



Tournament Fact Sheet

Sanford International (PGA TOUR Champions)

Minnehaha Country Club • Sioux Falls, S.D. • September 12-14, 2025

Golf Course Superintendent

David Swift, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 26

Years at Minnehaha: 16

Years as a Superintendent: 25

Previous Courses: Whistling Straits – Straits Course (superintendent), Irish Course (superintendent)

Hometown: Sherburn, Minn.

Education: Penn State University

Professional Tournaments Hosted: This is Swift's 10th Sanford.

He was also part of the Club Pro Championship (1999), PGA Championship (2004) and U.S. Senior Open (2007)

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Other Key Agronomy Personnel

Ryan Lehmann, senior assistant superintendent; Tony Hayes, second assistant superintendent; Connor Nelson, equipment manager; Jarrett Geihl, horticulturist; Isaac Johnson, crew foreman/spray technician

Agronomy Employees: 24 / Tournament Volunteers: 25

Golf Course Dog: Stevie, a yellow lab, and Winnie, a golden retriever

Course Architect

William Langford (1922)

Renovation: Graham March (2010), Ron Forse (2013-22)

Notable

- Course has seen a heavy amount of play and humid, wet weather this summer.
- Turfgrass students from Southeast Technical College have volunteered with tournament preparation since the inception of this event.
- This is the second shortest course played so far on tour this season (see following pages for notes).

Tournament Setup

Par: 34-36--70

Yardage: 6,747

Turfgrass

Greens: Bentgrass / Poa annua .110"

Collars: Bentgrass / Poa annua .275"

Approaches: Bentgrass / Poa annua .250"

Tees: Bentgrass / Poa annua .250"

Fairways: Bentgrass / Poa annua / ryegrass .400"

Rough: Kentucky bluegrass / ryegrass / Poa annua / tall fescue / fine fescue 2.5"

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 7,000 sq. ft.

Acres of Fairway: 26

Acres of Rough: 80

Number of Sand Bunkers: 41 (1.4 acres)

Number of Water Hazards: 10

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 10

Soil Conditions: Silty loam

Water Sources: Well

High Elevation: 1,480'

Low Elevation: 1,415'

Average Fairway Widths: 32 yards

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

Tournaments by State

2 – California / Florida

1 – Hawaii / Ariz. / Ga. / Texas / Ala. / Wash. D.C. / Iowa / Wis. /
Ohio / Colo. / N.Y. / Wash. / Canada / Mich. / Mo. / **S. Dakota**

Yardage (par)

Longest (top 10)

7,264 (70) – The Broadmoor (US Senior)
7,249 (72) – Greystone (Regions Tradition)
7,248 (70) – Firestone (Kaulig Companies)
7,217 (72) – The Club at Snoqualmie Ridge (Boeing)
7,179 (72) – TPC Sugarloaf (Mitsubishi Electric)
7,165 (72) – Mission Hills (Galleri Classic)
7,152 (72) – Congressional (Sr. PGA Championship)
7,107 (72) – Hualalai (Mitsubishi Electric)
7,093 (70) – Canyon Meadows (Rogers Charity)
7,085 (72) – Warwick Hills (The Ally Challenge)

Shortest (top 5)

6,725 (71) – Newport Beach (Hoag)
6,747 (70) – Minnehaha (Sanford)
6,835 (72) – Wakonda Club (Principal Charity)
6,856 (71) – La Paloma (Cologuard)
6,897 (72) – Tiburon (Chubb Classic)
6,992 (71) – Norwood Hills (Stifel Charity) – *last week*

Average Green Size

Largest (top 10)

8,000 – Norwood Hills (Stifel Charity)
8,000 – En-Joie (DICK's Sporting Goods)
7,600 – Firestone (Kaulig Companies)
7,417 – Hualalai (Mitsubishi Electric)
7,219 – Congressional (Sr. PGA Championship)
7,000 – Minnehaha (Sanford)
6,963 – Mission Hills (Galleri Classic)
6,700 – Wakonda Club (Principal Charity)
6,690 – The Broadmoor (US Senior)
6,500 – The Old Course at Broken Sound (James Hardie)

Smallest (top 5)

4,200 – Newport Beach (Hoag)
4,500 – La Paloma (Cologuard)
4,500 – The Woodlands (Insperity)
5,500 – Warwick Hills (The Ally Challenge)
5,500 – Tiburon (Chubb Classic)
6,000 – Canyon Meadows (Rogers Charity)
6,000 – The Club at Snoqualmie Ridge (Boeing)
6,000 – TPC Wisconsin (American Family Insurance)

Number of Bunkers

Most (top 10)

144 – Congressional (Sr. PGA Championship)
114 – The Club at Snoqualmie Ridge (Boeing)
87 – Warwick Hills (The Ally Challenge)
84 – Hualalai (Mitsubishi Electric)
83 – Newport Beach (Hoag)
82 – Firestone (Kaulig Companies)
82 – The Old Course at Broken Sound (James Hardie)
81 – The Broadmoor (US Senior)
73 – TPC Wisconsin (American Family Insurance)
71 – Mission Hills (Galleri Classic)

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Fewest (top 5)

- 36 – (also 21 waste areas) – Tiburon (Chubb Classic)
- 41 – Minnehaha (Sanford)
- 41 – Greystone (Regions Tradition)
- 50 – En-Joie (DICK'S Sporting Goods)
- 54 – TPC Sugarloaf (Mitsubishi Electric)

Green Turf Type

- 5 – Bentgrass
- 5 – Bermudagrass
- 4 – Bentgrass / poa annua
- 3 – Poa annua
- 2 – Poa Trivialis overseed
- 1 – Paspalum

Rough Turf Type

- 7 – Bluegrass / ryegrass / fescue / Poa mixes
- 5 – Bermudagrass
- 3 – Kentucky bluegrass
- 2 – Perennial ryegrass overseed
- 1 – Paspalum
- 1 – Kikuyu / Poa annua

Superintendents Tournaments Hosted (includes 2025) (top 10)

- 20 – Dan Husek, Hualalai (Mitsubishi Electric)
- 19 – Ryan Gordon, The Club at Snoqualmie Ridge (Boeing)
- 18 – Larry Napora, Firestone (Kaulig Companies)
- 15 – Grayson Grainger, Tiburon (Chubb Classic)
- 14 – Chris Hartman, The Woodlands (Insperity)
- 10 – David Swift, Minnehaha (Sanford)
- 9 – Jason Miller, Greystone (Regions Tradition)
- 7 – Kyle Asbury, Old Course at Broken Sound (James Hardie)
- 6 – Kyle Worthy, TPC Sugarloaf
- 5 – Roger Null, Norwood Hills (Stifel Charity)
- 5 – Freddie Dickman, The Broadmoor (US Senior Open)
- 5 – Dane Wilson, Wakonda Club (Principal Charity)

Superintendents GCSAA Membership Years (top 10)

- 43 – Larry Napora, Firestone (Kaulig Companies)
- 42 – Mike Null, Norwood Hills (Stifel Charity)
- 31 – Pete Wendt, Congressional (Sr. PGA Championship)
- 31 – Dan Husek, Hualalai (Mitsubishi Electric)
- 30 – Jonas Conlan, Mission Hills (Galleri Classic)
- 28 – Freddie Dickman, The Broadmoor (US Senior Open)
- 26 – David Swift, Minnehaha (Sanford)
- 26 – Jason Miller, Greystone (Regions Tradition)
- 26 – Scot Dey, Newport Beach (Hoag)
- 25 – Chris Hartman, The Woodlands (Insperity)

Superintendents Alma Maters

- 3 – Penn State
- 2 – Michigan State
- 1 – Southern Illinois-Carbondale / Horry-Georgetown Technical College / Arizona / Cal Poly San Luis Obispo / / Clemson / Sam Houston State / Tennessee / Western Kentucky / Kishwaukee / Indiana / SUNY – Delhi / Oregon State / Fairview / Iowa State

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