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Tournament Fact Sheet

Men's Big 10 Championship
April 24 - 26, 2015

Victoria National Golf Club
Newburgh, Ind.

Golf Course Management Information

GCSAA Golf Course Superintendent:
Kyle Callahan

Availability to media:

Contact Kyle Callahan by phone 812-828-2717; or email kyle@victorianational.com

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Education:

B.S., Turfgrass Management, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Okla., 2006

Age: 32

Native hometown:

Lawton, Okla.

Years as a GCSAA member: 11

GCSAA affiliated chapter:

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Years at this course: 1

Number of employees: 40

Number of tournament volunteers: 20

Previous positions:

2011-2014, Senior Assistant, Crooked Stick Golf Club, Carmel, Ind.; 2010, First Assistant, Club at Carlton Woods (Nicklaus Course), The Woodlands, Texas; 2006-2010, Technician, Muirfield Village Golf Club, Dublin, Ohio

Previous tournament preparation:

2003 NCAA National Championship, Karsten Creek Golf Club; 2005 Fed-Ex St. Jude Classic, TPC Southwind, Memphis, Tenn.; 2006-2013 the Memorial Tournament, Muirfield Village, Dublin, Ohio; 2007 PGA Championship, Southern Hills Country Club; 2009 Northern Trust Open; 2011 BMW Championship, Cog Hill Country Club;

2012 BMW Championship, Crooked Stick Golf Club; 2013 PGA Championship, Oak Hill Country Club; 2013 President's Cup, Muirfield Village Golf Club, Dublin, Ohio; 2014 Unites Leasing Championship, Victoria National Golf Club; 2014 PGA Championship, Valhalla Golf Club

Previous tournaments hosted by facility:

2012-2014 United Leasing Championship; 2008 Rolex Tournament of Champions; 2006 U.S. Senior Amateur

Get to know the superintendent:

Kyle likes fishing, hunting and spending time with his family.

How Kyle got involved in golf course management:

Kyle's family has an agricultural background.

Course statistics

Average tee size: 1,090 sq. ft.

Average green size: 7,200 sq. ft.

Soil conditions on the course: USGA

Green construction soil mix: USGA

Rounds per year: 12,100

Acres of fairway: 30

Source of water: Lake

Acres of rough: 30

Drainage conditions: Good

Sand bunkers: 51

Water hazards: 15

Championship ratings

Tee	Yardage	Par	Rating	Slope
Black	7242	72	77.0	148

Course characteristics

	Primary Grasses	Height of Cut
Tees	Bentgrass	0.300"
Fairways	Bentgrass	0.300"
Greens	Bentgrass	0.105"
Rough	Kentucky bluegrass	4"

Environmental management/features

Victoria National Golf Club 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.

Water conservation, management and/or controls:

Victoria National Golf Club recently installed new Toro irrigation to give the facility more individual head control, allowing for more precise watering.

Unusual wildlife on the course

Muskrats; Raccoon; Mike; Coyote; Deer; Owl; Bald eagle; Turkey Pheasant; Quail

Predominate species of trees on course:

Cottonwood; Ash; Sumac; Oak; Dogwood; Cherry; Hackberry

Interesting notes about the course:

Victoria National is built on what was once an abandoned coal mine.

Comments overheard about the course:

Golfers remark that they can not find another course like Victoria National, with the features and topography it encompasses, and call it a hidden gem.

Course architect/date:

Tom Fazio, 1998

Original course builder/date:

Course Doctors, 1996-1998

Other key course management personnel

Nate Herman, GCSAA Member Senior Assistant Superintendent
Gerald Smith, GCSAA Member Assistant Superintendent
Aaron Deloof, GCSAA Member Assistant Superintendent
Seth English, GCSAA Member Assistant Superintendent
Josh White, Equipment Manager
Steve Munch, General Manager
Michael Bastin, Club Manager
Tony Oxley, Horticulturist
Victoria Partners LLC, Club Owner
Tom Rose, Director of Golf

Golf Course Superintendents Association of America

GCSAA is a leading golf organization and has as its focus golf course management. Since 1926, GCSAA has been the top professional association for the men and women who manage golf courses in the United States and worldwide. From its headquarters in Lawrence, 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. 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.

For additional information please visit gcsaa.org/newsroom or contact the Communications Department at 800-472-7878.

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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