

## Mizuho America Open (LPGA)

Liberty National Golf Club • Jersey City, N.J. • May 16-19, 2024

### Golf Course Superintendent

#### Gregory James, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 38

Years at Liberty National: 19

Years as a Superintendent: 34

Previous Courses: Plainfield CC (superintendent)

Hometown: Philadelphia, Pa.

Education: Penn State University

Professional Tournaments Hosted: This will be James' 7<sup>th</sup> Tournament (3<sup>rd</sup> Mizuho, 2009, 2013 Barclays, 2017 President's Cup and 2019, 21 Northern Trust)

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### Other Key Golf Personnel

Tim Gallagher, First Assistant Superintendent

Oli Norfolk, Second Assistant Superintendent

Dionicio Garcia, Equipment Manager

Others: Dan Schleichert (dir. of golf), Bill Taylor (dir. of operations), Anthony King (PGA Professional)

Number of Employees: 25

Number of Tournament Volunteers: 50-plus

Golf Course Dogs: Teddy 13-year-old terrier and Libby 11-year-old labrador

### Course Architect

Architect (year): Bob Cupp and Tom Kite (2006)

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### Tournament Set-up

Par: 36-36—72

Yardage: 6,677 (unofficial)

### Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 4,653 sq. ft.

Acres of Fairway: 23

Acres of Rough: 70

Number of Sand Bunkers: 98

Number of Water Hazards: 13

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 12

Soil Conditions: Sand cap

Drainage Conditions: Good

### Turfgrass

Greens: A-4 bentgrass .125"

Collars: A-4 bentgrass .187"

Approaches: L-93 bentgrass .250"

Tees: L-93 bentgrass .250"

Fairways: L-93 bentgrass .375"

Rough: Low mow – Bluegrass 1.5"

Naturalized areas – Fine fescue 3+"

### Additional Notes

- Average fairway landing areas are 25-30 yards wide.
- Superintendent Gregory James has been a GCSAA member for 38 years, the longest of any superintendents hosting LPGA events this year.
- Half of agronomy staff has been employed since the course opened in 2006.
- James has three agronomy interns from Ohio State University who are from France, Morocco and South Africa.

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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)  
**6,677 (unofficial) – Liberty National (Mizhuo)**  
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)  
**4,653 – Liberty National (Mizhuo)**  
3,952 – Palos Verdes (Fir Hills Seri Pak)

### 2024 Courses by Greens Turf Type Played

3 – Bermudagrass (Drive On, Ford Champ, Chevron)  
**2 – Bentgrass (T-Mobile Match Play, Mizhuo)**  
2 – Poa (Hilton Grand Vacations, JM Eagle)  
2 – Poa / bentgrass mix (Fir Hills Seri Pak, Cognizant Founders)

### 2024 Tournaments by State Played So Far

2 – Florida  
2 – California  
1 – Arizona  
1 – Nevada  
1 – Texas  
**2 – 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

**38 – 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