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## GCSAA Tournament Fact Sheet

United States Golf Association  
U.S. Mid-Amateur Championship  
September 6 - 11, 2014

Saucon Valley Country Club  
(The Old Course)  
Bethlehem, Pa.

## Golf Course Management Information

### GCSAA Class A Director of Golf Courses:

James J. Roney Jr.



### Availability to media:

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### Education:

B.S., Agronomy and Environmental Science, Delaware Valley College, Doylestown, Pa., 1996

Years as a GCSAA member: 21

### GCSAA affiliated chapter:

Philadelphia Association of Golf Course Superintendents

Years at this course: 10

Number of maintenance employees: 105

Number of tournament volunteers: 50

### Previous positions:

1999-2004, Golf Course Superintendent, Sand Ridge Golf Club, Chardon, Ohio; 1996-1999, Assistant Superintendent, Sand Ridge Golf Club, Chardon, Ohio; 1993-1996, Intern/2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant, Merion Golf Club, Ardmore, Pa.

### Previous tournament preparation:

2009 U.S. Women's Open Championship, Saucon Valley Country Club, Bethlehem, Pa.

### Previous tournaments hosted by facility:

2009 U.S. Women's Open; 1992, 2000 U.S. Senior Open; 1987 U.S. Senior Amateur; 1983 Junior Championship; 1951 U.S. Amateur

## Course statistics

Average tee size: 2,000 sq. ft.  
Tournament Stimpmeter: 12 ft.  
Average green size: 5,500 sq. ft.  
Green construction soil mix:  
USGA (sand 93%, other 7%)  
Rounds per year: 30,000  
Acres of fairway: 25  
Source of water: Creek  
Acres of rough: 100  
Drainage conditions: Poor  
Sand bunkers: 62  
Water hazards: 8

## Course ratings

	Yardage	Par	Rating	Slope
<b>Black</b>	7126	71	74.6	142
<b>Blue</b>	6800	71	73.1	138
<b>White</b>	6337	71	70.7	135
<b>Green</b>	5677	71	67.7	127
<b>Gold</b>	5176	71		

## Course characteristics

	Primary Grasses	Height of Cut
<b>Tees</b>	Bentgrass; <i>Poa annua</i>	0.250"
<b>Fairways</b>	Bentgrass; <i>Poa annua</i>	0.375"
<b>Greens</b>	Bentgrass	0.100"
<b>Rough</b>	Kentucky bluegrass; ryegrass	3"

## Environmental management/features:

Jim Roney, director of golf courses, was the recipient of the 2008 National Private and Overall Environmental Leaders in Golf Award. Presented by GCSAA and *Golf Digest*. In partnership with Syngenta and Rain Bird, the Environmental Leaders in Golf Awards recognize golf course superintendents and golf courses around the world for their commitment to environmental stewardship.

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## Wildlife on the course

Armadillo; Bear; Beaver; Canada goose; Coyote; Deer; Eagle; Fish; Fox; Groundhog; Hawk; Muskrat; Osprey; Otter; Pheasant; Rabbit; Raccoon; Red fox; Snakes; Squirrel; Turkey; Turtle; Woodpecker; Several different species of birds

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## Interesting and historical course-related facts

Saucon Valley Country Club consists of three championship courses and a unique six-hole short-course. The Old Course and Grace Course have both been ranked in the "Top 100" golf courses in the country. All three courses (Old, Grace, and Weyhill) have been consistently ranked in the "Top 10 Courses in Pennsylvania".

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### Course architect/date:

Herbert Strong, 1921

### Most recent redesign/renovation:

Tom Marzolf, 2008

### Redesign builder:

Total Turf, 2008

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## Other key course personnel

Tony Johnson, GCSAA Golf Course Superintendent (Old Course)

Cody Moyer, GCSAA Golf Course Superintendent (Weyhill Course)

Shaun Marcellus, GCSAA Assistant Superintendent (Old Course)  
Andy Jarvis, GCSAA Assistant Superintendent (Weyhill Course)  
Ryan Emerich, GCSAA Golf Course Superintendent (Grace Course)  
Dave Stofanak, Equipment Manager  
Andrew Warner, Club President  
Gene Mattare, Club Manager/Director of Golf  
Robin McCool, Green Committee Chairman  
Willie McCausland, Horticulturist  
Mike Wood, PGA Professional  
Membership, Club Owner

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## Golf course management facts

For additional information please visit [gcsaa.org/newsroom](http://gcsaa.org/newsroom) or contact the Communications Department at 800-472-7878.

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](https://www.facebook.com/gcsaa), follow GCSAA on [Twitter](https://twitter.com/gcsaa), 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).