

## Principal Charity Classic (PGA TOUR Champions)

Wakonda Club • Des Moines, Iowa • May 31-June 2, 2024

### Golf Course Superintendent

#### Dane Wilson, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 13

Years at Wakonda: 4

Years as a Superintendent: 10

Previous Courses: Medinah (ass't and superintendent),  
Bonita Bay (superintendent)

Hometown: Louisville, Ky.

Education: Western Kentucky University

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### Other Key Golf Personnel

Tyler Kinney, Assistant Superintendent

Sam Madsen, Assistant Superintendent

Evan Armitage, Assistant in Training

Troy Jansen, Equipment Manager

John Phillips, Senior Equipment Manager

Number of Employees: 23

Number of Tournament Volunteers: 10-15

Course Dog: Kalea, 4-year-old Australian Shepard

### Course Architect

Architect (year): William Boyce Langford (1922)

Renovation Architect (year): Tyler Rae (2023)

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Course - @WakondaClub

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### Tournament Set-up

Par: 36-36--72

Yardage: 6,835

### Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 6,700 sq. ft.

Total Property Acres: 145

Acres of Fairway: 34

Acres of Rough: 65

Number of Sand Bunkers: 59

Number of Water Hazards: 6

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 2

Soil Conditions: Loam

Water Sources: City

Drainage Conditions: Poor

### Turfgrass

Greens: A-1/A-4 bentgrass .100"

Collars: A-1/A-4 bentgrass

Tees: Dominant Extreme 7 bentgrass .450"

Fairways: Dominant Extreme 7 bent .450"

Rough: Kentucky bluegrass 2.5"

### Additional Notes

- Restoration project tried to return the layout to its original design. Bunkers were rebuilt increasing from 69,000 sq. ft. to 170,000 sq. ft. Five greens were rebuilt using templates from other William Langford courses. All tee complexes were regrassed or rebuilt. Waterway on 16 green and 18 tee complex was changed. Tees on No. 18 were moved to the west side of the pond to create a more dramatic finishing hole.
- Area has had more than usual rain amounts, including large storm last week.
- Average fairway widths in landing areas are 42 yards.

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## **GCSAA Notes (PGA TOUR Champions only)**

### **2024 Notable For Courses Played (thru Sr. PGA Championship, May26) (this week's tournament in red)**

#### **2024 Yardage by Courses Played**

7,249 – Greystone (Regions Tradition)  
7,179 – TPC Sugarloaf (Mitsubishi)  
7,165 – Mission Hills (Galleri Classic)  
7,002 – Woodlands (Insperity)  
6,909 – Tiburon (Chubb Classic)  
6,856 – La Paloma (Cologuard)  
6,852 – Harbor Shores (KitchenAid Sr. PGA)  
**6,835 – Wakonda Club (Principal Charity)**  
6,821 – Newport Beach (Hoag Classic)  
6,703 – Las Colinas (Invited Celebrity)

#### **2024 Greens by sq. ft. Played**

6,983 – Mission Hills (Galleri Classic)  
**6,700 – Wakonda Club (Principal Charity)**  
6,400 – Greystone (Regions Tradition)  
6,340 – TPC Sugarloaf (Mitsubishi)  
6,200 – Las Colinas (Invited Celebrity)  
5,550 – Tiburon (Chubb Classic)  
5,486 – Harbor Shores (KitchenAid Sr. PGA)  
4,500 – Woodlands (Insperity)  
4,500 – La Paloma (Cologuard)  
4,200 – Newport Beach (Hoag Classic)

#### **2024 Courses by Greens Turf Type Played**

5 – Bermudagrass (Chubb, Invited Celebrity, Mitsubishi, Insperity, Regions Tradition)  
3 – Poa (Cologuard, Hoag, Galleri)  
**2 – Bentgrass (KitchenAid Sr. PGA, Principal Charity)**

#### **Tournaments by State Played**

2 – Texas (Invited Celebrity, Insperity)  
2 – California (Hoag, Galleri)  
1 – Florida (Chubb)  
1 – Arizona (Cologuard)  
1 – Georgia (Mitsubishi)  
1 – Alabama (Regions Tradition)  
1 – Michigan (KitchenAid Sr. PGA)  
**1 – Iowa (Principal Charity)**

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

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

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**2023 Course Info**

**2023 Longest Courses (7,200+)**

7,350 – The Concession (World Champions)  
7,249 – Greystone (Regions Tradition)  
7,248 – Firestone (Kaulig Companies Champ)  
7,237 – Prestonwood (SAS Championship)  
7,218 – SentryWorld (US Senior Open)  
7,217 – The Club at Snoqualmie Ridge (Boeing)

**2023 Shortest Courses**

6,703 – Las Colinas (Invited Celebrity)  
6,729 – Minnehaha (Sanford)  
6,821 – Newport Beach (Hoag Classic)  
**6,851 – Wakonda Club (Principal Charity)**  
6,858 – Pebble Beach (PURE Insurance)

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

8,000 – Norwood Hills (Ascension Charity)  
8,000 – En-Joie (DICK'S Sporting Goods)  
7,600 – Firestone (Kaulig Companies)  
7,300 – PGA Frisco (Sr. PGA Championship)  
7,253 – Ritz-Carlton (PNC Championship)

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

3,500 – Pebble Beach (PURE Insurance)  
4,200 – Newport Beach (Hoag Classic)  
4,500 – The Woodlands (Insperity)  
5,000 – Omni Tucson (Cologuard)  
5,500 – Tiburon (Chubb Classic)  
5,500 – Warwick Hills (Ally Challenge)  
5,500 – SentryWorld (US Senior Open)  
5,500 – The Concession (World Championship)

**2023 Course by Greens Turf Types**

12 – Bermudagrass  
**6 – Bentgrass**  
5 – Poa  
4 – Poa / Bentgrass

**GCSAA Superintendent Notes**  
**(PGA TOUR Champions only)**

**Longest GCSAA Membership**

41 – Larry Napora, Firestone (Kaulig)  
40 – Mike Null, Norwood Hills (Ascension)  
35 – Michael Petty, Omni Tucson (Cologuard)  
33 – Christian Sain, CC of Virginia (Dominion)  
28 – Craig Werline, Phoenix CC (Charles Schwab)  
28 – Jonas Conlan, Mission Hills (Galleri)  
27 – Lee Hancock, Prestonwood (SAS Champ)  
27 – Roger Meier, PGA Frisco (Sr. PGA Champ)

*Note: Avg. GCSAA membership years for host superintendents is 20.7.*

**Most Professional Events Hosted (if known)**

24 – Michael Petty, Omni Tucson (Cologuard)  
16 – Ryan Gordon, The Club at Snoqualmie Ridge (Boeing)  
15 – Christian Sain, CC of Virginia (Dominion Energy)  
13th – Chris Hartman, The Woodlands (Insperity)

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

3 – Michigan State  
2 – Clemson  
2 – Horry-Georgetown  
2 – Penn State  
2 – Tennessee