

## The Barclays

Aug. 24-30, 2015

Plainfield Country Club

Edison, N.J.

### GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT

Travis Pauley, GCSAA Class A Golf Course Superintendent

Education: B.S., Agriculture/Turfgrass Science, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, 2001

Age: 35

Native hometown: Sycamore, Ohio

Years as a GCSAA member: 16 Years at this course: 10

Previous events hosted by facility: 2011 The Barclays; 1987 U.S. Women's Open; 1978 U.S. Amateur

### COURSE STATISTICS

Average tee size: 5,500 sq. ft.

Average green size: 7,500 sq. ft.

Soil conditions on the course: Sandy loam

Green construction soil mix: Native push-up w/3" sand carpet

Acres of fairway: 28

Source of water: Pond, well

Acres of rough: 90

Drainage conditions: Excellent

Water hazards: 4

### TOURNAMENT SET-UP

Par: 70

Yardage: 7,012

Course scoring record: 61, Brandt Snedeker, 2011 Barclays

### TURFGRASS

Tees: Bentgrass at 0.300"

Fairways: Bentgrass at 0.350"

Greens: *Poa annua* at 0.100"

Rough: Kentucky bluegrass; tall fescue; ryegrass at 3.5"

### GOLF COURSE PERSONNEL

Golf Course Superintendent:

Travis Pauley

Assistant Superintendent:

Michael Bowley

Assistant Superintendent:

Matthew Daubert

Assistant Superintendent:

Joseph Fries

Equipment Manager: Ian Brenly

Club President: Patrick O'Keefe

Club Manager: L. Brent Merrill

Director of Golf: Scott Paris

Course architect: Donald Ross, 1916

Restoration architect: Gil Hanse  
1999-present

### INTERESTING NOTES ABOUT THE COURSE

Founded in 1890 as the Hillside Tennis Club, Plainfield has enjoyed a revered reputation among families and golf lovers alike. The main course was designed by Donald Ross in 1916. The club has hosted two U.S. National Championships, as well as a number of state and regional championships.

### RESTORATION PROGRAM

Over the past 15 years, Plainfield Country Club has undergone an extensive restoration program under the direction of architect Gil Hanse, involving the removal of over 2,000 trees and the rediscovery of a number of lost bunkers that were covered over the years. The restoration included expansion of 16 greens and the lengthening of 12 tees to reflect modern equipment and skill, as well as the restoration of bunker complexes on No. 4 and No. 15.

### 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