Dow Great Lakes Bay Invitational (LPGA)
Midland Country Club • Midland, Mich. • July 19-22, 2023

Golf Course Superintendent
Kevin Welp, CGCS, GCSAA
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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)

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.

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