

Sanford International

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Golf Course Superintendent

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Years as GCSAA Member: 21

Years at Minnehaha: 11

Years as a Superintendent: 20

Previous Courses: Whistling Straits – Straits Course
(super), Irish Course (super)

Hometown: Sherburn, Minn.

Education: Penn State University

Number of Employees: 24

Number of Tournament Volunteers: 40

Other Key Golf Personnel

Ryan Lehmann, Senior Assistant Superintendent

Brent Eddy, Second Assistant Superintendent

Ben Ringling, Horticulturist

Tom McGovern, Equipment Manager

Justin Freudenburg, PGA Professional

James Moore, Green Committee Chair

Mark Arndt, Club President

Ted Thie, Club CEO

Course Architect

Architect (year): William Langford (1922)

Renovation Architects (year): Graham March (2010),
Ron Forse (2013-present)

*Tournament Fact Sheets for the PGA, LPGA, Champions
and Korn Ferry Tours can be found all year at:*

<https://www.gcsaa.org/media/tournament-fact-sheets>

Tournament Set-up

Par: 70

Yardage: 6,729 (unofficial)

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 7,000 sq. ft.

Average Tee Size: 2,200 sq. ft.

Acres of Fairway: 26

Acres of Rough: 80

Number of Sand Bunkers: 42

Number of Water Hazards: 10

Soil Conditions: Silty loam

Water Sources: Well

Drainage Conditions: Surface drainage with
Minimal sub-surface drainage

Turfgrass

Greens: Bentgrass / *Poa annua* .110"

Tees: Bentgrass / *Poa annua* .375"

Fairways: Bentgrass / *Poa annua* / ryegrass
.400"

Rough: Kentucky bluegrass / ryegrass / *Poa
annua* / tall fescue / fine fescue 2.5"

Additional Notes

- Master plan renovations have been taking place since 2015 and include buffer areas to reduce irrigation needs.

- Certified Audubon Sanctuary course.

- Did you know that Minnehaha Country Club was the first golf course in South Dakota to install grass greens?