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Tournament Fact Sheet
 United States Golf Association
 U.S. Senior Women's Amateur
 Championship
 Sept. 26 - Oct. 1, 2015

Hillwood Country Club
 Nashville, Tenn.

Golf Course Management Information

GCSAA Member Golf Course

Superintendent:

David G. Robertson

Availability to media:

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Education:

A.S., Golf Course Management, Horry Georgetown Technical College, Conway, S.C., 2003; B.S., Occupational Therapy, University of Tennessee, Memphis, Tenn., 1999

Age: 38

Native hometown:

Paris, Tenn.

Years as a GCSAA member: 13

GCSAA affiliated chapter:

Middle Tennessee Golf Course Superintendents Association

Years at this course: 10

Number of employees: 22

Number of tournament volunteers: 150

Previous positions:

2005-2008, Assistant Superintendent, Hillwood Country Club, Nashville, Tenn.; 2004-2005, Assistant Superintendent, Ocean Course at Sea Pines Plantation, Hilton Head Island, S.C., 2002-2004, Assistant Superintendent, Wilmington Island Club, Savannah, Ga.

Previous tournaments hosted by facility:

2003 Tennessee State Amateur

Get to know the superintendent:

"I enjoy spending time with my wife and two young girls, golfing, kayaking and playing guitar."

How David got involved in golf course management:

"I needed a summer job when I was 16 and began working at Paris (Tenn.) Country Club. I continued to work throughout school and college on golf courses. After graduating from college in an unrelated field, I kept a part-time golf course job, while working as a therapist. It became apparent to me that golf matenance was my true passion, and with the help of a very supportive wife, I was able to go back to school for my turf degree."

Course statistics

Average tee size: 1,800 sq. ft.

Tournament Stimpmeter: 12 ft.

Average green size: 6,800 sq. ft.

Soil conditions on the course: Clay loam

Green construction soil mix:

USGA (sand 80%, peat 20%)

Rounds per year: 26,000

Acres of fairway: 35

Source of water: Pond, well

Acres of rough: 75

Drainage conditions: Good

Sand bunkers: 77

Water hazards: 5

Championship ratings

Tee	Yardage	Par	Rating	Slope
	5900	72	70.1	119

Course characteristics

	Primary Grasses	Height of Cut
Tees	Bermudagrass	0.40"
Fairways	Bermudagrass	0.40"
Greens	Bermudagrass	0.120"
Rough	Bermudagrass; fescue	2"

Environmental management/features

Water conservation, management and/or controls:

The irrigation renovation at Hillwood Country Club was designed to allow for more precise watering practices. Individual head control and the precise head layout have allowed the course to use the system to achieve a firmer, faster golf course along the playing corridors, while being able to regulate water use in non-critical areas of the course during times of drought. Hillwood also recently converted six acres of maintained turf to low maintenance native-style fescue turf.

Abnormal weather conditions/occurrences in the last 12 months that affected the course:

Over the past two years, Tennessee has experienced the coldest winters in almost 50 years. While damage was mainly confined to high traffic and shady areas, about 70,000 square feet of turf had to be replaced on several fairways, tees and green surrounds.

Predominate species of trees on course:

Oak; Maple; Hackberry

Comments overheard about the course:

The maintenance staff often hears that the course is a pleasure to walk, but that it also provides a stern challenge to skilled players while still being immensely enjoyable and manageable for less experienced players.

Significant changes recently made to the course:

In 2011, the course underwent complete greens renovation, rerouting of new cart paths, renovation and addition of 34 tees and a complete irrigation renovation.

Course architect/date:

Dick Wilson, 1953

Most recent redesign or renovation/date:

Bruce Hepner, Renaissance Golf, 2011

Renovation builder/date:

Sanders Golf, 2011

Other key course management personnel

Caleb Hickman, Assistant Superintendent
David Melvin, Assistant Superintendent
Stacy Conner, Equipment Manager
Rex Dorris, Equipment Manger
James Mosby, Club President
Katrina Wernick, Club Manager
Pete Gilreath, Green Committee Chairman
James Hinchman, Horticulturist
Mike Lathrop, PGA Professional
Membership, Club Owner

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.

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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