

Simmons Bank Championship (PGA TOUR Champions)

Pleasant Valley Country Club • Little Rock, Ark. • October 25-27, 2024

Director of Golf Course and Grounds

Don Armbrust, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 29

Years at Pleasant Valley CC: 17

Years as a Superintendent: 24

Previous Courses: Congressional CC (irrigation tech),
Johns Islands (asst), Totteridge (construction super),
Cherokee Town and CC (director), Atlanta Nat'l (super)

Hometown: Pittsburgh, Pa.

Education: UMass

Professional Tournaments Hosted: First

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Other Key Golf Personnel

Brian Biagi, Assistant Superintendent

Hunter Knowles, Assistant Superintendent

Steve Cullen, Equipment Manager

Chris Mayes, PGA Professional / Director of Golf

Michael Auerbach, General Manager/ COO

Number of Employees: 30

Number of Tournament Volunteers: 10

Golf Course Dog: Beaux, 3-year-old Yellow Lab who was
featured in the GCSAA Dog Calendar, November 2023

Course Architect

Architect (year): Joe Finger (1968)

Renovation Architect (year): Joe Finger (1998), Bobby
Weed (2014-16)

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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: 7,101

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 4,700 sq. ft.

Total Property Acres: 270

Acres of Fairway: 35

Acres of Rough: 65

Number of Sand Bunkers: 72

Number of Water Hazards: 5

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 7

Soil Conditions: Clay

Water Sources: Pond

Drainage Conditions: Average

Turfgrass

Greens: Champions ultradwarf bermuda

Collars: Tifway 419 bermudagrass .375"

Approaches: Tifway 419 bermuda .375"

Tees: Tifway 419 bermudagrass .375"

Fairways: Tifway 419 bermudagrass .425"

Rough: Tifway 419 bermudagrass 2.25"

Additional Notes

- Average fairway widths: 25 yards.
- Area had hot summer with most days in the 90s until mid-September and just 2.5" of rain since July 15.
- In 2009 the course converted greens from bentgrass to Champion ultradwarf bermudagrass.
- See photo and info on Beaux, the GCSAA Dog Days of Golf Calendar feature from November 2023: <https://bit.ly/4f9ooJC>

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