

Sanford International

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Grounds Superintendent

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Years as GCSAA Member: 20

Years at Minnehaha: 10

Years as a Superintendent: 19

Previous Courses: Whistling Straights – Straits Course
(superintendent), Irish Course (superintendent)

Hometown: Sherburn, Minn.

Education: Penn State University

Number of Employees: 24

Number of Tournament Volunteers: 40

Other Key Golf Personnel

Ryan Lehmann, Senior Assistant Superintendent

Brent Eddy, 2nd Assistant Superintendent

Ben Ringling, Horticulturist

Tom McGovern, Equipment Manager

Justin Freudenburg, PGA Professional

James Moore, Green Committee Chair

Kristen Zueger, Club President

Ted Thie, Club CEO

Course Architect

Architect (year): William Langford (1922)

Renovation Architect (year): Graham Marsh (2010), Ron
Forse (2013-present)

Tournament Set-up

Par: 70

Yardage: 6,729

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 7,000 sq. ft.

Average Tee Size: 2,200 sq. ft.

Acres of Fairway: 26

Acres of Rough: 80

Number of Sand Bunkers: 42

Number of Water Hazards: 10

Soil Conditions: Silty loam

Water Sources: Well

Drainage Conditions: Surface drainage with
minimal subsurface drainage

Turfgrass

Greens: Bentgrass / *Poa annua* .110"

Tees: Bentgrass / *Poa annua* .275"

Fairways: Bentgrass / *Poa annua* / ryegrass
.400"

Rough: Kentucky bluegrass / ryegrass / *Poa
annua* / tall fescue / fine fescue 3"

Additional Notes

- Master plan renovations have been taking place since 2015 and include fine fescue buffer strips and tall fescues throughout course to reduce irrigation needs.

- Record rainfall this year has reduced irrigation.

- Certified Audubon Sanctuary Course.

- Did you know? Minnehaha C.C. was the first golf course in South Dakota to put in grass greens.

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