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## Tournament Fact Sheet

LPGA Tour  
 Marathon Classic  
 July 16 - 19, 2015

Highland Meadows Golf Club  
 Sylvania, Ohio

## Golf Course Management Information

### GCSAA Class A Golf Course

#### Superintendent:

Gregory S. Pattinson

#### Availability to media:

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#### Education:

B.S., Crop Science/Turf, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Mich., 1999

#### Age: 38

#### Native hometown:

Flint, Mich.

#### Years as a GCSAA member: 16

#### GCSAA affiliated chapter:

Northwestern Ohio Golf Course Superintendents Association

#### Years at this course: 1

#### Number of employees: 20

#### Number of tournament volunteers: 3

#### Previous positions:

2012-2015, Golf Course Superintendent, Indianwood Golf and Country Club, Lake Orion, Mich.; 2003-2012, Golf Course Superintendent, Captains Club at Woodfield City, Grand Blanc, Mich.; 2001-2003, Assistant Superintendent, Warwick Hills Golf and Country Club, Grand Blanc, Mich.

#### Previous tournament preparation:

2012 Senior U.S. Open, Indianwood Golf and Country Club, Lake Orion, Mich.; 2008 PGA Championship, Oakland Hills Country Club, Bloomfield, Mich.; 1995-1999, 2001-2002 Buick

Open, Warwick Hills Golf and Country Club, Grand Blanc, Mich.

#### Previous tournaments hosted by facility:

1998-2014 Marathon Classic (formerly Jamie Farr Owens Corning Classic)

#### Course/event scoring record:

60 - Paula Creamer

## Course statistics

Average tee size: 6,000 sq. ft.

Tournament Stimpmeter: 11 ft.

Average green size: 5,100 sq. ft.

Soil conditions on the course: Sandy loam

Rounds per year: 25,000

Acres of fairway: 27

Source of water: Well, creek

Acres of rough: 60

Drainage conditions: Good

Sand bunkers: 56

Water hazards: 1

## Championship ratings

Tee	Yardage	Par	Rating	Slope
Blue	6416	71	133	71.2

## Course characteristics

	Primary Grasses	Height of Cut
Tees	Bentgrass; <i>Poa annua</i>	0.400"
Fairways	Bentgrass; <i>Poa annua</i>	0.425"
Greens	Bentgrass; <i>Poa annua</i>	0.100"
Rough	Bentgrass; Kentucky bluegrass; ryegrass; fescue	3"

## Environmental management/features

Ten-Mile Creek wanders through Highland Meadows Golf Club, with several non-irrigated areas that are left to grow tall to minimize

maintenance along the waterway and throughout the course.

**Water conservation, management and/or controls:**

Highland Meadows recently upgraded its water source from the creek to wells, which will allow for proper and more efficient operation of sprinklers, with less overall environmental impact. The course also upgraded water management software to a more efficient and advanced system.

**Predominate species of trees on course:**

Various pines (white, Austrian, Scotch); Norway spruce; various maple and oak

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**Significant changes recently made to the course:**

Rebunkering of tournament hole No. 5.

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**Course architect/date:**

Harold Weber, 1925

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**Other key course management personnel**

Dave Alexander, Assistant Superintendent  
Jason Bultemeier, GCSAA Member Assistant Superintendent  
Arthur Rhoades, Equipment Manager  
Dick Balhoff, Club President  
Gene Gray, Club Manager  
Patrick Kriner, Green Committee Chairman  
Nick Myers, PGA Professional  
Membership, Club Owner

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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](http://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](http://www.eifg.org).

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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