

## **Tournament Fact Sheet**

### Senior PGA Championship (PGA of America)

Congressional Country Club (Blue) • Bethesda, Md. • May 22-25, 2025

## Director of Golf Courses and Grounds Pete Wendt, CGCS, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 31 Years at Congressional: 8 Years as Superintendent: 26

Previous Courses: Woodmont Country Club, Kinloch Golf Club

Hometown: Whitby, Ontario, Canada Education: Penn State University

Professional Tournaments Hosted: Wendt previously hosted the

KPMG Women's PGA Championship in 2022.

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#### Other Key Agronomy Personnel

Jarrett Kramer, Blue Course superintendent (8-year GCSAA);

Kevin Johnson, Golf Course superintendent; David Burdette, grounds superintendent; Ryan Geils, assistant; Brady Scales, assistant; Jock McPherson, assistant; David Ablan, assistant; Kyle Zumwinkel, assistant; Dan Haxton, equipment manager; Jason Epstein, PGA professional

Agronomy Employees: 66 / Tournament Volunteers: 35

#### **Course Architect**

Devereux Emmet (1924)

Renovation: Andrew Green, ASGCA (2019-21)

#### **Notable**

- Course received more than 4" of rain in a 72-hour period last week (Monday-Wednesday, May 12-14).
- Course has 144 bunkers, 60 more than the next highest played on tournament so far. (see next page).
- Course was recognized as Golf Digest's Best Transformation 2021.
- Wendt's first job in the United State was as an intern at Congressional for the 1995 U.S. Senior Open.

#### **Tournament Setup**

Par: 36-36--72 Yardage: 7,152

#### **Turfgrass**

Greens: Bentgrass (007 / Piranha / Coho) .115"

Collars: None

Approaches: Bentgrass (007 / Match Play) .275" Tees: Bentgrass (007 / Match Play) .350" Fairways: Bentgrass (007 / Match Play) .350" Rough: Tall fescue and Kentucky bluegrass 2.5"

#### **Course Statistics**

Average Green Size: 7,219 sq. ft.

Total Property Acres: 395 Acres of Fairway: 48 Acres of Rough: 75

Number of Sand Bunkers: 144 (102,000 sq. ft.)

Number of Water Hazards: 2 Number of Holes Water is in Play: 3

Soil Conditions: Clay

Water Sources: Runoff, pond

Drainage: 47 miles of drainage installed in renovation

Fairway Widths: 25-50 yards

#### Links

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# **2025 GCSAA Course and Superintendent Notes For Courses Played to Date**

(PGA TOUR Champions Only)

(Primary Courses and U.S. Courses Only)

(This Week's Course in Red)

#### **Tournaments by State**

2 - California / Florida

1 – Hawaii / Arizona / Georgia / Texas / Alabama / Washington,

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#### Yardage (par)

7,249 (72) - Greystone (Regions Tradition)

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)

7,008 (72) – The Old Course at Broken Sound (James Hardie)

7,002 (72) – The Woodlands (Insperity)

6,897 (72) - Tiburon (Chubb Classic)

6,856 (71) – La Paloma (Cologuard)

6,725 (71) - Newport Beach (Hoag)

#### **Average Green Size**

7,417 - Hualalai (Mitsubishi Electric)

7,219 - Congressional (Sr. PGA Championship)

6,963 - Mission Hills (Galleri Classic)

6,500 - The Old Course at Broken Sound (James Hardie)

6,400 - Greystone (Regions Tradition)

6,340 - TPC Sugarloaf (Mitsubishi Electric)

5,500 - Tiburon (Chubb Classic)

4,500 – The Woodlands (Insperity)

4,500 - La Paloma (Cologuard)

4,200 - Newport Beach (Hoag)

#### **Number of Bunkers**

144 - Congressional (Sr. PGA Championship)

84 – Hualalai (Mitsubishi Electric)

83 - Newport Beach (Hoag)

82 - The Old Course at Broken Sound (James Hardie)

71 – Mission Hills (Galleri Classic)

65 - La Paloma (Cologuard)

59 – The Woodlands (Insperity)

54 – TPC Sugarloaf (Mitsubishi Electric)

41 – Greystone (Regions Tradition)

36 - (also 21 waste areas) - Tiburon (Chubb Classic)

#### **Green Turf Type**

5 - Bermudagrass

2 - Poa Trivialis overseed

1 – Paspalum

1 - Poa annua

1 - Bentgrass

#### **Rough Turf Type**

5 – Bermudagrass

2 - Perennial ryegrass overseed

1 – Paspalum

1 – Kikuyu / Poa annua

1 – Fescue / Kentucky bluegrass

#### **Superintendents Tournaments Hosted (includes 2025)**

20 - Dan Husek, Hualalai (Mitsubishi Electric)

15 – Grayson Grainger, Tiburon (Chubb Classic)

14 – Chris Hartman, The Woodlands (Insperity)

9 – Jason Miller, Greystone (Regions Tradition)

7 - Kyle Asbury, Old Course at Broken Sound (James Hardie)

6 – Kyle Worthy, TPC Sugarloaf

3 – Jonas Conlan, Mission Hills (Galleri Classic)

2 – Daniel Mayfield, La Paloma (Cologuard)

2 – Pete Wendt, Congressional (Sr. PGA Championship)

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#### **Superintendents GCSAA Membership Years**

- 31 Pete Wendt, Congressional (Sr. PGA Championship)
- 31 Dan Husek, Hualalai (Mitsubishi Electric)
- 30 Jonas Conlan, Mission Hills (Galleri Classic)
- 26 Jason Miller, Greystone (Regions Tradition)
- 26 Scot Dey, Newport Beach (Hoag)
- 25 Chris Hartman, The Woodlands (Insperity)
- 20 Grayson Grainger, Tiburon (Chubb Classic)
- 12 Kyle Worthy, TPC Sugarloaf
- 11 Kyle Asbury, Old Course at Broken Sound (James Hardie)

#### **Superintendents Alma Maters**

- 1 Southern Illinois-Carbondale
- 1 Horry-Georgetown Technical College / Arizona / Cal Poly San Luis Obispo / Michigan State / Clemson / Sam Houston State / Tennessee / Penn State

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