

Sanford International (PGA TOUR Champions)

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Golf Course Superintendent

David Swift, GCSAA

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Years as GCSAA Member: 23

Years at Minnehaha: 13

Years as a Superintendent: 22

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

Hometown: Sherburn, Minn.

Education: Penn State University

Professional Tournaments Hosted: Swift has hosted the Club Professional Champ (1999), PGA Champ (2004), U.S. Senior Open (2007) and this event 2018-present.

Other Key Golf Personnel

Ryan Lehmann, Senior Assistant Superintendent

Lars Ackerman, Second Assistant Superintendent

Tom McGovern, Equipment Manager

Jarrett Geihl, Horticulturist

Number of Employees: 24

Number of Tournament Volunteers: 40

Course Architect

Architect (year): William Langford (1922)

Renovation Architect (year): Graham March (2010), Ron Forse (2013-22)

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Superintendent - @DaveSwiftMCC

Tournament - @SanfordIntl

Tournament Fact Sheets for the PGA TOUR, LPGA, PGA TOUR Champions, Korn Ferry and Epson Tours and USGA and PGA of America championships can be found at: <https://www.gcsaa.org/media/tournament-fact-sheets>

Tournament Set-up

Par: 34-36--70

Yardage: 6,729

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 7,000 sq. ft.

Acres of Fairway: 26

Acres of Rough: 80

Number of Sand Bunkers: 42

Number of Water Hazards: 10

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 10

Soil Conditions: Silty loam

Water Sources: Well

Turfgrass

Greens: Bentgrass / *Poa annua* .110"

Tees: Bentgrass / *Poa annua* .275"

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

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

Additional Notes

- Since last year another 150 trees have been removed from the course. Three windstorms earlier in the year "helped" with tree removal.

- Area was very dry for the year until recent weeks and has had perfect weather for a little more than a month.

- An average of 15 turf students from Southeast Technical College have volunteered each morning of tournament week since the inception of this tournament. Cory Borgen is the Sports Turf Management instructor.

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