

## Mizuho America Open (LPGA)

Liberty National Golf Club • Jersey City, N.J. • May 8-11, 2025

### Golf Course Superintendent

#### Gregory James, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 39

Years at Liberty National: 20

Years as Superintendent: 35

Previous Courses: Plainfield Country Club (superintendent)

Hometown: Philadelphia, Pa.

Education: Penn State University

Professional Tournaments Hosted: This is James' 8<sup>th</sup> tournament (3<sup>rd</sup> Mizuho, 2009, 13 Barclays, 2017 Presidents Cup and 2019, 21 Northern Trust)

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### Other Key Agronomy Personnel

Tim Gallagher, first assistant superintendent; Oli Norfolk, second assistant superintendent; Dionicio Garcia, equipment manager; Dan Schleichert, director of golf; Bill Taylor, director of operations; Anthony King, PGA professional

Agronomy Employees: 25 / Tournament Volunteers: 50+

Golf Course Dogs: Libby, 12-year-old labrador and Finnegan, 6-month-old wirehaired terrier mix

### Course Architect

Bob Cupp, ASGCA and Tom Kite (2006)

### Notable

- Since last year's event, approximately half of the 110 bunkers on the course have been upgraded to the Better Billy Bunker System.
- The bunker project will continue and will be complete in the winter 2025-26.
- The land was a Brown Field, which included an oil refinery, warehouses and former United States Armory Depot and Internment Camp during both World Wars.
- Superintendent Gregory James has been a GCSAA member for 39 years, the longest of any superintendent hosting an LPGA event this year.

### Tournament Setup

Par: 36-36--72

Yardage: 6,677 (unofficial)

### 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"+

### Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 4,653 sq. ft.

Acres of Fairway: 23

Acres of Rough: 70

Number of Sand Bunkers: 110

Number of Water Hazards: 13

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 12

Soil Conditions: Sand cap

Drainage: Good

Average Fairway Widths: 25-30 yards

### Links

GCSAA Tournament Fact Sheet Home:

<https://www.gcsaa.org/media/tournament-fact-sheets>

GCSAA Website: <https://www.gcsaa.org/>

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## 2025 GCSAA Course and Superintendent Notes For Courses Played (LPGA Only) (U.S. Courses Only, *but includes HSBC in Singapore*) (This Week's Course in Red)

### Tournaments by State

2 – Florida

1 – Arizona / Nevada / California / Texas / Utah / **New Jersey**

### Yardage (par)

6,911 (72) – The Club at Carlton Woods (Chevron)

6,775 (72) – *Sentosa (HSBC) in Singapore*

6,765 (72) – Shadow Creek (T-Mobile Match Play)

6,679 (72) – El Caballero (JM Eagle)

**6,677 (72) – Liberty National (Mizuho) (unofficial)**

6,661 (72) – Whirlwind (Ford)

6,642 (72) – Lake Nona (Hilton Grand TOC)

6,629 (72) – Black Desert Resort (Black Desert)

6,557 (71) – Bradenton CC (Founders Cup)

### Average Green Size

10,600 – *Sentosa (HSBC) in Singapore*

7,000 – Black Desert (Black Desert Championship)

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

6,300 – El Caballero (JM Eagle)

5,900 – Whirlwind (Ford)

5,900 – Lake Nona (Hilton Grand TOC)

5,800 – Bradenton CC (Founders Cup)

5,500 – Shadow Creek (T-Mobile Match Play)

**4,653 – Liberty National (Mizuho)**

### Number of Bunkers

**110 – Liberty National (Mizuho)**

86 – El Caballero (JM Eagle)

74 – Shadow Creek (T-Mobile Match Play)

62 – The Club at Carlton Woods (Chevron)

58 – Lake Nona (Hilton Grand TOC)

54 – *Sentosa (HSBC) in Singapore*

53 – Whirlwind (Ford)

53 – Bradenton CC (Founders Cup)

44 – Black Desert (Black Desert Championship)

### Green Turf Type

**4 – Bentgrass**

3 – Bermudagrass

1 – Poa Trivialis overseed

1 – Poa / bermudagrass

### Rough Turf Type

4 – Bermudagrass

**2 – Kentucky bluegrass**

1 – Zoysiagrass

1 – Poa trivialis overseed

1 – Ryegrass overseed

### Superintendents Tournaments Hosted (includes 2025)

12 – *Andrew Johnston – Sentosa (HSBC) in Singapore*

**8 – Gregory James – Liberty National (Mizuho)**

5 – Nick Dolimpio - Lake Nona (Hilton Grand TOC)

3 – Tim Huber – The Club at Carlton Woods (Chevron)

2 – Ken Yates – Black Desert (Black Desert Championship)

1 – Matt Bachmann – Whirlwind (Ford)

1 – Jamie McCrosky – Bradenton CC (Founders Cup)

1 – Scott Delpiere – Shadow Creek (T-Mobile Match Play)

1 – Zach Stephens – El Caballero (JM Eagle)

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# Tournament Fact Sheet

## **Superintendents GCSAA Membership Years**

- 39 – Gregory James – Liberty National (Mizuho)
- 25 – Jamie McCrosky – Bradenton CC (Founders Cup)
- 23 – Andrew Johnston – Sentosa (HSBC) in Singapore
- 20 – Tim Huber – The Club at Carlton Woods (Chevron)
- 19 – Zach Stephens – El Caballero (JM Eagle)
- 14 – Ken Yates – Black Desert (Black Desert Championship)
- 14 – Matt Bachman – Whirlwind (Ford)
- 10 – Scott Delpiere (Shadow Creek (T-Mobile Match Play)
- 9 – Nick Dolimpio - Lake Nona (Hilton Grand TOC)

## **Superintendents Alma Maters**

- 2 – Michigan State University
- 2 – Penn State University
- 1 – Delaware State University
- 1 – Rhode Island University
- 1 – University of Arizona
- 1 – University of Massachusetts
- 1 – Iowa State University

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