

Dow Great Lakes Bay Invitational (LPGA)

Midland Country Club • Midland, Mich. • July 19-22, 2023

Golf Course Superintendent

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Years as GCSAA Member: 33

Years at Midland: 6

Years as a Superintendent: 31

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

Hometown: East Dubuque, Ill.

Education: Michigan State University

Professional Tournaments Hosted: This is the 4th Dow
Great Lakes Bay hosted by Welp (no event in 2019).

Other Key Golf Personnel

Assistant Superintendents: Rod Dutton, Ian Moxey

Horticulturist: Shaena Reder

Equipment Manager: Matthew Schnettler

Project Manager: Raymond Davis

Crew Foremen: Randy Ferren, Kevin Behmlander

Number of Employees: 24 / Tournament Volunteers: 10

Golf Course Dogs: Jack (black lab), Ruby (red lab)

Course Architect

Architect (year): Gilbert A Currie (1928)

Renovation Architect (year): Larry Packard (1970), Jerry
Matthews (1990), Craig Schreiner (2018), George
Dillon (2021)

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*Tournament Fact Sheets for the PGA TOUR, LPGA, PGA
TOUR Champions, Korn Ferry and Epson Tours and
USGA and PGA of America championships can be found
at: <https://www.gcsaa.org/media/tournament-fact-sheets>*

Tournament Set-up

Par: 35-35—70

Yardage: 6,277 (unofficial)

Stimpmeter: 11.5

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 5,200 sq. ft.

Total Property Acres: 127

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"

Collars: *Poa annua* / bentgrass .400"

Tees: Bentgrass .400"

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

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

Additional Notes

- Since last year No. 13 tee was lengthened.

- Course had one of the driest Mays on record and then a wet late June/Early July.

- Facility is GEO certified for its sustainable practices.

- Dow's involvement with the tournament has brought a focus on sustainability and recycling to Midland Country Club and the Great Lakes Bay region.

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