

Sanford International (PGA TOUR Champions)

Minnehaha Country Club • Sioux Falls, S.D. • Sept. 15-17, 2023

Golf Course Superintendent

David Swift, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 24

Years at Minnehaha: 14

Years as a Superintendent: 23

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

Hometown: Sherburn, Minn.

Education: Penn State University

Professional Tournaments Hosted: This is the 6th Sanford For Swift, who in his career also hosted the Club Pro Champ (1999), PGA Champ ('04) and US Sr. Open ('07).

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Other Key Golf Personnel

Ryan Lehmann, Senior Assistant Superintendent

Lars Ackerman, Second Assistant Superintendent

Tom McGovern, Equipment Manager

Jarrett Geihl, Horticulturist

Number of Employees: 24

Number of Tournament Volunteers: 25

Golf Course Dog – Stevie, a yellow lab

Course Architect

Architect (year): William Langford (1922)

Renovation Architect (year): Graham March (2010), Ron Forse (2013-22)

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Superintendent - @DaveSwiftMCC

Tournament - @SanfordIntl

Tournament Fact Sheets for the PGA TOUR, LPGA, PGA TOUR Champions, Korn Ferry and Epson Tours and USGA and PGA of America championships can be found 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"

Collars: Bentgrass / *Poa annua* .250"

Approaches: Bentgrass / *Poa annua* .250"

Tees: Bentgrass / *Poa annua* .250"

Fairways: Bent / *Poa annua* / rye .400"

Rough: Kentucky bluegrass / rye / *Poa annua* / tall fescue / fine fescue 2.5"

Additional Notes

- More than 200 trees have been removed from the course in the last three years.

- Weather this year has included high temperatures and drought.

- The tournament has provided an opportunity for students from Southeast Technical College to volunteer with tournament prep since the inception of the event.

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