



GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

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## Tournament Fact Sheet

PGA Tour  
RBC Canadian Open  
July 23 - 26, 2015

Glen Abbey Golf Club  
Oakville, Ontario, Canada

## Golf Course Management Information

**Golf Course Superintendent:**  
Andrew Gyba

### Availability to media:

Contact Andrew Gyba by phone 905-844-1800, ext. 240; or email [agyba@clublink.ca](mailto:agyba@clublink.ca)

### Education:

Assoc. Diploma, Horticulture/Turf Management, University of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario, Canada, 2003

**Age:** 33

### Native hometown:

Oakville, Ontario, Canada

**Years at this course:** 4

**Number of employees:** 35

**Number of tournament volunteers:** 30

### Previous positions:

1998-2007, Labourer/Assistant Superintendent, Rattlesnake Point Golf Club, Milton, Ontario, Canada; 2007-2012, Golf Course Superintendent, Eagle Ridge Golf Club, Georgetown, Ontario, Canada

### Previous tournament preparation:

2013 RBC Canadian Open, Glen Abbey Golf Club, Oakville, Ontario, Canada

### Previous tournaments hosted by facility:

1977-1979, 1981-1996 DuMarier Canadian Open; 1998-2000, 2004 Bell Canadian Open; 2008-2009, 2013 RBC Canadian Open

### Get to know the superintendent:

Andrew is an avid disc golfer.

### How Andrew got involved in golf course management:

Andrew's career in golf course management started as a summer job.

## Course/event scoring record:

62, Greg Norman, 1986

## Course statistics

**Average tee size:** 7,000 sq. ft.  
**Tournament Stimpmeter:** 11.5 ft.  
**Average green size:** 5,600 sq. ft.  
**Soil conditions on the course:** Fair  
**Green construction soil mix:**  
USGA (sand 85%, peat 15%)  
**Rounds per year:** 35,000  
**Acres of fairway:** 22  
**Source of water:** Pond, creek  
**Acres of rough:** 85  
**Drainage conditions:** Good  
**Sand bunkers:** 97  
**Water hazards:** 12

## Championship ratings

Tee	Yardage	Par	Rating	Slope
Black	7273	71	74.7	132

## Course characteristics

	Primary Grasses	Height of Cut
Tees	Bentgrass; <i>Poa annua</i>	0.450"
Fairways	Bentgrass; <i>Poa annua</i>	0.450"
Greens	Bentgrass	0.115"
Rough	Kentucky bluegrass; ryegrass	3"

## Environmental management/features

Glen Abbey Golf Club is an Audubon Certified 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.

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## Unusual wildlife on the course

Osprey; Red tail hawk; White tail deer; Beaver

## Predominate species of trees on course:

Maple; Oak; Pine; Spruce

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## Interesting notes about the course:

Glen Abbey Golf Club is Jack Nicklaus' first solo design. The course opened for play in 1976 and has hosted the RBC Canadian Open a record 26 times.

## Significant changes recently made to the course:

The greens were resurfaced following the winter of 2013/2014.

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## Course architect/date:

Jack Nicklaus, 1976

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## Other key course management personnel

Steve Spiers, Assistant Superintendent  
Jeff Mottershead, Assistant Superintendent  
John Kettles, Equipment Manager  
Rai Sahi, Club President  
Allan Hubers, Club Manager  
Tim Cain, Green Committee Chairman  
Jacky Miller, Horticulturist  
Brett Beyba, PGA Professional  
ClubLink Corporation ULC, Club Owner

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## Golf Course Superintendents Association of America

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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