

## PGA Championship

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### Director of Agronomy

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Years as GCSAA Member: 19

Years at Course: 30, including summers after high school.

Years as a Superintendent: 19

Previous Courses: None

Hometown: Bethpage, N.Y.

Education: Fairfield (English degree), Rutgers (turf mgmt.)

Number of Full-Time Staff Members: 60 for all five courses

Number of Tournament Volunteers: 100

### Other Key Golf Personnel

#### Mike Hadley, Black Course Superintendent

Ryan Murphy, Black Course Senior Asst. Superintendent

Vincent Herzog, Construction Superintendent

Sean Brownson, Equipment Manager

Charlie Bolling, PGA Professional

Elizabeth Wintenberger, Park Director

### Course Architect

Architect (year): AW Tillinghast (1936)

Renovation Architect (year): Rees Jones (1997)

Course Owner: New York State Park

Signature Hole: No. 4 (517-yard par 5) – An uphill double-dog leg that features crisscrossing fairway bunkers.

### Tournament Set-up

Par: 70

Yardage: 7,400-plus

### Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 5,000-7,000 sq. ft.

Average Tee Size: Multiple tees on each hole covering roughly 3 acres.

Acres of Fairway: 25

Acres of Rough: 35 acres of primary rough

Number of Sand Bunkers: 78, approximately 8 acres

Number of Water Hazards: 1 in play

Soil Conditions: Pushup greens and surfaces that have been aerated and top-dressed for 20 years. Rootzone, sand and soil.

Water Sources: Treated water from capped landfill

Drainage Conditions: Fair

### Turfgrass

Greens: *Poa annua* / bentgrass .100"

Tees: *Poa annua* / ryegrass .350"

Fairways: *Poa annua* / ryegrass .400"

Rough: Bluegrass/*poa annual*/ryegrass 3.5"

### Additional Notes

- 2018 renovations: No. 11 - green extended back left; No. 18 - two new fairway bunkers and re-contour of fairway.

- Pollinator gardens are featured throughout the property.

- 2018 Metropolitan Golf Association Environmental Leaders in Golf Award.

- Wildlife on course includes red tail hawks, great horned owls, red fox, grey squirrel, eastern bluebird, tree swallow

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