between the fairways. Hacienda Hills Country Club includes putting and chipping greens, a hitting net for warming up, golf shop, country club restaurant, grill room, tiki bar, tennis courts, pool and a hot tub. Located on Morse Boulevard within one mile of the Morse Gate at Highway 27/441.

Havana Country Club

The Havana Country Club is a 27-hole course boasting some of the best finishing holes in The Villages. Changes in elevation and rolling fairways are the standard and will provide challenges for all players. The generous landing areas and the well protected greens place a premium on your approach shots. 6 sets of tees allow for a challenging but enjoyable experience for all levels of golfers. Facilities include a golf shop, putting green, and hitting net to loosen up. The course, designed by Clifton, Ezell and Clifton Design Group, is a challenge for the most skilled golfer and stretches to a total of 7,070 yards. Located at the southern intersection of O’Dell Circle and Morse Blvd.

Mallory Hill Country Club

The Mallory Hill Clubhouse overlooks 18 of the 27 holes from one of the high points in Sumter County. The historic area of tee box #7 on The Caroline is The Villages own version of the fabled “Amen Corner.” Water hazards make precise shot placement a must. The Amelia boasts dramatic views from its third tee which rests some 60-70 feet above the green! With tee boxes stretching from 5000 to 7000 yards, golfers of all abilities will be making special golfing memories.
Lopez Legacy Country Club

The Lopez Legacy Country Club was designed by Hall of Fame golfer Nancy Lopez in cooperation with the Clifton, Ezell and Clifton Design Group. The facility features 27 holes of golf, each nine being named after Nancy’s daughters, Ashley (Meadows), Erinn (Glenn) and Torri (Pines). Amenities include a golf shop, an aqua driving range, putting green, a short game practice area, country club dining facilities, pool and tennis courts. Located on Buena Vista Boulevard North of the Savannah Center.

Orange Blossom Hills Country Club

This 18-hole, par 72 course plays the shortest of the championship courses. Water comes into play on 3 holes, and 16 holes have bunkers. There is only one forced carry over water. Holes 6, 11, 12 and 13 weave through a stand of large oak trees. Facilities include a golf shop, putting and chipping greens, a hitting net for warming up, restaurant, pool, tiki bar and hot tub. Enter gate on East side of Highway 27/441 across from Morse Gate to top of the hill.

Palmer Legends Country Club

Palmer Legends was designed to complement the already dramatic vistas throughout the golf course. Features include many water hazards, demanding bunkers and rolling terrain. Palmer Legends consists of 27 holes, each nine providing its own set of challenges. The course stretches to a total of 7,180 yards—a challenge for even the most skilled golfer. However, there are five sets of tees allowing for an enjoyable experience for all levels of golfers. Facilities include a driving range, putting and chipping greens, golf shop, restaurant and our one-of-a-kind natural grass putting course. The Villages Golf Academy’s state-of-the-art headquarters is located on site, providing first-class instruction to all levels of golfers. Located on Buena Vista Boulevard South of County Road 466.
The Villages Executive Golf Trail consists of more than 40 9-hole courses unique to The Villages. These courses are primarily par 3 holes with the occasional par 4. Unlike many “executive courses” outside The Villages, ours are maintained at a high standard.

Each course has something to offer to all levels of golfers. With 3 sets of tees, they will challenge even the most experienced golfer, but the forward tees will provide a friendly experience for the recreational golfer as well as the beginning golfer.

Please visit our web site for further detail on each course, including directions and a downloadable map.

Tierra Del Sol Country Club

One of the most challenging 18 holes in The Villages, this course plays to over 6800 yards. The front nine is long and well-bunkered with very few trees. The back 9 was designed to preserve the natural beauty and wildlife of the nature preserves that come into play on eight holes. Four sets of tees make this course playable and enjoyable for all skill levels. Facilities include chipping and putting greens, pro shop, restaurant, tennis courts and a hitting net for warming up. Entrance to the golf shop is not immediately visible from the parking lot, therefore, golfers are asked to follow the bag drop directional sign to locate the golf shop. Located on San Marino Drive off Morse Boulevard.
Schedule of Activities

Executive Courses

• Men’s Day — Held every Tuesday at Silver Lake, Mira Mesa, De La Vista, Saddlebrook, Walnut Grove, Churchill Greens, Heron, Turtle Mound and Volusia.

• Ladies’ Day — Held every Wednesday at Silver Lake, Mira Mesa, De La Vista, Saddlebrook, Walnut Grove, Churchill Greens, Heron, Turtle Mound and Volusia.

• Registration For Men’s & Ladies’ Day — Can be made through “Option 7” on The Villages Tee Time System.

• Super Seniors (Men 70+ and Women 70+) — Held the first Friday of each month at Turtle Mound, the second Friday of each month at El Santiago, the third Friday of each month at Churchill Greens, and the fourth Friday of each month at Silver Lake.

Championship Courses

For Men’s and Ladies’ days at the championship level, check with your nearest club for the most up-to-date information. Reservations can be made by using “Option 6” on The Villages Automated Tee Time System. A USGA GHIN handicap of The Villages and a priority enhancement is required.

There is a full slate of events and tournaments throughout the year at the championship level ranging from casual to our own The Village Cup.

Please visit your favorite country club to find information on current events and tournaments.

Want to get the most updated information on golf at The Villages?

• Read The Villages Daily Sun Sports Section
• Watch VNN-TV Comcast Channel 2
• Tune in to AM640-WVLG, FM102.7
• Online: GolfTheVillages.com
• Download The Villages App®
• Like us on Facebook for The Villages Golf and Tennis

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Weather Delays

Frost Delays
In the event of frost, the golf course will be closed until such time that play will not injure the grass as determined by the golf course superintendent.

All tee times prior to the opening time will be forfeited.

The golf course staff will make every effort to accommodate all players in an effort that will not cause later tee times to be affected.

This may not be possible in all instances.

If your tee time is cancelled and you are unable to be accommodated or forward started, you will not be assessed a reservation point.

Fog Delays
In the event of heavy fog, the golf course will be closed until the golf course team determines play can safely start from the first tee.

All tee times prior to the opening time will be forfeited.

The golf course staff will make every effort to accommodate all players in an effort that will not cause later tee times to be affected.

This may not be possible in all instances.

If your tee time is cancelled and you are unable to be accommodated or forward started, you will not be assessed a reservation point.
**TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

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(352) 753-3396

Automated Tee Time System .................... (352) 753-4653
Tee Time Membership Office .................... (352) 750-4558
The Villages Golf Academy ...................... (352) 259-8121
Custom Club Shop ................................. (352) 259-2080
Sarasota Golf Practice Center ................... (352) 750-8320

**COUNTRY CLUB COURSES**

Belle Glade, 2014........................................ (352) 674-2700
Bonifay, 2011.............................................. (352) 753-1776
Cane Garden, 2004................................. (352) 751-7029
Evans Prairie, 2012 ................................. (352) 205-8910
Glenview Champions, 2000...................... (352) 753-3345
Hacienda Hills, 1990 ................................. (352) 753-5155
Havana, 2007............................................. (352) 750-8085
Lopez Legacy, 2002................................. (352) 753-1450
Mallory Hill, 2005................................. (352) 753-3730
Orange Blossom Hills, 1985................... (352) 753-5200
Palmer Legends, 2004.............................. (352) 753-5300
Tierra Del Sol, 1996................................. (352) 750-4600

**EXECUTIVE GOLF TRAIL**

Amberwood, 2003................................. (352) 750-0423
Bacall, 2005.............................................. (352) 430-3431
Belmont, 2004........................................... (352) 750-2019
Bogart, 2005.............................................. (352) 430-3431
Bonita Pass, 2009................................. (352) 750-8029
Briarwood, 2001................................. (352) 259-2967

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Executive Golf Trail

Chula Vista, 1990 ........................................ (352) 753-4170
Churchill Greens, 2004 ............................ (352) 750-2019
De La Vista, 1995 ................................. (352) 753-0977
El Diablo, 1997 ................................. (352) 750-6670
El Santiago, 1998 ................................ (352) 750-6670
Escambia, 2015 ................................ (352) 674-2707
Gray Fox, 2017 ................................ (352) 205-8902
Hawkes Bay, 1999 ................................ (352) 753-8043
Heron, 2004 ................................ (352) 205-7427
Hill Top, 1988 ................................ (352) 753-8276
Loblolly, 2018 ................................ (352) 259-6452
Longleaf, 2018 ................................ (352) 259-6451
Lowlands, 2019 ................................. (352) 751-7786
Mangrove, 2013 ................................ (352) 751-2335
Marsh View Pitch & Putt, 2019 ................ (352)-751-7788
Mira Mesa, 1993 ................................ (352) 753-0436
Oakleigh, 2003 ................................ (352) 750-0423
Okeechobee, 2015 ................................ (352) 674-2707
Palmetto, 2012 ................................ (352) 205-8911
Pelican, 2004 ................................ (352) 205-7427
Pimlico, 2004 ................................ (352) 750-2019
Redfish Run, 2009 ................................ (352) 750-6730
Red Fox, 2017 ................................ (352) 205-8902
Roosevelt, 2007 ................................ (352) 750-2374
Saddlebrook, 1999 ............................. (352) 753-8201
Sarasota, 2015 ................................ (352) 674-2706
Sandhill, 2007 ................................ (352) 259-2128
Silver Lake, 1987 ................................ (352) 753-5151
Southern Star, 2011 ............................. (352) 259-3018
Sweetgum, 2013 ................................ (352) 751-2335
Tarpon Boil, 2010 ................................ (352) 750-6730
Truman, 2007 ................................ (352) 750-2374
Turtle Mound, 2007 .............................. (352) 750-6907
Volusia, 2015 ................................ (352) 674-2710
Walnut Grove, 2001 ............................ (352) 259-2967
Yankee Clipper, 2009 ............................ (352) 259-3018
**Executive Courses Playability Ratings**

The executive courses have been rated for difficulty on a scale of 1-4, with 1 being the friendliest and 4 being the most challenging.

1. Chula Vista
   El Santiago*
   Sarasota*
   Turtle Mound

2. Bogart
   De La Vista
   Hawkes Bay
   Hill Top
   Pimlico
   Saddlebrook
   Sandhill
   Silver Lake
   Volusia

3. Bacall
   Bonita Pass
   Briarwood
   Churchill Greens
   El Diablo
   Escambia
   Heron
   Loblolly
   Longleaf
   Mangrove
   Mira Mesa
   Oakleigh
   Palmetto
   Redfish Run
   Red Fox
   Southern Star
   Sweetgum
   Tarpon Boil
   Walnut Grove
   Yankee Clipper

4. Amberwood
   Belmont
   Gray Fox
   Okeechobee
   Pelican
   Roosevelt
   Truman

*Utilize oversize holes

**Course Selection Recommendations**

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• Each player must have their own set of clubs and bag.

• Children under the age of 10 must see a team professional at a championship course before playing.

• Spectators must follow course guidelines. They may be in a separate car, provided no other vacant seats are available and must be at least 10 years old.

• A maximum of four golfers per group are allowed.

• Golf courses are restricted to golfing traffic only. No jogging, biking, walking, fishing, etc. is allowed on the courses.

• Walking is permitted and encouraged on all the executive and championship courses, provided the appropriate pace of play is maintained.

• Pull carts are available for rent at the executive courses.

• Green tipped stakes identify areas on the course that are prohibited to enter, including to retrieve a golf ball.

**Note:** In some cases the golf staff is extended some liberty in using good judgment on how these policies are applied. As long as the deviation from policy does not circumvent the intention behind the guideline and does not inconvenience other golfers, golf and country club team members are encouraged to demonstrate Raving Fan service. Failure to follow these guidelines, or those given by golf course staff, especially discourteous behavior, may result in unpleasant consequences for all involved.
Quick Tips
To Keep In Your Golf Car

Following is a summary of some of the guidelines outlined in the Good Golf Guide. Please refer to the individual sections for more detail:

• Ensure your group is playing within the proper pace.

• Be respectful of fellow golfers, course staff, and the game.

• Safety on the course is paramount. Please do not hit into the group in front of you.

• Courses do not close due to lightning, nor will our staff ask you to leave the course. Although we do recommend you leave the course if you witness lightning, if you choose to continue, please **PROCEED AT YOUR OWN RISK.** Rain checks will be distributed if applicable.

• Never play or retrieve a ball from a resident’s yard. Please report any damage of private property to the homeowner.

• Be sure to be aware of The Villages guest policies as outlined in the guest section.

• Be aware of golf car guidelines.

• Do not practice on the course. Please play only 1 ball.

• For your own safety from snakes and alligators — No “ball hawking.”

• Pets are not permitted on the course or riding in golf cars.

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