

U.S. Senior Open Championship (USGA)

Saucon Valley Country Club • Bethlehem, Pa. • June 23-26, 2022

Director of Golf Course and Grounds

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Years as GCSAA Member: 29

Years at Saucon Valley: 17

Years as a Superintendent: 22

Previous Courses: Sandridge Golf Club (super)

Hometown: Bethlehem, Pa.

Education: Delaware Valley University

Professional Tournaments Hosted: Roney hosted the 2009 Women's U.S. Open and 2014 Mid-Am Championship.

Other Key Golf Personnel

Gavin Johnson, Old Course Superintendent

Assistant Superintendents: Gannon Goff, Colin Cicotti

Equipment: Dave Stofanak, John Clark, Conway Guynn, Casey Moyer

Chris Kensicki, Irrigation Specialist

Number of Employees: 85

Number of Tournament Volunteers: 60

Course Architect

Architect (year): Herbert Strong (1922)

Renovation Architect (year): Tom Fazio/Tom Marzolf ('08)

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Tournament Set-up

Par: 36-35--71

Yardage: 7,028

Stimpmeter: 12.5

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 6,000 sq. ft.

Acres of Fairway: 25

Acres of Rough: 220

Number of Sand Bunkers: 87

Number of Water Hazards: 6

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 5

Soil Conditions: Very fine sandy loam

Water Sources: Saucon Creek

Turfgrass

Greens: Bentgrass .100"

Tees: Bentgrass / *Poa annua* .250"

Fairways: Bentgrass / *Poa annua* .350"

Rough: Kentucky bluegrass 3"

Additional Notes

- Volunteer golf course maintenance crew includes 20 members from top 100 clubs.
- Two tees were added on longer par 4s to shorten those holes.
- Course is the only one to host the U.S. Senior Open three times.
- More than 20 acres of manicured turf has been converted to low maintenance naturalized meadows under the state's Growing Greener initiative.
- Club encompasses more than 850 acres and 60 holes of golf, including three championship courses and a 6-hole short course.

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