



1421 Research Park Drive • Lawrence, KS 66049-3859 • 800-472-7878 • www.gcsaa.org

Tournament Fact Sheet

Champions Tour
3M Championship
July 31 - Aug. 2, 2015

TPC Twin Cities
Blaine, Minn.

Golf Course Management Information

**GCSAA Class A
Director of Golf Course
Maintenance Operations:**

Roger A. Stewart, CGCS



The title "CGCS," after a superintendent's name, stands for Certified Golf Course Superintendent, which recognizes the achievement of high standards of professionalism through education and experience.

Availability to media:

Contact Roger Stewart by phone 763-785-0696; cell phone 763-286-5164; or email

rstewart@pgatourtpc.com

Twitter: [@TPCTwinCitiesAG](https://twitter.com/TPCTwinCitiesAG)

Education:

B.S., Agronomy, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Neb., 1973

Age: 64

Native hometown:

Chicago, Ill.

Years as a GCSAA member: 40

Years GCSAA certified: 15

GCSAA affiliated chapter:

Minnesota Golf Course Superintendents Association

Years at this course: 7

Number of employees: 26

Number of tournament volunteers: 10-25

Previous positions:

1996-2008, Director of Golf Course Maintenance Operations, TPC Jasna Polana, Princeton, N.J.; 1987-1996, Golf Course Superintendent, Stonebridge Country Club, Aurora, Ill.; 1977-1987, Golf Course Superintendent, Riverside Golf Club, North Riverside, Ill.

Previous tournament preparation:

2000-2002 Instinet Classic, TPC Jasna Polana, Princeton, N.J.; 1991-1995 Ameritech Senior Open, Stonebridge Country Club, Aurora, Ill.

Previous tournaments hosted by facility:

2001-2014 3M Championship

Get to know the superintendent:

Roger enjoys hunting, fishing, cycling and motorcycles in his spare time. He has also been named President Emeritus for the Minnesota GCSA.

How Roger got involved in golf course management:

Roger worked at a golf course in high school.

Course statistics

Average tee size: 10,000 sq. ft.

Tournament Stimpmeter: 12 ft.

Average green size: 6,300 sq. ft.

Soil conditions on the course: Sand

Green construction soil mix:

USGA (sand 90%, peat 10%)

Rounds per year: 19,000

Acres of fairway: 31

Source of water: Well

Acres of rough: 57

Drainage conditions: Excellent

Sand bunkers: 72

Water hazards: 14

Championship ratings

Tee	Yardage	Par	Rating	Slope
Gold	7114	72	75.7	148

Course characteristics

	Primary Grasses	Height of Cut
Tees	Bentgrass	0.350"
Fairways	Bentgrass	0.400"
Greens	Bentgrass	0.10"
Rough	Kentucky bluegrass; zoysiagrass	2.5"

Environmental management/features

Ongoing water conservation efforts, coupled with an environmental management plan, conserves natural resources and reduces energy cost. An integrated pest management plan has helped reduce pesticide use. Maintaining out-of-play native areas provides habitat for a variety of wildlife, including deer, fox, owls, river otters, mink, weasels and coyotes.

Roger A. Stewart, CGCS, director of golf course maintenance operations, was the recipient of the 2014 President's Award for Environmental Stewardship. Among GCSAA's honors recognizing environmental commitment in golf course management is its President's Award for Environmental Stewardship. This award is based on exceptional environmental contributions to the game of golf -- contributions that exemplify the superintendent's image as a steward of the land.

Water conservation, management and/or controls:

The use of TDR 300 moisture meters, combined with wetting agents, have helped to reduce TPC Twin Cities water use by 30 percent over the last 5 years.

Unusual wildlife on the course

River otters

Predominate species of trees on course:

Oak

Interesting notes about the course:

TPC Twin Cities sits on land that was flat and used almost exclusively for sod farms. This area is located in the Anoka Sand Plain, which was created as the glaciers moved throughout the area following the Ice Age.

Comments overheard about the course:

"Enjoyable course to play for all levels of player ability."

Course architect/date:

Arnold Palmer, 2000

Original course builder/date:

PGA TOUR Construction Services, 1998-2000

Other key course management personnel

Mark Michalski, GCSAA Member Assistant Superintendent

Jesse Lunde, GCSAA Member Assistant Superintendent

Ken Hoffman, GCSAA Member Assistant Superintendent

Matthew Thorp, Equipment Manager

Alan Cull, General Manager/Director of Golf

Chris Weinhold, PGA Professional

PGA Tour, Club Owner

Golf Course Superintendents Association of America

GCSAA is a leading golf organization and has as its focus golf course management. Since 1926, GCSAA has been the top professional association for the men and women who manage golf courses in the United States and worldwide. From its headquarters in Lawrence, Kan., the association provides education, information and representation to nearly 18,000 members in more than 72 countries. GCSAA's mission is to serve its members, advance their profession and enhance the enjoyment, growth and vitality of the game of golf. Find GCSAA on [Facebook](#), follow GCSAA on [Twitter](#), and visit GCSAA at www.gcsaa.org. The Environmental Institute for Golf is the philanthropic organization of the GCSAA, and has as its mission to foster sustainability through research, awareness, education, programs and scholarships for the benefit of golf course management professionals, golf facilities and the game. Visit www.eifg.org.

For additional information please visit gcsaa.org/newsroom or contact the Communications Department at 800-472-7878.

Craig Smith
Director of Communications and Media Relations
Phone: 785-832-4431
Cell: 785-691-9197
Email: csmith@gcsaa.org

Media story ideas to consider

- Water: Golf's biggest challenge
- The benefits of a golf course to the community and the environment
- What's new in turfgrass research
- Superintendents doing more with less
- Get to know an interesting superintendent
- Who's in charge? A visit with the CEO