

Dow Great Lakes Bay Invitational

Midland Country Club • Midland, Mich. • July 14-17, 2021

Golf Course Superintendent

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Years as GCSAA Member: 31

Years at Midland Country Club: 4

Years as a Superintendent: 29

Previous Courses: Muskegon CC (super, 20 years),
Detroit Golf Club (super. 5 years)

Hometown: East Dubuque, Illinois

Education: Michigan State University

Professional Tournaments Hosted: This is the 3rd
Dow Great Lakes Bay Invitational hosted by Welp.

Other Key Golf Personnel

Rod Dutton, Assistant Superintendent

Gabe Lored, Assistant Superintendent

Matthew Schnettler, Equipment Manager

Number of Employees: 22

Number of Tournament Volunteers: 10

Course Architect

Architect (year): Gilbert A. Currie (1928)

Renovation Architects: Larry Packard (1970), Jerry
Matthews (1990), Craig Schreiner (2018)

*Tournament Fact Sheets for the PGA, LPGA, Champions
and Korn Ferry Tours and USGA and PGA of America
championships can be found all year at:*

<https://www.gcsaa.org/media/tournament-fact-sheets>

Tournament Set-up

Par: 35-35--70

Yardage: 6,277

Stimpmeter: 11.5

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 5,200 sq. ft.

Acres of Fairway: 22

Acres of Rough: 40

Number of Sand Bunkers: 41

Number of Water Hazards: 2 ponds, 1 creek

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 10

Soil Conditions: Clay

Water Sources: City water

Turfgrass

Greens: *Poa annua* / bentgrass .105"

Tees: Bentgrass .400"

Fairways: *Poa annua*/*Poa trivialis* .450"

Rough: *Poa annua*/*Poa pratensis* 2.75"

Additional Notes

- Weather this year was dry and warm early, but lately has been mild and wet.
- Course suffered through historic flooding last year.
- Facility is GEO certified for its sustainable practices.
- The tournament has brought a focus on sustainability and recycling.
- Midland Country Club was built as a club of the future with an emphasis on family entertainment.

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