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## Tournament Fact Sheet

LPGA Tour  
Walmart NW Arkansas Championship  
presented by P&G  
June 22 - 28, 2015

Pinnacle Country Club  
Rogers, Ark.

## Golf Course Management Information

### GCSAA Member Golf Course

#### Superintendent:

Chase Turpin

#### Availability to media:

Contact Chase Turpin by phone 479-418-7450; cell phone 479-640-7200; or email

[golfsuper@pinnaclecc.com](mailto:golfsuper@pinnaclecc.com)

#### Education:

Turf and Landscape Horticulture, Turf Management, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Ark., 2005

#### Age: 32

#### Native hometown:

Fort Smith, Ark.

#### Years as a GCSAA member: 12

#### GCSAA affiliated chapter:

Golf Course Superintendents Association of Arkansas

#### Years at this course: 9

#### Number of employees: 28

#### Number of tournament volunteers: 10

#### Previous positions:

2006-2013, Assistant Superintendent, Pinnacle Country Club, Rogers, Ark.; 2005-2006, Assistant Superintendent, Pleasant Valley Country Club, Little Rock, Ark.

#### Previous tournament preparation:

2007-2014 Walmart NW Arkansas Championship, Pinnacle Country Club, Rogers, Ark.; 2004 British Amateur Championship, The Old Course at St. Andrews, St. Andrews, Fife, Scotland

#### Previous tournaments hosted by facility:

2007-2014 Walmart NW Arkansas Championship

#### Get to know the superintendent:

"I love to play golf, spend time with my dog, and I was fortunate enough to intern at The Old Course at St. Andrews."

#### How Chase got involved in golf course management:

"Grew up playing the game of golf and knew I wanted to do something outdoors for a living; seemed to be a good fit."

#### Course/event scoring record:

63/200 (3 rounds)

## Course statistics

Average tee size: 1,200 sq. ft.

Tournament Stimpeter: 12 ft.

Average green size: 5,500 sq. ft.

Soil conditions on the course: Rocky clay

Green construction soil mix:

USGA (sand 90%, peat 10%)

Rounds per year: 20,000

Acres of fairway: 30

Source of water: Pond, effluent water

Acres of rough: 100

Drainage conditions: Fair

Sand bunkers: 63

Water hazards: 12

## Championship ratings

Tee	Yardage	Par	Rating	Slope
Blue/Men's	6264	71	71.1	133

## Course characteristics

	Primary Grasses	Height of Cut
Tees	Zorro zoysiagrass	0.5"
Fairways	Zoysiagrass	0.550"
Greens	Bentgrass	0.110"
Rough	Bermudagrass; fescue	2.5"

## Environmental management/features

### Water conservation, management and/or controls:

Street drains catch most of the run-off from the neighborhood, which flows to the irrigation pond at Pinnacle Country Club, as well as a direct feed from the water treatment facility across the street from the Pinnacle maintenance facility.

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### Unusual wildlife on the course

Muskrats; Great blue heron

### Predominate species of trees on course:

Oak, Black walnut

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### Comments overheard about the course:

Players comment on how difficult the rough and water hazards are, and how the zoysiagrass rolloff areas around greens are so much different from other course designs in the area.

### Significant changes recently made to the course:

Pinnacle Country Club moved the front greenside bunker away from the green on No. 2 to avoid the thinning of the collar and green from traffic and bunker shots.

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### Course architect/date:

Don Sechrest, 1989

### Original course builder/date:

Wadsworth Construction, 1989

### Most recent redesign or renovation/date:

Randy Heckenkemper, 2008

### Renovation builder/date:

Landscapes Unlimited and Jones Plan, 2008

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## Other key course management personnel

Brian Cornett, GCSAA Member Assistant  
Superintendent

Kyle Bunney, GCSAA Member Assistant  
Superintendent

Jeff Caperton, GCSAA Member Assistant  
Superintendent

Mike Hales, Equipment Manager

Mike Hudson Jr., Club President

Pat Hennessey, Club Manager

D.J. Ransom, PGA Professional

Mike Hudson, Club Owner

Paul Eiserman, Director of Golf

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## Golf Course Superintendents Association of America

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## **Media story ideas to consider**

- Water: Golf's biggest challenge
- The benefits of a golf course to the community and the environment
- What's new in turfgrass research
- Superintendents doing more with less
- Get to know an interesting superintendent
- Who's in charge? A visit with the CEO