

## BMW Championship (PGA TOUR)

Wilmington Country Club (South) • Wilmington, Del. • August 18-21, 2022

### Director of Golf Courses & Grounds

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Years as GCSAA Member: 24

Years at Wilmington: 4

Years as a Superintendent: 20

Previous Courses: Bidermann CC (super), The Suburban Club (super), Wilmington CC (South Course super)

Hometown: Wilmington, Del.

Education: Moravian College and University of Maryland

Professional Tournaments Hosted: This is the first professional tournament hosted by Urbanski.

### Other Key Golf Personnel

#### Tom McFeeley, South Course Superintendent

Brett Snyder, North Course Superintendent

Assistant Superintendents: Braden Thomas, Nick Leggin, Gavin Kopczynskie

Number of Employees: 60

Number of Tournament Volunteers: 60

### Course Architect

Architect (year): Robert Trent Jones, Sr. (1959)

Renovation Architect (year): Andrew Green (2021)

### Twitter

Superintendent - @jonurbo

Tournament - @BMWchamps

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: 35-36--71

Yardage: 7,534

Stimpmeter: 12.5

### Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 8,100 sq. ft.

Acres of Fairway: 25

Acres of Rough: 52

Number of Sand Bunkers: 91

Number of Water Hazards: 4

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 4

Soil Conditions: Clay loam

Water Sources: Impoundment, wells

Drainage Conditions: Good

### Turfgrass

Greens: Tye bentgrass .100"

Tees: 007 / Shark bentgrass .375"

Fairways: 007 bentgrass .390"

Rough: Tall fescue / bluegrass 4"

### Additional Notes

- Last year's renovation included all bunkers, adding of 8 bunkers, building 7 championship tees, changing intermediate rough to tall fescue.

- An August 2020 tornado downed a 250-year-old white oak, which allowed moving the 14<sup>th</sup> green back 60 yards. In 5 minutes, 300 trees were felled in the tornado.

- Urbanski was South Course superintendent from 1999-2002.

*more on next page including tournament routing*

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- Cold spring did not allow fine turf surfaces to break dormancy until late May/early June.
- Maintenance staff maintains the original orchard consisting of apples, pears, peaches and walnuts (approximately 100 trees) to the north of the property.
- Wilmington Country Club is an Audubon Certified Cooperative Sanctuary.
- Environmental steps include the installation of 44 bluebird, 5 purple martin and 3 bat boxes. The club recaptures stormwater from buildings to replenish the main irrigation reservoir. Maintenance staff uses GPS sprayers to reduce pesticide usage.
- Wildlife on the course include fox, deer, raccoon, rabbits, squirrels, turtles, eagles, hawks, ospreys and other birds.

- Routing will intertwine the front and back nine:

Tournament Hole – South Course Hole

1 – 10  
 2 – 13  
 3 – 14  
 4 – 15  
 5 – 5  
 6 – 6  
 7 – 7  
 8 – 8  
 9 – 9  
 10 – 1  
 11 – 2  
 12 – 3  
 13 – 4  
 14 – 16  
 15 – 17  
 16 – 11  
 17 – 12  
 18 – 18

- Additional maintenance staff not listed on first page:

Drew Massett, Irrigation Technician  
 Kenneth Lacek, Spray Technician  
 Jack Brown, Intern  
 Scott Verchick, Equipment Manager  
 Nick. Buoni, Assistant Equipment Manager  
 Magdalena Ayon, Horticulturist  
 Jon Auer, Arborist  
 Rick Greback, Racquets Superintendent  
 Michael Shank, PGA Professional

- This is the first PGA TOUR event in the first state. The South Course has been rated number one in the state by *Golf Digest*.