



Tournament Fact Sheet

The Ally Challenge (PGA TOUR Champions)

Warwick Hills G&CC • Grand Blanc, Mich. • August 22-24, 2025

Golf Course Superintendent

Dylan MacMaster, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 16

Years at Warwick Hills: 3

Years as a Superintendent: 7

Previous Courses: Lochmoor Club, Oakland Hills CC

Hometown: Rochester, Mich.

Education: Michigan State Univ. / Oakland University (MBA)

Professional Tournaments Hosted: This is MacMaster's third Ally Challenge. He was also involved in the U.S. Amateur (2016) and U.S. Senior Open (2011).

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Other Key Agronomy Personnel

Christian Maher, assistant superintendent; Mike Barrett, equipment manager; Doug Brody, PGA professional

Agronomy Employees: 22 / Tournament Volunteers: 10

Course Architect

James Gilmore Harrison (1957)

Renovation: Joe Lee (1967), Chris Wilczynski (2015)

Notable

- Since last year's event there has been some tree removals.
- A hot and humid summer has led to tough growing conditions for quality turfgrass.

Tournament Setup

Par: 36-36--72

Yardage: 7,085

Turfgrass

Greens: Poa annua / bentgrass .100"

Collars: Poa annua / bentgrass .325"

Approaches: Poa annua / bentgrass .375"

Tees: Bentgrass .375"

Fairways: Bentgrass / Poa annua .400"

Rough: Kentucky bluegrass 2.5"

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 5,500 sq. ft.

Acres of Fairway: 32.5

Acres of Rough: 120

Number of Sand Bunkers: 87 (123,970 sq. ft.)

Number of Water Hazards: 3

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 4

Soil Conditions: Clay

Water Sources: Irrigation pond fed by well

Average Fairway Widths: 30 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

2 – California / Florida
1 – Hawaii / Ariz. / Ga. / Texas / Ala. / Wash. D.C. / Iowa / Wis. /
Ohio / Colo. / New York / Wash. / Canada / **Michigan**

Yardage (par)

Longest (top 10)

7,264 (70) – The Broadmoor (US Senior)
7,249 (72) – Greystone (Regions Tradition)
7,248 (70) – Firestone (Kaulig Companies)
7,217 (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)
7,085 (72) – Warwick Hills (The Ally Challenge)

Shortest (top 5)

6,725 (71) – Newport Beach (Hoag)
6,835 (72) – Wakonda Club (Principal Charity)
6,856 (71) – La Paloma (Cologuard)
6,897 (72) – Tiburon (Chubb Classic)
6,994 (72) – En-Joie (DICK'S Sporting Goods)

Average Green Size

Largest (top 10)

8,000 – En-Joie (DICK'S Sporting Goods)
7,600 – Firestone (Kaulig Companies)
7,417 – Hualalai (Mitsubishi Electric)
7,219 – Congressional (Sr. PGA Championship)
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)
6,400 – Greystone (Regions Tradition)
6,340 – TPC Sugarloaf (Mitsubishi Electric)

Smallest (top 5)

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)
6,000 – Canyon Meadows (Rogers Charity)
6,000 – The Club at Snoqualmie Ridge (Boeing)
6,000 – TPC Wisconsin (American Family Insurance)

Number of Bunkers

Most (top 10)

144 – Congressional (Sr. PGA Championship)
114 – The Club at Snoqualmie Ridge (Boeing)
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)
73 – TPC Wisconsin (American Family Insurance)
71 – Mission Hills (Galleri Classic)

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Fewest (top 5)

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

Green Turf Type

- 5 – Bermudagrass
- 4 – Bentgrass
- 3 – **Bentgrass / poa annua**
- 3 – Poa annua
- 2 – Poa Trivialis overseed
- 1 – Paspalum

Rough Turf Type

- 6 – Bluegrass / ryegrass / fescue / Poa mixes
- 5 – Bermudagrass
- 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)
- 9 – Jason Miller, Greystone (Regions Tradition)
- 7 – Kyle Asbury, Old Course at Broken Sound (James Hardie)
- 6 – Kyle Worthy, TPC Sugarloaf
- 5 – Freddie Dickman, The Broadmoor (US Senior Open)
- 5 – Dane Wilson, Wakonda Club (Principal Charity)

Superintendents GCSAA Membership Years (top 10)

- 43 – Larry Napora, Firestone (Kaulig Companies)
- 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 – Jason Miller, Greystone (Regions Tradition)
- 26 – Scot Dey, Newport Beach (Hoag)
- 25 – Chris Hartman, The Woodlands (Insperity)
- 21 – Ryan Gordon, The Club at Snoqualmie Ridge (Boeing)
- 20 – Grayson Grainger, Tiburon (Chubb Classic)

Superintendents Alma Maters

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

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