



# Tournament Fact Sheet

## BMW Championship (PGA TOUR)

Caves Valley Golf Club • Owings Mills, Md. • August 14-17, 2025

### Golf Course Superintendent

#### Kyle Steidel, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 10

Years at Caves Valley: 8

Years as a Superintendent: 10

Previous Courses: Muirfield Village (superintendent)

Hometown: Cincinnati, Ohio

Education: Ohio State University

Professional Tournaments Hosted: This is Steidel's second BMW (2021). He was part of eight Memorial Tournaments and one President's Cup at Muirfield Village.

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### Other Key Agronomy Personnel

#### Dany Horne, GCSAA, senior assistant superintendent

Ryan Feathers, junior assistant superintendent; Ben Horchar, junior assistant superintendent; Jobe Axley, horticulture

Agronomy Employees: / Tournament Volunteers:

Golf Course Dogs: Tucker and Ruger

### Course Architect

Tom Fazio (1991)

Renovation: Logan Fazio (2020)

### Notable

- Course hosted the 2021 BMW Championship, which was won by Patrick Cantlay

### Tournament Setup

Par: 35-35--70

Yardage: 7,601

### Turfgrass

Greens: 007 XL / L93 bentgrass

Tees: 007 XL / 777 / Luminary bentgrass

Fairways: 007 XL / 777 / Luminary bentgrass

Rough: Tall fescue / ryegrass / bluegrass 4"

### Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 5,200 sq. ft.

Acres of Fairway: 28

Acres of Rough: 120

Number of Sand Bunkers: 74 (1.4 acres)

Number of Water Hazards: 7

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 5

Soil Conditions: Sand capped

Water Sources: Irrigation reservoir from well

### Links

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<https://www.gcsaa.org/media/tournament-fact-sheets>

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## 2025 GCSAA Course and Superintendent Notes For Courses Played to Date (PGA TOUR Only) (Primary Courses Only) (U.S./Canada Courses Only) (This Week's Course in Red)

### Tournaments by State

5 – California  
4 – Florida / Texas  
2 – Hawaii / South Carolina / Pennsylvania / North Carolina  
1 – Ariz. / Ga. / La. / Ohio / Canada / Ct. / Mich. / Ill. / Ky. / Minn.  
/ Tenn. / **Md.**

### Yardage (par)

#### Longest (top 10)

7,765 (72) – Torrey Pines South (Farmers Insurance)  
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7,626 (71) – Quail Hollow (PGA Championship)  
**7,601 (72) – Caves Valley (BMW Championship)**  
7,596 (73) – Kapalua Resort (The Sentry)  
7,569 (72) – Muirfield Village (Memorial)  
7,561 (71) – TPC Craig Ranch (CJ CUP Byron Nelson)  
7,555 (72) – Augusta National (Masters)  
7,480 (71) – Tahoe Mountain Club (Barracuda)  
7,475 (70) – Memorial Park (Texas Children's Hospital)

#### Shortest (top 5)

6,844 (70) – TPC River Highlands (Travelers)  
6,972 (72) – Pebble Beach Golf Links (AT&T Pro Am)  
7,044 (70) – Waialae (Sony Open)  
7,056 (70) – Hurstbourne (ISCO)  
7,119 (70) – Philadelphia Cricket Club (Truist)

### Average Green Size (top five)

#### Largest

8,500 – Oakmont (US Open)  
8,722 – Kapalua Resort (The Sentry)  
7,500 – Bay Hill Club (Cognizant)  
7,100 – Waialae (Sony Open)  
7,069 – TPC Scottsdale (WM Phoenix Open)

#### Smallest

3,500 – Pebble Beach Golf Links (AT&T Pro Am)  
3,700 – Harbour Town (RBC)  
4,500 – TPC Southwind (FedEx St. Jude)  
4,750 – Hurstbourne (ISCO)  
5,000 – TPC River Highlands (Travelers)  
5,000 – Colonial Country Club (Charles Schwab)  
5,000 – Torrey Pines South (Farmers Insurance)  
5,000 – Torrey Pines South (Genesis)  
5,000 – Muirfield Village (Memorial)

### Number of Bunkers (top five)

#### Most

168 – Oakmont (US Open)  
118 – Philadelphia Cricket Club (Truist)  
116 – Pebble Beach Golf Links (AT&T Pro Am)  
106 – TPC Louisiana (Zurich)  
95 – Tahoe Mountain Club (Barracuda)

#### Fewest

21 – Memorial Park (Texas Children's Hospital)  
44 – Augusta National (Masters)  
48 – TPC Toronto (RBC Canadian)  
51 – Harbour Town (RBC)  
52 – Sedgfield (Wyndham)

### Green Turf Type

11 – Poa or Poa overseed  
**9 – Bentgrass**  
8 – Bermudagrass  
4 – Bentgrass / Poa  
1 – Poa / bentgrass / ryegrass

### Rough Turf Type

13 – Ryegrass  
8 – Bluegrass and/or bluegrass mixes  
6 – Bermudagrass  
**5 – Ryegrass and fescue mixes**  
1 – Tall fescue

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## **Superintendents Tournaments Hosted (includes 2025) (top 5)**

- 30 – Jeff Plotts, TPC Sawgrass (10<sup>th</sup> THE PLAYERS)
- 28 – Jonathan Wright, Harbour Town (RBC)
- 24 – Dave Nakama, CGCS, Waialae (Sony Open)
- 17 – Ryan Stewart, Innisbrook (Valspar)
- 17 – Chris Flynn, CGCS, Bay Hill Club (Arnold Palmer)
- 17 – Keith Wood, Quail Hollow (PGA Championship)

## **Superintendents GCSAA Membership Years (30+ years)**

- 39 – Brian Sullivan, CGCS, MG, PGA West (AE)
- 37 – Roby Robertson, CGCS, TPC San Antonio (Valero Texas)
- 34 – Walter K. Pritchett, CGCS, Hurstbourne (ISCO)
- 34 – Ken Einwig, PGA National (Cognizant)
- 31 – Stephen Gross, CGCS, TPC Craig Ranch (THE CJ CUP)
- 31 – Jeff Plotts, TPC Sawgrass (THE PLAYERS)

## **Superintendents Alma Maters**

### **5 – Ohio State**

- 2 – Penn State, Michigan State, UMass
- 1 – Arizona, Hawaii, Texas Tech, Lake City, SUNY-Cobleskill, Georgia, N.C. State, Kansas State, Purdue, Kentucky, Mississippi State, Virginia Tech, Rutgers, Connecticut, West Virginia, Aquinas, North Dakota State

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