

Mizuho Americas Open (LPGA)

Mountain Ridge Country Club • West Caldwell, N.J. • May 7-10, 2026

Golf Course Superintendent

Patrick Dowling, GCSAA

Years at Mountain Ridge: 6

Years as Superintendent: 2

Previous Courses: Somerset Hills Country Club (AIT)

Hometown: Mount Olive, New Jersey

Education: West Virginia University

Other Key Agronomy Personnel

Assistant Superintendents: Adan Rosko, Tanner Gilly, Connor Spalt; Equipment Manager Gary Droz; PGA professional Len Seiter; Spray Tech Isreal Gomez; Irrigation Tech Rudy Zelaya
Agronomy Employees: 22 / Tournament Volunteers: 25
Golf Course Dog: Lily, 5-year-old border collie

Course Architect

Donald Ross (1912), Ron Prichard (previous), Andrew Green (current)

Notable

- The last time the LPGA played at MRCC the 9's were flipped. This year they are playing the course following its normal routing.
- Possible wet spring conditions could add challenges to getting the course prepared as well as tournament infrastructure put into place.
- Wildlife on course: Deer, raptors, falcons, skunks, ducks, various bird types, gophers, foxes, coyotes.
- The course will be undergoing a restoration with Andrew Green in the fall of 2027.

Tournament Setup

Par: 36-36--72

Yardage: 6,735

Turfgrass

Greens: Poa Annua .115"

Collars: Bentgrass/Poa .300"

Approaches: Bentgrass/Poa .300"

Tees: Bentgrass/Poa .300"

Fairways: Bentgrass/Poa/Rye .375"

Rough: Rye/Tall Fescue/Blue Grasses 3"

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 7,900 sq. ft.

Total Property acres: 165

Acres of Fairway: 32

Acres of Rough: 75

Number of Sand Bunkers: 86

Acres of sand bunkers: 2.15 acres

Number of Water Hazards: 5

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 6

Greens: modified push up; Tees: USGA mix; Fairways: native soil

Water sources: Well water

Drainage: All holes have some form of drainage

High elevation: 265' Club House Lawn

Low elevation: 167' Holes 3 and 12

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