



Tournament Fact Sheet

Simmons Bank Championship (PGA TOUR Champions)

Pleasant Valley Country Club • Little Rock, Ark. • October 24-26, 2025

Director of Golf Course and Grounds

Don Armbrust, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 30

Years at Pleasant Valley Country Club: 18

Years as a Superintendent: 25

Previous Courses: Congressional CC (irrigation tech), Johns Islands (assistant), Totteridge (construction superintendent), Cherokee Town and CC (director), Atlanta National (superintendent)

Hometown: Pittsburgh, Pa.

Education: UMass

Professional Tournaments Hosted: This is Armbrust's 2nd professional event.

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Other Key Agronomy Personnel

Joseph Sondheim, assistant superintendent; Hunter Knowles, assistant superintendent; Chris Mayes, PGA professional / director of golf; Michael Auerbach, general manager / COO
Agronomy Employees: 30 / Tournament Volunteers: 10
Golf Course Dog: Beaux, 4-year-old yellow lab, who was featured in the GCSAA Dog Calendar, November 2023.

Course Architect

Joe Finger (1968)

Renovation: Joe Finger (1998), Bobby Weed (2014-16)

Notable

- Pleasant Valley is the 10th-longest course and has the fifth-smallest greens on tour this year (see more stats and notes on next pages).
- Don Armbrust is a 30-year member and last year was the first time he hosted a professional event in his career.

Tournament Setup

Par: 36-36--72

Yardage: 7,101

Turfgrass

Greens: Champion ultradwarf bermudagrass

Collars: Tifway 419 bermudagrass .375"

Approaches: Tifway 419 bermudagrass .375"

Tees: Tifway 419 bermudagrass .375"

Fairways: Tifway 419 bermudagrass .425"

Rough: Tifway 419 bermudagrass 2.25"

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 4,700 sq. ft.

Total Property Acres: 270

Acres of Fairway: 35

Acres of Rough: 65

Number of Sand Bunkers: 72 (53,395 sq. ft.)

Number of Water Hazards: 5

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 7

Soil Conditions: Clay

Water Sources: Pond

Drainage: Average

High Elevation: No. 5 tee (529')

Low Elevation: No. 2 green (448')

Average Fairway Widths: 25 yards

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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 / **Arkansas**

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)
7,101 (72) – Pleasant Valley (Simmons Bank)

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)
4,700 – Pleasant Valley (Simmons Bank)

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

8 – Bermudagrass

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

Rough Turf Type

9 – 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 – Don Armbrust, Pleasant Valley (Simmons Bank)**
- 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)

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 / **UMass**

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