

The Ally Challenge (Champions Tour)

Warwick Hills G&CC • Grand Blanc, Mich. • August 27-29, 2021

Golf Course Superintendent

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Years as GCSAA Member: 4

Years at Warwick Hills: 9

Years as a Superintendent: 4

Previous Courses: The Inn at St. John's (assistant)

Hometown: Milford, Mich.

Education: University of Michigan

Professional Tournaments Hosted: Kuciemba has hosted The Ally Challenge since its inception in 2018.

Other Key Golf Personnel

Domonic Fulgenzi, Assistant Superintendent

Tim Thouy, Assistant Superintendent

Mike Barrett, Equipment Manager

William Kobus, Horticulturist

Doug Brody, PGA Professional

Number of Employees: 20

Number of Tournament Volunteers: 10

Course Architect

Architect (year): James Gilmore Harrison (1957)

Renovation Architect (year): Joe Lee (1967), Chris Wilczynski (2015 and 2019)

Tournament Fact Sheets for the PGA, LPGA, Champions and Korn Ferry Tours and USGA and PGA of America championships can be found all year at:

<https://www.gcsaa.org/media/tournament-fact-sheets>

Tournament Set-up

Par: 36-36—72

Yardage: 7,085

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 5,500 sq. ft.

Acres of Fairway: 32.5

Acres of Rough: 120

Number of Sand Bunkers: 87

Number of Water Hazards: 3

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 4

Soil Conditions: Clay

Water Sources: Irrigation pond fed by well

Turfgrass

Greens: *Poa annua* / bentgrass .105-.115"

Tees: Bentgrass .375"

Fairways: Bentgrass / *Poa annua* .400"

Rough: Bluegrass 2.5"

Additional Notes

- There was an unusual amount of rainfall in July (13-plus inches) making the course saturated for most of the month. This caused damage in many low areas on fairways that needed to be sodded.

- Course previously hosted the PGA Tour's Buick Open (1958-69, 1978-2009).

- 2019 renovation included repositioning of fairway bunkers on No. 12 and No. 14.

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