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Tournament Fact Sheet
 United States Golf Association
 115th U.S. Open Championship
 June 18 - 21, 2015

Chambers Bay
 University Place, Wash.

Golf Course Management Information

GCSAA Member Director of Agronomy:
 Eric W. Johnson

Availability to media:
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Education:
 B.S., Horticulture/Turfgrass
 Management, Oregon State University,
 Corvallis, Ore., 1995

Age: 52

Native hometown:
 North Bend, Ore.

Years as a GCSAA member: 22

GCSAA affiliated chapter:
 Western Washington Golf Course
 Superintendents Association

Years at this course: 2

Number of employees: 45

Number of tournament volunteers: 110

Previous positions:
 2010-2012, Golf Course
 Superintendent, Bandon Dunes Golf
 Resort (MacDonald), Bandon, Ore.;
 2003-2010, Golf Course
 Superintendent, Bandon Dunes Golf
 Resort (Bandon Dunes), Bandon, Ore.

Previous tournament preparation:
 2011 U.S. Amateur Public Links (Men's
 and Women's), Bandon Dunes Golf
 Resort (Old Macdonald Course),
 Bandon, Ore.; 2007 U.S. Mid-Amateur,
 Bandon Dunes Golf Resort (Bandon
 Dunes Course), Bandon, Ore.; 1999
 U.S. Amateur, Spyglass Hill Golf
 Course, Pebble Beach, Calif.; 1996-
 2000 AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-

Am, Spyglass Hill Golf Course, Pebble
 Beach, Calif.

Course statistics

Average tee size: 21,041 sq. ft.
Average green size: 8,700 sq. ft.
Soil conditions on the course: Sand
Green construction soil mix: Push-up
Rounds per year: 35,000
Acres of fairway: 35
Source of water: Well
Drainage conditions: Excellent

Championship ratings

Tee	Yardage	Par	Rating	Slope
Navy	7165	72	75.6	139

Course characteristics

	Primary Grasses	Height of Cut
Tees	Fine fescue	0.5"
Fairways	Fine fescue	0.5"
Greens	Fine fescue	TBD
Rough	Fine fescue	4+"

Environmental management/features

Chambers Bay is an Audubon Silver Signature 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.

Predominate species of trees on course:

Douglas fir

Interesting notes about the course:

The Chambers Creek Properties are comprised of more than 950 acres located along the shores of Puget Sound in University Place, Wash. While Pierce County's ownership of the property has been fairly recent, the making of the surrounding land began to take shape more than 200 years ago.

The area first found use as a rock quarry stemming as far back as the Steilacoom Indian Tribe and the first European settlers in 1832.

Over the years, the Chambers Creek Properties area has been used as a location for a paper mill, a major industrial center, multiple lumber companies, a railroad center, a sand and gravel mine, a bus barn, a regional wastewater treatment plant, a preservation and recreational area, and today, as an 18-hole championship golf course.

With fescue grasses, towering sand dunes, massive fairways, and views of Puget Sound and snow-capped Olympic Mountains, Chambers Bay brings the traditions of Scottish links-land to the Pacific Northwest. This 18-hole, walking-only course provides an authentic links experience for players of every ability.

Course architect/date:

Robert Trent Jones II

Other key course management personnel

Michael Krouse, GCSAA Member Assistant Superintendent
Mark Trenter, Assistant Superintendent
Rosie Odle, Assistant Superintendent
Jerry Holcomb, Equipment Manager
Matt Allen, Club Manager
Andy Ward, Horticulturist
Mary Larson, Horticulturist
Brent Zepp, PGA Professional
Pierce County, Club Owner
Nyk Pike, 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