

## Memorial Health Championship (Korn Ferry Tour)

Panther Creek Country Club • Springfield, Ill. • June 27-30, 2023

### Golf Course Superintendent

#### Brandon Razo, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 10

Years at Panther Creek: 1

Years as a Superintendent: 6

Previous Courses: Cross Creek (super and assistant)

Hometown: Decatur, Ind.

Education: Penn State University

Professional Tournaments Hosted: This is Razo's 2<sup>nd</sup> Memorial Health Championship.

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### Other Key Golf Personnel

John Bryant, Assistant Superintendent

Dan Luebbert, Assistant Superintendent

Ryan McClintock, PGA Professional

Number of Employees: 20

Number of Tournament Volunteers: 15

Golf Course Dog: Chap, 3-year-old border collie

### Course Architect

Architect (year): Hale Irwin (1992)

### Twitter

Superintendent - @razobe01

Tournament - @MHChampionship

GCSAA - @GCSAA

*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: 35-36--71

Yardage: 7,228 (unofficial)

### Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 6,700 sq. ft.

Total Property Acres: 150

Acres of Fairway: 30

Acres of Rough: 100

Number of Sand Bunkers: 59

Number of Water Hazards: 9

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 6

Soil Conditions: Clay

Water Sources: Pond

### Turfgrass

Greens: Penncross bentgrass .125"

Collars: Penncross bentgrass .375"

Approaches: Penneagle bentgrass .375"

Tees: Penneagle bentgrass .375"

Fairways: Penneagle bentgrass .425"

Rough: Bluegrass / fescue 2.5"

### Additional Notes

- Brandon Razo was named the 2023 GCSAA Emerging Leader Award recipient.
- The 9s are switched for the tournament.
- Last fall a fairway reduction (3 acres) was completed on what is the tournament back 9. This fall the other 9 will get a fairway reduction.
- A new pro tee was built on tournament No. 14.
- A 2021 renovation reduced combined bunker square feet from 100,000 to 53,000.
- Area had a very wet spring after a drought in the run up to last year's event.

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