

## Rocket Mortgage Classic (PGA TOUR)

Detroit Golf Club • Detroit, Mich. • June 27-30, 2024

### Director of Agronomy

#### Sam Moynihan, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 7

Years at Detroit Golf Club: 1 (started April 3, 2023)

Years as a Superintendent: 1

Previous Courses: Caves Valley (sr. assistant), Muirfield Village (2<sup>nd</sup> assistant), Los Angeles CC (intern)

Hometown: Annapolis, Md.

Education: West Virginia University

Professional Tournaments Hosted: This is Moynihan's 2nd Rocket Mortgage. He was part of the 2021 BMW Champ. at Caves Valley.

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### Other Key Golf Personnel

Adam LaFrance, North Course Superintendent

Kenny Egler, South Course Superintendent (40 years)

Steve Addis, Construction Superintendent (30 years)

North Course Assistants: Mike Mosquera, Richard Juvancic and Nate Voss

Tim Travis, Equipment Manager

Golf Course Dog: Maya, 1-year-old golden retriever

### Course Architect

Architect (year): Donald Ross (1916)

Renovation Architect (year): Robert Trent Jones, Arthur Hills, Bruce Hepner. Tyler Rae in 2025

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Superintendent - @sam\_moynihan

Course - @DGCGolfClub

Tournament - @RocketClassic

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: 36-36—72

Yardage: 7,370

### Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 5,150 sq. ft.

Total Property Acres: 200 managed

Acres of Fairway: 30

Acres of Rough: 75

Number of Sand Bunkers: 87

Number of Water Hazards: 1

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 1

Soil Conditions: Clay loam

Water Sources: City

Drainage Conditions: Poor

### Turfgrass

Greens: Bentgrass / Poa annua .100"

Collars: Bentgrass / Poa annua .350"

Approaches: Bentgrass / Poa annua .350"

Tees: Bentgrass / Poa annua .375"

Fairways: Bentgrass / Poa annua .375"

Rough: Bluegrass mix 4"

### Additional Notes

- North Course will undergo full renovation in 2025 including greens tees and bunkers.
- Routing changes for the tournament includes: Tournament No. 1 and No. 2 are Members No. 8 and No. 9 respectively. No. 3 will be played from North No. 1 tee box to South No. 1 green.
- Before the 2023 tournament the No. 11 and No. 12 greens were vandalized with round up, but both greens were completely resodded May 16.
- Average fairway widths are 30 yards.

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## GCSAA Notes (PGA TOUR - Primary Courses Only)

### 2024 Notable For Courses Played (thru Travelers, June 23)

(does not include Mexico Open or Puerto Rico Open)  
(this week's course in red)

#### 2024 Longest Courses Played

7,765 – Torrey Pines South (Farmers Insurance)  
7,670 – Corales (Corales Puntacana)  
7,609 – Valhalla (PGA Championship)  
7,596 – Kapalua Plantation (Sentry)  
7,569 – Muirfield Village (Memorial)  
7,558 – Quail Hollow (Wells Fargo)  
7,545 – Augusta National (Masters)  
7,543 – Pinehurst (U.S. Open)  
7,466 – Bay Hill (Arnold Palmer)

#### 2024 Shortest Courses Played

6,835 – TPC River Highlands (Travelers)  
6,972 – Pebble Beach (AT&T PB Pro-Am)  
7,044 – Waialae (Sony)  
7,084 – Hamilton (RBC Canadian)  
7,147 – PGA National Champion (Cognizant)  
7,187 – PGA West Stadium (American Express)  
7,213 – Harbour Town (RBC Heritage)  
7,261 – TPC Scottsdale Stadium (WM Phoenix)  
7,275 – TPC Sawgrass Stadium (The Players)

#### 2024 Largest Avg. Greens by sq. ft. Played

8,722 – Kapalua Plantation (Sentry)  
7,500 – Bay Hill (Arnold Palmer)  
7,500 – Riviera (Genesis)  
7,100 – Waialae (Sony)  
7,069 – TPC Scottsdale Stadium (WM Phoenix)  
7,000 – Memorial Park (Texas Children's)  
7,000 – PGA National Champion Cognizant)

#### 2024 Smallest Avg. Greens by sq. ft. Played

3,500 – Pebble Beach (AT&T PB Pro-Am)  
3,700 – Harbour Town (RBC Heritage)  
5,000 – TPC River Highlands (Travelers)  
5,000 – Muirfield Village (Memorial)  
5,000 – Colonial (Charles Schwab)  
5,000 – Valhalla (PGA Championship)  
5,000 – PGA West Stadium (American Express)  
5,000 – Torrey Pines South (Farmers Insurance)

#### 2024 Courses by Greens Turf Type Played

12 - Poa (American Express, Farmers Insurance, Pebble Beach, WM Phoenix, Genesis, The Players, Valspar, Texas Children's, RBC, Zurich, Wells Fargo)  
6 - Bermudagrass (Sentry, Sony, Cognizant, Arnold Palmer, Myrtle Beach, U.S. Open)  
6 – Bentgrass (Masters, Byron Nelson, PGA Championship, Charles Schwab, RBC Canadian, Memorial)  
2 – Bentgrass/Poa annua mix (Travelers, Rocket Mortgage) (2<sup>nd</sup> week in a row)  
1 – Supreme Paspalum (Corales Puntacana)

#### 2024 Tournaments by State Played So Far

4 – Florida  
4 – California  
4 – Texas  
2 – Hawaii  
2 – South Carolina  
2 – North Carolina  
1 – Arizona  
1 – Georgia  
1 – Louisiana  
1 – Kentucky  
1 – Ohio  
1 – Connecticut  
1 - Michigan

#### All 2024 Tournaments by State (multiple events only)

5 – California  
4 – Florida  
4 – Texas  
3 – North Carolina  
2 – Hawaii  
2 – Georgia  
2 – South Carolina

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## **GCSAA Notes** **(PGA TOUR - Primary Courses Only)**

### **2023 Full Year**

*(this week's events in red)*

#### **2023 Longest Courses (7,500+)**

7,765 – Torrey Pines (Farmers Insurance)  
7,670 – Puntacana Resort (Corales Puntacana)  
7,596 – Plantation Course (Sentry TOC)  
7,571 – Muirfield Village (the Memorial)  
7,545 – Augusta National (The Masters)  
7,538 – Quail Hollow (Wells Fargo)

#### **2023 Shortest Courses**

6,828 – Port Royal (Butterfield Bermuda)  
6,852 – TPC River Highlands (Travelers)  
6,972 – Pebble Beach (AT&T Pebble Beach)  
7,005 – Sea Island (The RSM Classic)  
7,044 – Waialae CC (Sony Open)

#### **2023 Largest Avg. Greens by sq. ft.**

8,722 – Plantation Course (Sentry TOC)  
8,300 – El Cardonal (World Wide Tech)  
8,000 – Port Royal (Butterfield Bermuda)  
7,500 – Riviera (Genesis Inv.)  
7,500 – Bay Hill (Arnold Palmer)  
7,400 – TPC Summerlin (Shriners)

#### **2023 Smallest Avg. Greens by sq. ft.**

3,500 – Pebble Beach (AT&T Pebble Beach)  
3,700 – Harbour Town (RBC Heritage)  
4,300 – TPC Southwind (FedEx St. Jude)  
4,500 – Albany (Hero World Challenge)  
4,500 – Oak Hill (PGA Championship)  
5,000 – PGA West Stadium (American Express)  
5,000 – Torrey Pines (Farmers Insurance)  
5,000 – Muirfield Village (the Memorial)  
5,000 – Colonial CC (Charles Schwab)  
5,000 – TPC River Highlands (Travelers)

### **2023 Course by Greens Turf Types**

16 – Bentgrass  
13 – Bermudagrass  
11 – Poa  
2 – Paspalum

## **GCSAA Notes** **(PGA TOUR - Primary Courses Only)**

### **Longest GCSAA Membership**

44 – Stanley Reedy, CGCS (Sanderson)  
41 – Sam MacKenzie, CGCS (BMW Champ)  
38 – Brian Sullivan, CGCS, MG (Am. Express)  
37 – William B. Owen III (Masters)  
35 – Roby Robertson, CGCS (Valero Texas)  
35 – Kevin Welker, CGCS (World Wide Tech)  
34 – Dale Hahn, CGCS (Shriners)

*Note: Avg. GCSAA membership years for host superintendents is 19.5.*

### **Superintendents by Alma Mater (if known)**

3 – Mississippi State  
3 – Ohio State  
3 – Penn State  
3 – Rutgers  
2 – University of Guelph (Canada)  
2 – Michigan State