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GCSAA Tournament Fact Sheet

LPGA Tour Manulife Financial LPGA Classic June 5 - 8, 2014

Grey Silo Golf Course Waterloo, Ontario, Canada

Golf Course Management Information

Golf Course Superintendent:

Jeff Haynes

Availability to media:

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Years at this course: 7

Number of maintenance employees: 15 Number of tournament volunteers: 5 Previous positions:

Golf Course Superintendent, Foxwood Golf Club (Golf North), Baden, Ontario, Canada; Golf Course Superintendent, Osprey Valley Resorts, Alton, Ontario, Canada

Previous tournaments hosted by facility: 2012-2013 Manulife Classic

Course statistics

Average tee size: 7,000 sq. ft. Tournament Stimpmeter: 12 ft. Average green size: 9,000 sq. ft. Soil condition: Sand mix Rounds per year: 35,000 Acres of fairway: 36 Source of water: Pond Acres of rough: 20 Drainage conditions: Excellent Sand bunkers: 60 Water hazards: 10

Course ratings

	Yardage	Par	Rating	Slope
Black	6632	71		
Gold	6081	71		
Silver	5163	71		
Bronze	5197	71		

Course characteristics

	Primary Grasses	Height of Cut
Tees	Bentgrass	0.370"
Fairways	Bentgrass	0.430"
Greens	Bentgrass	0.110"
Rough	Kentucky bluegrass	3"

Environmental management/features

The 18-hole Grey Silo Golf Course occupies 85 acres on the inside bend of an oxbow of the Grand River within the city limits of the City of Waterloo, Ontario. With the exception of protected woodlands, wetlands, and creeks, the golf course occupies almost the entire Former Horst Property and the much of the Martin Floodplain.

The original Horst Property and Martin Floodplain soils were developed on outwash sand and gravel deposited by receding glaciers (Karrow, 1963). The golf course is traversed by four intermittent creeks, collectively called the Horst Tributaries. Each of these watercourses has been the subject of repair and improvement efforts and all are protected by measures designed to limit the potential impacts of golf operations. The course also surrounds the natural and constructed herptile floodplain ponds on the Martin Floodplain (between holes 1 and 2) and borders wetlands between holes 11 and 12 that have recreated along the main Horst Tributary. These surface watercourses are vital natural features and will be the focus conservation and protection efforts during the golf course operation.

Wildlife on the course

Beaver; Blue heron; Bobcat; Deer; Eagle; Fish; Groundhog; Mole; Muskrat; Osprey; Rabbit; Raccoon; Snakes; Squirrel; Turkey; Turtle; Woodpecker; Several different species of birds

Interesting and historical courserelated facts

At Grey Silo, all sand and organic matter used in the soil mixes were obtained from the site itself; no imported soils were required. Creeping bentgrass was selected for use on all tees, greens, and fairways at Grey Silo. This grass type is most resistant to extreme heat and cold, it recovers well following a night below the freezing point, and is bred for disease resistance and low mowing heights.

Other key course personnel

Duncan McIlhone, Assistant Superintendent Frank Furdan, Equipment Manager Gary Murr, Club Manager Golf North Properties/City of Waterloo, Club Owner

Golf course management facts

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