

Cognizant Founders Cup (LPGA)

Upper Montclair Country Club • Clifton, N.J. • May 9-12, 2024

Director of Grounds

Michael Brunelle, CGCS, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 26

Years at Upper Montclair: 15

Years as a Superintendent: 17

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

Hometown: Sparta, N.J.

Education: University of Massachusetts

Professional Tournaments Hosted: This is Brunelle's 4th
LPGA event

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Other Key Golf Personnel

Michael Ballew, Assistant Superintendent

Ryan Gallagher, Assistant Superintendent

Edgardo Pagan, Equipment Manager

Michael Holliday, PGA Professional

Number of Tournament Volunteers: 50

Golf Course dog Chico, who was the May 2023 feature in
the GCSAA/LebanonTurf Dog Days of Golf Calendar
relocated to Beacon Hill CC with former assistant super
Graham Kasprzyk, who is the new superintendent there.

Course Architect

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

Renovation Architect (year): Robert Trent Jones, Sr. 1957)

A. John Harvey (2010 and 2024)

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Superintendent - @UMCCgrounds

Tournament - @LPGAfounders

GCSAA - @GCSAA

*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: 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 / Springer Brook

Turfgrass

Greens: Poa / bentgrass .105"

Tees: Poa / bentgrass .300"

Fairways: Poa / bentgrass .350"

Rough: Tall fescue / Kentucky blue 2.5"

Additional Notes

- Off season has been wet and the water table is still extremely high. Drainage has been added to fairways as recently as three weeks ago.
- A bunker restoration is taking place [currently working on East (non-LPGA course) now, with all 27 holes to be completed by next spring].
- Brunelle is a CGCS (Certified Golf Course Superintendent) and the current president of the Metropolitan GCSA.
- Brunelle is celebrating a birthday Friday, May 10.
- Course has added 20 acres of native areas over the years.
- Course has hosted LPGA, PGA TOUR and PGA TOUR Champions events in its history.

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GCSAA Notes
(LPGA U.S. Courses Only)

2024 Notable For Courses Played
(thru JM Eagle LA Championship, April 28)

(does not include international courses)

(this week's course in red)

2024 Courses Played by Yardage

6,889 – The Club at Carlton Woods (Chevron)

6,765 – Shadow Creek (T-Mobile Match)

6,608 – Lake Nona (Hilton Grand Vacations)

6,557 – Bradenton CC (LPGA Drive On)

6,536 – Upper Montclair (Cognizant Founders)

6,534 – Seville G&CC (Ford Champ)

6,447 – JM Eagle LA Open (Wilshire)

6,258 – Palos Verdes (Fir Hills Seri Pak)

2024 Avg. Greens by sq. ft. Played

7,000 – Upper Montclair (Cognizant Founders)

6,800 – The Club at Carlton Woods (Chevron)

6,200 – Seville G&CC (Ford Champ)

5,900 – Lake Nona (Hilton Grand Vacations)

5,800 – Bradenton CC (LPGA Drive On)

5,500 – Shadow Creek (T-Mobile Match)

5,000 – JM Eagle LA Open (Wilshire)

3,952 – Palos Verdes (Fir Hills Seri Pak)

2024 Courses by Greens Turf Type Played

3 – Bermudagrass (Drive On, Ford Champ, Chevron)

2 – Poa (Hilton Grand Vacations, JM Eagle)

2 – Poa / bentgrass mix (Fir Hills Seri Pak, Cognizant Founders)

1 – Bentgrass (T-Mobile Match Play)

2024 Tournaments by State Played So Far

2 – Florida

2 – California

1 – Arizona

1 – Nevada

1 – Texas

1 – New Jersey

All 2024 Tournaments by State
(multiple events)

5 – Florida

3 – New Jersey

2 – California

2 – Michigan

2 – Ohio

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GCSAA Notes

(LPGA Tour – USA/Canada events only)

2023 Full Year

(this week's event in red)

2023 Longest Courses (6,600+)

6,824 – Club at Carlton Woods (Chevron Champ)
6,765 – Shadow Creek (Bank of Hope)
6,690 – Superstition Mountain (LPGA Drive On)
6,685 – Columbia Edgewater (Portland Classic)
6,685 – Shaughnessy (CPKC Open)
6,671 – Liberty National (Mizuho)
6,642 – Highland Meadows (Dana Open)
6,621 – Baltusrol (KPMG PGA Champ)
6,608 – Lake Nona (Hilton Grand Lake)

2023 Shortest Courses

6,197 – Seaview Golf Club (ShopRite)
6,277 – Midland (Dow Great Lakes)
6,349 – Pelican Golf Club (The Annika)
6,438 – Pinnacle (Walmart NW Arkansas)

2023 Largest Avg. Greens by sq. ft.

8,300 – Baltusrol (KPMG PGA Champ)
8,000 – Pelican (The Annika)
7,500 – Hoakalei (LOTTE)
7,000 – TPC Harding Park (Hanwha)
7,000 – Upper Montclair (Cognizant)

2023 Smallest Avg. Greens by sq. ft.

3,500 – Pebble Beach (U.S. Open)
3,952 – Palos Verdes (Seri Pak LA Open)
4,285 – Shaughnessy (CPKC Open)
4,500 – Blythefield (Meijer)
4,653 – Liberty National (Mizuho)

2023 Courses by Greens Turf Types

8 – Poa / bentgrass mix
6 – Poa
4 – Bentgrass
4 – Bermudagrass
1 – Paspalum

GCSAA Superintendent Notes

(LPGA Tour – USA/Canada events only)

Longest GCSAA Membership

37 – Gregory James, Liberty National (Mizuho)
33 – Kevin Welp, CGCS, Midland (Dow Great Lakes)
31 – Jim Myers, CGCS, Columbia Edgewater (Portland Classic)
30 – Scott Krout, Superstition Mountain (Drive On)
30 – Terry Kennelly, Pelican Golf Club (The Annika)

Note: Avg. GCSAA membership years for host superintendents is 20.6.

Most Professional Events Hosted (if known)

16 – Chase Turpin, Pinnacle (Walmart NW Arkansas)
10 – Collin Romanick, Blythefield (Meijer)

Superintendents by Alma Mater (if known)

6 – Penn State
4 – Michigan State
2 – UMass
2 – Ohio State