



Tournament Fact Sheet

Dominion Energy Charity Classic (PGA TOUR Champions)

The Country Club of Virginia (James River Course)

Richmond, Va. • October 17-19, 2025

Director of Golf and Grounds Maintenance

Christian D. Sain, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 35

Years at the Country Club of Virginia 20:

Years as a Superintendent: 30

Previous Courses: Kingsmill Resort (director)

Hometown: Hendersonville, N.C.

Education: North Carolina State University

Professional Tournaments Hosted: This is Sain's 10th Champions event at the CC of Virginia after 5 PGA and 3 LPGA events at Kingsmill.

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Other Key Agronomy Personnel

Adam Kerr, James River Course superintendent; Ryan Thompson, senior assistant superintendent; Brad Vandygriff, senior assistant superintendent; Leukas Koczan, assistant superintendent; John Rulli, equipment manager
Golf Course Dog: Luna, 10-year-old border collie

Course Architect

William Flynn (1928)

Renovation: Rees Jones (1992)

Restoration: Lester George (2003)

Notable

- July 2025 was in the top 10 rainfall months on record. The large amount of rain and humid weather was great for the bermudagrass but created challenges for the bentgrass greens. August was cooler and drier than average.
- All of the bunkers were renovated in 2024 under the direction of Andrew Green. Total bunkers increased from 55 to 61.
- The James River Course hosted two U.S. Amateur Championships – 1955 won by Harvey Ward and 1975 won by Fred Ridley.
- Christian Sain was a 2022 GCSAA Grassroots Ambassador Leadership Award recipient for his efforts working with congress on behalf of the golf industry.

Tournament Setup

Par: 36-36—72

Yardage: 7,025

Turfgrass

Greens: 777 bentgrass .105"

Collars: Tahoma 31 bermudagrass

Approaches: Tahoma 31 bermudagrass

Tees: Tifsport bermudagrass / Zeon zoysiagrass .475"

Fairways: Tifsport bermudagrass .500"

Rough: Vamont bermudagrass 2.5"

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 6,000 sq. ft.

Acres of Fairway: 27

Acres of Rough: 70

Number of Sand Bunkers: 61 (64,500 sq. ft.)

Number of Water Hazards: 4

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 4

Soil Conditions: Clay

Water Sources: James River

Drainage: Excellent

High Elevation: No. 16 back tee

Low Elevation: No. 7 green

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2025 GCSAA Course and Superintendent Notes For Courses Played to Date (PGA TOUR Champions Only) (Primary Courses, U.S. and Canada Courses Only) (This Week's Course in Red)

Tournaments by State

3 – Florida

3 – California

1 – Hawaii / Ariz. / Ga. / Texas / Ala. / Wash. D.C. / Iowa / Wis. /
Ohio / Colo. / N.Y. / Wash. / Canada / Mich. / Mo. / S. Dakota /
North Carolina / **Virginia**

Yardage (par)

Longest (top 10)

7,264 (70) – The Broadmoor (US Senior)
7,249 (72) – Greystone (Regions Tradition)
7,248 (70) – Firestone (Kaulig Companies)
7,237 (72) – Prestonwood (SAS Championship)
7,217 (72) – The Club at Snoqualmie Ridge (Boeing)
7,179 (72) – TPC Sugarloaf (Mitsubishi Electric)
7,165 (72) – Mission Hills (Galleri Classic)
7,152 (72) – Congressional (Sr. PGA Championship)
7,107 (72) – Hualalai (Mitsubishi Electric)
7,093 (70) – Canyon Meadows (Rogers Charity)

Shortest (top 5)

6,725 (71) – Newport Beach (Hoag)
6,747 (70) – Minnehaha (Sanford)
6,835 (72) – Wakonda Club (Principal Charity)
6,856 (71) – La Paloma (Cologuard)
6,858 (72) – Pebble Beach (PURE Insurance)

Average Green Size

Largest (top 10)

8,000 – Norwood Hills (Stifel Charity)
8,000 – En-Joie (DICK's Sporting Goods)
7,600 – Firestone (Kaulig Companies)
7,417 – Hualalai (Mitsubishi Electric)
7,219 – Congressional (Sr. PGA Championship)
7,000 – Minnehaha (Sanford)
6,963 – Mission Hills (Galleri Classic)
6,700 – Wakonda Club (Principal Charity)
6,690 – The Broadmoor (US Senior)
6,500 – The Old Course at Broken Sound (James Hardie)

Smallest (top 5)

3,500 – Pebble Beach (PURE Insurance)
4,200 – Newport Beach (Hoag)
4,500 – La Paloma (Cologuard)
4,500 – The Woodlands (Insperity)
5,500 – Warwick Hills (The Ally Challenge)
5,500 – Tiburon (Chubb Classic)

Number of Bunkers

Most (top 10)

144 – Congressional (Sr. PGA Championship)
116 – Pebble Beach (PURE Insurance)
114 – The Club at Snoqualmie Ridge (Boeing)
94 – Timuquana (Constellation Furyk and Friends)
87 – Warwick Hills (The Ally Challenge)
84 – Hualalai (Mitsubishi Electric)
83 – Newport Beach (Hoag)
82 – Firestone (Kaulig Companies)
82 – The Old Course at Broken Sound (James Hardie)
81 – The Broadmoor (US Senior)

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Fewest (top 5)

- 36 – (also 21 waste areas) – Tiburon (Chubb Classic)
- 41 – Minnehaha (Sanford)
- 41 – Greystone (Regions Tradition)
- 50 – En-Joie (DICK'S Sporting Goods)
- 54 – TPC Sugarloaf (Mitsubishi Electric)

Green Turf Type

- 7 – Bermudagrass
- 6 – Bentgrass
- 4 – Poa annua
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- 2 – Poa Trivialis overseed
- 1 – Paspalum

Rough Turf Type

- 8 – Bermudagrass
- 8 – Bluegrass / ryegrass / fescue / Poa mixes
- 3 – Kentucky bluegrass
- 2 – Perennial ryegrass overseed
- 1 – Paspalum
- 1 – Kikuyu / Poa annua

Superintendents Tournaments Hosted (includes 2025) (top 10)

- 20 – Dan Husek, Hualalai (Mitsubishi Electric)
- 19 – Ryan Gordon, The Club at Snoqualmie Ridge (Boeing)
- 18 – Larry Napora, Firestone (Kaulig Companies)
- 15 – Grayson Grainger, Tiburon (Chubb Classic)
- 14 – Chris Hartman, The Woodlands (Insperity)
- 10 – Christian Sain, The CC of Virginia (Dominion Energy)
- 10 – David Swift, Minnehaha (Sanford)
- 9 – Jason Miller, Greystone (Regions Tradition)
- 7 – Kyle Asbury, Old Course at Broken Sound (James Hardie)
- 6 – Kyle Worthy, TPC Sugarloaf

Superintendents GCSAA Membership Years (top 10)

- 43 – Larry Napora, Firestone (Kaulig Companies)
- 42 – Mike Null, Norwood Hills (Stifel Charity)
- 35 – Christian Sain, The CC of Virginia (Dominion Energy)
- 31 – Pete Wendt, Congressional (Sr. PGA Championship)
- 31 – Dan Husek, Hualalai (Mitsubishi Electric)
- 30 – Jonas Conlan, Mission Hills (Galleri Classic)
- 28 – Freddie Dickman, The Broadmoor (US Senior Open)
- 26 – Alan Brown, Timuquana (Constellation Furyk and Friends)
- 26 – David Swift, Minnehaha (Sanford)
- 26 – Jason Miller, Greystone (Regions Tradition)
- 26 – Scot Dey, Newport Beach (Hoag)
- 25 – Chris Hartman, The Woodlands (Insperity)

Superintendents Alma Maters

- 4 – Penn State
- 2 - Michigan State
- 2 - Tennessee
- 1 – Southern Illinois-Carbondale / Horry-Georgetown Technical College / Arizona / Cal Poly San Luis Obispo / / Clemson / Sam Houston State / Western Kentucky / Kishwaukee / Indiana / SUNY – Delhi / Oregon State / Fairview / Iowa State / Wayne CC / North Carolina State

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