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Tournament Fact Sheet

LPGA Tour
CP Canadian Women's Open
Aug. 20 - 23, 2015

Vancouver Golf Club
Coquitlam, British Columbia, Canada

Golf Course Management Information

GCSAA Class A Golf Course

Superintendent:

David F. Kennedy

Availability to media:

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Education:

Diploma, Turf, Olds College, Olds, Alberta, Canada, 1991

Age: 50

Native hometown:

North Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

Years as a GCSAA member: 8

Years at this course: 13

Number of employees: 26

Number of tournament volunteers: 15-20

Previous positions:

1996-2000, Gorge Vale, British Columbia, Canada; 1985-1996, Various positions, Seymour Golf Club, North Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

Previous tournament preparation:

1996 Colonist Open, Gorge Vale, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada; 1988 British Columbia Amateur, Seymour Golf Club, North Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

Previous tournaments hosted by facility:

2012 Canadian Women's Open

Course statistics

Average tee size: 5,000 sq. ft.

Tournament Stimpeter: 11 ft.

Average green size: 7,100 sq. ft.

Soil conditions on the course:

Various - 5" accumulated topdressing sand

Green construction soil mix:

USGA (sand 90%, peat 10%)

Rounds per year: 40,000

Acres of fairway: 30

Source of water: Well

Acres of rough: 30

Drainage conditions: Good/Excellent

Sand bunkers: 52

Water hazards: 5

Championship ratings

Tee	Yardage	Par	Rating	Slope
Black/blue hybrid	6600	72	71.9	131

Course characteristics

	Primary Grasses	Height of Cut
Tees	Rygrass; <i>Poa annua</i>	0.425"
Fairways	Ryegrass; <i>Poa annua</i>	0.490"
Greens	<i>Poa annua</i>	0.115"
Rough	Ryegrass	3.5"

Environmental management/features

Vancouver Golf Club includes lakes, streams and forrests.

Water conservation, management and/or controls:

Vancouver Golf Club makes use of wetting agents, soil moisture sensors and irrigation audits to control water use and conserve resources.

Abnormal weather conditions/occurrences in the last 12 months that affected the course:

Vancouver experienced a warm, dry winter in 2014/2015.

Predominate species of trees on course:

Douglas fir; Red cedar

Interesting notes about the course:

The front nine at Vancouver Golf Club, with its traditional size greens and mountain vistas, plays to a variety of elevation changes while the back nine offers a flatter layout, with each fairway tree lined with dense first and second growth forest.

The course was designed by H.T. (Mike) Gardner in the early 1900s and the routing of the course remains the same with the exception of two holes.

Before 1910, the front nine of the course was a working farm.

Comments overheard about the course:

Many golfers comment on how much they love the trees.

Significant changes recently made to the course:

No. 1 and 4 bunker complexes were recently rebuilt.

Course architect/date:

Charles Lock, 1911

Most recent redesign or renovation/date:

Hole No. 3 and 7 rebuilt, 2011

Renovation builder/date:

Ted Locke, 2010

Other key course management personnel

Kyle Bradbury, Assistant Superintendent
Pete Rodrigues, GCSAA Member Assistant Superintendent

Dinis Fernandes, Equipment Manager

Mike Buttar, Club President

Brent Gough, Club Manager

Anthony Ciccone, Green Committee Chairman

Dale Wilkie, Horticulturist

Randy Smith, PGA Professional

Membership, Club Owner

Golf Course Superintendents Association of America

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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