

Cognizant Founders Cup (LPGA)

Upper Montclair CC • Clifton, N.J. • May 11-14, 2023

Director of Grounds

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Years as GCSAA Member: 25

Years at Upper Montclair: 14

Years as a Superintendent: 16

Previous Courses: Trump National (director/super),
Bedford (asst), Quaker Ridge (asst)

Hometown: Sparta, N.J.

Education: University of Massachusetts

Professional Tournaments Hosted: Third LPGA event,
including last year's event and 2009 Sybase Classic)

Other Key Golf Personnel

Graham Kasprzyk, GCSAA Superintendent

Vinnie Barnaba, Assistant Superintendent

Chase McGinnis, Assistant Superintendent

Edgardo Pagan, Equipment Manager

Michael Holliday, PGA Professional

Golf Course Dog: Chico, a 2-year-old Mini Aussie

Course Architect

Architect (year): A.W. Tillinghast (1928)

Re-Design Architect: Robert Trent Jones Sr. (1957)

Renovation Architect (year): A. John Harvey (2010)

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Superintendent - [@UMCCgrounds](https://twitter.com/UMCCgrounds)

Tournament - [@LPGAfounders](https://twitter.com/LPGAfounders)

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Tournament Set-up

Par: 36-36--72

Yardage: 6,536 (unofficial)

Stimpmeter: 12

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 7,000 sq. ft.

Acres of Fairway: 24

Acres of Rough: 45

Number of Sand Bunkers: 65

Number of Water Hazards: 11

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 8

Soil Conditions: Sandy clay loam

Water Sources: Third River / Spring Brook

Turfgrass

Greens: Poa / bentgrass .105"

Tees: Poa / bentgrass .300'

Fairways: Poa / bentgrass .350'

Rough: Tell fescue / Kentucky blue 2.5"

Additional Notes

- Chico, the golf course dog is the GCSAA/LebanonTurf Dog Days of Golf Calendar feature for May. bit.ly/3HETiLn

- Michael Brunelle, a GCSAA Certified Golf Course Superintendent (CGCS) is celebrating a birthday Wednesday, May 10.

- Last week of April brought 5.25" of rain which hampered preparations, but mild winter has course about two weeks ahead of where it was last year at this time.

- Course has added 20 acres of native areas over the years.

- Course has hosted LPGA, PGA and Champions events in its history.

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