

## Sanford International (PGA TOUR Champions)

Minnehaha Country Club • Sioux Falls, S.D. • September 13-15, 2024

### Golf Course Superintendent

#### David Swift, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 25

Years at Minnehaha: 15

Years as a Superintendent: 24

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

Hometown: Sherburn, Minn.

Education: Penn State University

Professional Tournaments Hosted: This is Swift's 7<sup>th</sup> Sanford International. Also hosted Club Pro Champ. (1999), PGA Champ (2004) and U.S. Senior Open (2007)

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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 Dogs: Stevie, yellow lab and Winnie, golden retriever

### Course Architect

Architect (year): William Langford (1922)

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

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### Tournament Set-up

Par: 34-36--70

Yardage: 6,747

### 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 .275"

Approaches: Bentgrass / Poa annua .250"

Tees: Bentgrass / Poa annua .250"

Fairways: Bentgrass / Poa annua / rye .400"

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

### Additional Notes

- It has been a very wet year in the area with more than 30" of rain through August. Area averages 27" annually.

- More than 200 trees have been removed from the course during the last few years.

- Turfgrass students from Southeast Technical College have volunteered with tournament preparation since the inception of the event.

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