

Deutsche Bank Championship

Sept. 4 – 7, 2015

TPC Boston

Norton, Mass.

GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT

Thomas G. Brodeur, GCSAA Class A Golf Course Superintendent

Education: A.S., Turfgrass Science, University of Massachusetts Stockbridge School, Amherst, Mass., 1978

Age: 56

Native hometown: Auburn, Mass.

Years as a GCSAA member: 34 / Years at this course: 14

Previous events hosted by facility: 2003-2014 Deutsche Bank Championship

COURSE STATISTICS

Average tee size: 2,500 sq. ft.

Average green size: 5,500 sq. ft.

Total course acreage: 383

Soil conditions on the course: Native soil in sand, silt, rock

Green construction soil mix: USGA (sand 80%, peat 20%)

Acres of fairway: 28

Source of water: Well

Acres of rough: 50

Drainage conditions: Excellent

Sand bunkers: 57

Water hazards: 3

TOURNAMENT SET-UP

Par: 71

Yardage: 7,238

Course scoring record: 61

TURFGRASS

Tees: Bentgrass at 0.290"

Fairways: Bentgrass at 0.375"

Greens: Bentgrass at 0.120"

Rough: Kentucky bluegrass; fescue at 4"

GOLF COURSE PERSONNEL

Golf Course Superintendent:

Thomas G. Brodeur

Assistant Superintendent: Kevin

Crawford

Assistant Superintendent: Kyle Elliott

Irrigation Manager: Elvin Vicente

Equipment Manager: Cliff Tessier

Club Manager: Dan Waslewski

Horticulturist: Chris Split

PGA professional: Mark Nowosielski

Club Owner: PGA TOUR Properties

Course architect: Arnold Palmer, 2001

Renovation architect: Hanse Golf

Course Design, 2006

INTERESTING NOTES ABOUT THE COURSE

At TPC Boston, 150 acres of the original developed property for the course was donated to the abutting towns of Mansfield and Norton, to tie into existing conservation land.

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT/FEATURES

TPC Boston is an Audubon Certified Cooperative Sanctuary. The ACSP is an education and certification program that helps golf courses protect the environment and preserve the natural heritage of the game of golf. All water used for irrigation by the club is developed onsite through wells. While there are large areas of wetlands surrounding the course, water for irrigation is scarce and needs to be carefully managed. TPC Boston was the first club in New England to install a HDPE pipe irrigation system with state-of-the-art central controls to help manage water use.

GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

Since 1926, GCSAA has been the top professional association for the men and women who manage golf courses in the United States and worldwide. From its headquarters in Lawrence, Kan., the association provides education, information and representation to nearly 18,000 members in more than 72 countries. GCSAA's mission is to serve its members, advance their profession and enhance the enjoyment, growth and vitality of the game of golf.

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STORY IDEAS TO CONSIDER

- Water: Golf's biggest challenge
- The benefits of a golf course to a community and environment
- Get to know an interesting superintendent