

U.S. Women's Open (USGA)

Erin Hills Golf Course • Erin, Wis. • May 29-June 1, 2025

Director of Course Maintenance

Zach Reineking, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 22

Years at Erin Hills: 19 (entire full-time career; started during course's construction; celebrates 20th work anniversary in June)

Years as Superintendent: 16

Previous Courses: Whistling Straits (intern)

Hometown: Sheboygan Falls, Wis.

Education: University of Wisconsin - Madison

Previous Tournaments Hosted: U.S. Men's Amateur (2011), U.S. Open (2017) and U.S. Men's Mid-Amateur (2022)

Did You Know? Reineking was an Evans Scholar and started working on golf courses as a caddie at age 13

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Other Key Agronomy Personnel

Assistant Superintendents: John Jacques, Bryan Fenney, Adam Wagner, Ryan Erdmann

Equipment Managers: Jeff Borowski, Alan Knoblauch

PGA Professional: Jim Lombardo

Agronomy Employees: 35 / Tournament Volunteers: 75

Golf Course Dog: Bob, 5-year-old Bernedoodle

Course Architects

Dana Fry (ASGCA), Mike Hurdzan (ASGCA) and Ron Whitten (2006)

Renovation: Dana Fry and Jason Straka (2015-present with small projects every couple of years).

Notable

- Course saw driest January on record with record-low snow totals (less than 6" for the winter). Course suffered from desiccation even with green covers and full-course top dressing program. Unseasonably cold spring has led to challenges.
- The rough has been narrowed with more un-mowed fine fescue grown out.
- Recent renovations include tee expansions (2018-22) and bunker restoration (2023-24).
- Fairways for the 2017 U.S. Open were fine fescue.
- Very minimal shaping was performed in building the course as the architects used the existing natural contours left by glaciers.

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- The tournament is being held two weeks earlier on the calendar than the 2017 U.S. Open and Reineking says "we see the most change to our property in the month of May."
- The 20-year-old course is hosting its 5th USGA event this week and has already been awarded five future USGA tournaments.
- The course is a low input facility with limited irrigation with over 150 acres of un-mowed fine fescue.
- Course is Audubon certified.
- Assistant John Jacques has been here for 10 years, while assistant Bryan Fenney worked at course in high school and came back 15 years later in 2019 as an assistant.
- Maintenance tournament volunteer group includes 31 women from around the country.

Tournament Setup

Par: 36-36--72

Yardage: 6,829

Turfgrass

Greens: A4 bentgrass .090"

Approaches: 007 bentgrass / flagstick bentgrass .250"

Tees: 007 bentgrass / flagstick bentgrass .275"

Fairways: 007 bentgrass / flagstick bentgrass .300"

Rough: Fine fescue 3.5"

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 6,500 sq. ft.

Total Property Acres: 620

Acres of Fairway: 40

Acres of Rough: 10

Acres of un-mowed Rough: 150+

Number of Sand Bunkers: 132 (2.5 acres)

Number of Water Hazards: 0

Soil Conditions: Clay loam

Water Sources: Well

Drainage: Moderate

High Elevation: 1,012 ft. (top of No. 12 fairway)

Low Elevation: 952 ft. (left of No. 3 fairway)

Average Fairway Widths: 25-30 yards

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Links

GCSAA Tournament Fact Sheet Home:

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

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

GCM (GCSAA Magazine): <https://gcmonline.com/>

Course X: @ErinHillsGolf

Tournament X: @uswomensopen

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Link to GCM Story on Reineking: <https://tinyurl.com/44r74mvx>

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 – Ariz. / Nev. / Calif. / Texas / Utah / New Jersey / **Wisconsin**

Yardage (par)

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

6,829 (72) – Erin Hills (US Women's Open)

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

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

6,690 (72) – Liberty National (Mizuho)

6,679 (72) – El Caballero (JM Eagle)

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)

6,500 – Erin Hills (US Women's Open)

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

132 – Erin Hills (US Women's Open)

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

5 - 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

1 – Fine fescue

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Tournament Fact Sheet

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)
- 4 – Zach Reineking – Erin Hills (US Women's Open)
- 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)

Superintendents GCSAA Membership Years

- 39 – Gregory James – Liberty National (Mizuho)
- 25 – Jamie McCrosky – Bradenton CC (Founders Cup)
- 23 – Andrew Johnston – Sentosa (HSBC) in Singapore
- 22 – Zach Reineking – Erin Hills (US Women's Open)
- 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
- 1 – University of Wisconsin

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