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Tournament Fact Sheet

LPGA Tour
 LPGA Kingsmill Championship
 May 11 - 17, 2015

Kingsmill Resort (River Course)
 Williamsburg, Va.

Golf Course Management Information

Golf Course Superintendent:
 John Phillips

Availability to media:

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Education:

Sports Turf Management, Cannington College, Bridgewater, England, 2003

Age: 30

Native hometown:

Ilfracombe, North Devon, England

Years at this course: 1.5 months

Number of employees: 29

Number of tournament volunteers: 10

Previous positions:

2001-2005, Assistant Greenkeeper, Ilfracombe Golf Club, Ilfracombe, England, United Kingdom; 2005-2006, Assistant Greenkeeper, The Celtic Manor Resort, Newport, Wales, United Kingdom; 2008-2009, Rossendale Golf Club, Lancashire, England, United Kingdom; 2009-2015, Assistant Superintendent, Charlotte Country Club, Charlotte, N.C.

Previous tournament preparation:

2005 The Welsh Open, The Celtic Manor Resort, Newport, Wales, United Kingdom; 2010 U.S. Women's Amateur, Charlotte Country Club, Charlotte, N.C.; 2010-2012, 2014 Wells Fargo Championship, Quail Hollow Club, Charlotte, N.C.

Previous tournaments hosted by facility:

2012-2014 Kingsmill Championship

Get to know the superintendent:

John completed the Ohio State International Turfgrass Management Program from 2009-2011 at Charlotte (N.C.) Country Club.

How John got involved in golf course management:

"Was a junior member at my local club and grew up in an agricultural family. Between the two, I decided golf course management was the career for me."

Course statistics

Average tee size: 2,500 sq. ft.

Tournament Stimpmeter: 12 ft.

Average green size: 6,500 sq. ft.

Green construction soil mix:

USGA (sand 80%, peat 20%)

Rounds per year: 40,000

Acres of fairway: 35

Source of water: Pond

Acres of rough: 55

Drainage conditions: Good

Sand bunkers: 83

Water hazards: 11

Championship ratings

Tee	Yardage	Par	Rating	Slope
Blue	6326	71	70.9	129

Course characteristics

	Primary Grasses	Height of Cut
Tees	Bermudagrass; ryegrass	0.400"
Fairways	Bermudagrass; ryegrass	0.425"
Greens	Bentgrass	0.115"
Rough	Bermudagrass; ryegrass	2.5"

Environmental management/features

Kingsmill Resort is an Audubon Certified Cooperative Sanctuary. The ACSP is an education and certification program that helps golf courses protect the environment and preserve the natural heritage of the game of golf.

Unusual wildlife on the course

Blue heron; Canada goose; Deer; Fox; Groundhog; Red hawk; Osprey; Rabbit; Raccoon; Bald eagle

Predominate species of trees on course:

Virginia pine

Interesting notes about the course:

Originally constructed in 1975, the course saw major renovations in 2004 by it's original architect, Pete Dye.

Comments overheard about the course:

"The comment we hear most often is, 'It's great to play a course that the pros play every year.'"

Significant changes recently made to the course:

On No. 13, the pro tee was recently renovated to eliminate the wooden bulkhead, which allows more area for tee positions and is more aesthetically pleasing.

Course architect/date:

Pete Dye, 1975

Most recent redesign or renovation/date:

Pete Dye, 2004

Other key course management personnel

Darryl Hurling, Assistant Superintendent
Kyle Newbury, Assistant Superintendent
Greg Terry, Equipment Manager
Wayne Nooe, Club Manager
Chris George, PGA Professional
Xanterra, Club Owner
Jeremy Hyjek, Director of Golf

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