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Tournament Fact Sheet

LPGA Tour
Meijer LPGA Classic
presented by Kraft
July 23 - 26, 2015

Blythefield Country Club
Belmont, Mich.

Golf Course Management Information

**GCSAA Member
Golf Course
Superintendent:**



Collin M. Romanick

Availability to media:

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Education:

A.S., Turfgrass Management,
Pennsylvania State University, State
College, Pa., 2002

Years as a GCSAA member: 16

GCSAA affiliated chapter:

Michigan Golf Course Superintendents
Association

Years at this course: 14

Number of employees: 20

Number of tournament volunteers: 15

Previous positions:

1995-1999, Golf Course
Superintendent, Cedar Chase Golf Club,
Cedar Springs, Mich.

Previous tournament preparation:

2005 Western Junior, Blythefield
Country Club, Belmont, Mich.; 2014
Senior PGA Championship, Harbor
Shores, Benton Harbor, Mich.

Previous tournaments hosted by facility:

1953 Western Amateur; 1961 Western
Open; 2005 Western Junior

Course statistics

Average tee size: 2,300 sq. ft.

Tournament Stimpmeter: 12 ft.

Average green size: 4,500 sq. ft.

Soil conditions on the course: Sandy loam

Green construction soil mix:

Modified push-up

Acres of fairway: 26

Source of water: River

Acres of rough: 50

Drainage conditions: Good

Sand bunkers: 67

Water hazards: 2

Championship ratings

	Yardage	Par	Rating	Slope
Black	6861	72	73.4	133
Blue	6483	72	71.6	130
White (men's)	6093	72	69.7	125
White (ladies's)	6093	72	75.6	135
Silver	5287	72	71.2	124

Course characteristics

	Primary Grasses	Height of Cut
Tees	Bentgrass; <i>Poa annua</i>	0.50"
Fairways	Bentgrass; <i>Poa annua</i>	0.40"
Greens	Bentgrass; <i>Poa annua</i>	0.110"
Rough	Kentucky bluegrass; fescue	3"

Wildlife on the course

Blue heron; Bobcat; Deer; Eagle; Fish; Fox; Groundhog; Hawk; Rabbit; Raccoon; Red fox; Squirrel; Turkey; Turtle; Woodpecker; Several different species of birds

Interesting notes about the course:

In 1920, financier Joseph Brewer bought most of the land known as Plainfield Village to create a country estate. Brewer built a country villa on the bluffs east of Northland Drive overlooking the river and built Blythefield Country Club across the road from his villa.

Brewer also owned and operated a dairy farm in the Rockford area called "Blythefield Dairy Farms." The word "Blythefield" is derived from "Olde English" and means quiet fields.

The formal opening of Blythefield on June 14, 1929, was highlighted by the attendance of many golf celebrities. In the dedication foursome were Walter Hagen, Horton Smith, Morey Wells and their first golf professional, Nick Webber. One of the caddies that day, Marvin Stahl, went on to become a Blythefield Country Club golf professional, club member, a member of the Board of Directors and the club's president.

Blythefield hosted the 1953 Western Amateur, the 1961 Western Open and the 2005 Western Junior. The three events were won by Dale Morey, Arnold Palmer and Rickie Fowler.

Course architect/date:

William Langford & Theodore Moreau,
1928

Other key course management personnel

Katie Hefforn, Assistant Superintendent
Jeff Starke, Assistant Superintendent
Stan Bulmer, Equipment Manager
Rob Shuster, Club President
Kim Gary, Green Committee Chairman
Jim Wertz, Green Committee Chairman

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