Tournament Fact Sheet

Simmons Bank Championship (PGA TOUR Champions)

Pleasant Valley Country Club • Little Rock, Ark. • October 30-November 1, 2026

Director of Golf Course and Grounds

Don Armbrust, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 31
Years at Pleasant Valley Country Club: 19
Years as a Superintendent: 26
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 3rd professional event.

Other Key Agronomy Personnel

Joseph Sondheim, superintendent; Chris Mayes, PGA Professional / Director of Golf / Interim General Manager; Agronomy Employees: 30 / Tournament Volunteers: 10
Golf Course Dog: Beaux, 5-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 31-year member and this is the third time he has 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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