

Sanford International (Champions Tour)

Minnehaha Country Club • Sioux Falls, S.D. • Sept. 17-19, 2021

Golf Course Superintendent

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Years as GCSAA Member: 22

Years at Minnehaha: 12

Years as a Superintendent: 21

Previous Courses: Whistling Straits – Straits Course (super), Irish Course (super)

Hometown: Sherburn, Minn.

Education: Penn State University

Professional Tournaments Hosted: Seift has hosted the Club Professional Championship (1999), PGA Champ. (2004), U.S. Senior Open (2007) and Sanford International (2018-20).

Other Key Golf Personnel

Ryan Lehmann, Senior Assistant Superintendent

Lars Ackerman, Second Assistant Superintendent

Jarrett Geihl, Horticulturist

Tom McGovern, Equipment Manager

Justin Freudenburg, PGA Professional

Number of Employees: 24

Number of Tournament Volunteers: 40

Course Architect

Architect (year): William Langford (1922)

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

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: 34-36--70

Yardage: 6,729

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 7,000 sq. ft.

Acres of Fairway: 26

Acres of Rough: 80

Number of Sand Bunkers: 42

Number of Water Hazards: 10

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 10

Soil Conditions: Silty loam

Water Sources: Well

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 2.5"

Additional Notes

- Since last year's tournament 50 trees have been removed.

- Area is coming off a year-long drought with a very hot June.

- The majority of maintenance volunteers this week are turf students from Southeast Technical College in Sioux Falls. The local two-year program is thriving.

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