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## Tournament Fact Sheet

PGA Tour  
John Deere Classic  
July 6 - 12, 2015

TPC Deere Run  
Silvis, Ill.

## Golf Course Management Information

**GCSAA Member Director  
Of Golf Course Maintenance  
Operations:**

Alex J. Stuedemann



**Availability to media:**

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**Education:**

B.S., Environmental Horticulture,  
University of Minnesota, St. Paul, Minn.,  
2000

**Age:** 38

**Native hometown:**

Coon Rapids, Minn.

**Years as a GCSAA member:** 16

**GCSAA affiliated chapter:**

Northwest Illinois Golf Course  
Superintendents Association

**Years at this course:** 2

**Number of employees:** 25

**Number of tournament volunteers:** 30

**Previous positions:**

2012-2013, Golf Course  
Superintendent, TPC Twin Cities,  
Blaine, Minn.; 2007-2012, Construction  
Superintendent/Golf Course  
Superintendent, TPC San Antonio, San  
Antonio, Texas; 2002-2007, Frist  
Assistant Superintendent, TPC Deere  
Run, Silvis, Ill.

**Previous tournament preparation:**

2012-2013 3M Championship, TPC  
Twin Cities, Blaine, Minn.; 2010-2012  
Valero Texas Open, TPC San Antonio  
(Oaks Course), San Antonio, Texas;  
2011 AT&T Championship, TPC San  
Antonio (Canyons Course), San  
Antonio, Texas

**Previous tournaments hosted by facility:**

2001-2014 John Deere Classic

**Get to know the superintendent:**

Alex has been with the TPC network for  
15 years at three different properties.

**How Alex got involved in golf course  
management:**

"Love of the game and being outdoors."

## Course statistics

**Average tee size:** 7,000 sq. ft.

**Tournament Stimpmeter:** 11.5 ft.

**Average green size:** 6,000 sq. ft.

**Soil conditions on the course:** Silty clay

**Green construction soil mix:**

USGA (sand 85%, peat 15%)

**Rounds per year:** 22,000

**Acres of fairway:** 24

**Source of water:** Well, river

**Acres of rough:** 84

**Drainage conditions:** Poor

**Sand bunkers:** 74

**Water hazards:** 3

## Championship ratings

Tee	Yardage	Par	Rating	Slope
TPC	7258	71	75.6	145

## Course characteristics

	Primary Grasses	Height of Cut
<b>Tees</b>	Bentgrass	0.300"
<b>Fairways</b>	Bentgrass	0.400"
<b>Greens</b>	Bentgrass	0.100"
<b>Rough</b>	Kentucky bluegrass; fescue	3.5'

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## Environmental management/features

TPC Deere Run 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.

### Water conservation, management and/or controls:

TPC Deere Run utilizes an on-site weather station to water based on plant need. Single-head controlled irrigation allows for site specific watering to conserve resources.

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## Unusual wildlife on the course

Fox; Coyote; Raccoon; Turkey; Deer

### Predominate species of trees on course:

Oak; Hickory; Cherry; Hackberry; Elm; Linden

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### Interesting notes about the course:

TPC Deere Run is built on the former Arabian horse facility, Friendship Farm, owned by descendants of John Deere.

### Comments overheard about the course:

"Very picturesque property sitting above the Rock River with challenging golf holes."

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### Course architect/date:

D.A. Weibring, 1998

### Original course builder/date:

PGA TOUR Construction Services, 1998

### Most recent redesign or renovation/date:

Bunker renovation, 2007

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## Other key course management personnel

Tony Gustafson, GCSAA Member Assistant Superintendent  
Jonathan Graham, GCSAA Member Assistant Superintendent  
Bruce Phillipson, Equipment Manager  
Todd Hajduk, Club Manager  
Andrew Stoterau, PGA Professional

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## Golf Course Superintendents Association of America

GCSAA is a leading golf organization and has as its focus golf course management. 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. Find GCSAA on [Facebook](#), follow GCSAA on [Twitter](#), and visit GCSAA at [www.gcsaa.org](http://www.gcsaa.org). The Environmental Institute for Golf is the philanthropic organization of the GCSAA, and has as its mission to foster sustainability through research, awareness, education, programs and scholarships for the benefit of golf course management professionals, golf facilities and the game. Visit [www.eifg.org](http://www.eifg.org).

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## Media story ideas to consider

- Water: Golf's biggest challenge
- The benefits of a golf course to the community and the environment

- What's new in turfgrass research
- Superintendents doing more with less
- Get to know an interesting superintendent
- Who's in charge? A visit with the CEO