

Truist Championship (PGA TOUR)

Philadelphia Cricket Club (Wissahickon) • Flourtown, Pa. • May 8-11, 2025

Director of Grounds and Facilities / COO

Dan Meersman, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 25

Years at Philadelphia Cricket Club: 17

Years as Superintendent: 22

Previous Courses: Copper Hill CC (director), Victoria National GC (director)

Hometown: Schoolcraft, Mich.

Education: Michigan State University

Tournaments Hosted: Meersman has hosted U.S. Amateur Four-Ball, Big Ten Men's Championship, Senior Players

Championship, PGA of America Professional National

Championship, AJGA Rolex, U.S. Senior Amateur Championship

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Other Key Agronomy Personnel

Robb Moulds, grounds maintenance manager; Will Reece, Wissahickon super; Cal Livesay, Militia Hill super; Scott Hosier, St. Martins Super; Dan Walck, St. Martins Super.

Wissahickon assistant superintendents: Ben Rita, CJ Freitas, Phil Herring

Militia Hill assistant superintendents: Luke Kringler, Patrick Crenny, Ed Ramos

Others: Nate Rix, landscape superintendent; Shawn Bergey, equipment manager; Jim Smith Jr., PGA professional; Patricia Tobon, office administrator; Carrie Patel, project manager

Agronomy Employees: 72 / Tournament Volunteers: 30

Golf Course Dog:

Course Architect

A.W Tillinghast (1922)

Restoration: Keith Foster (2013)

- This was A.W. Tillinghast's home course and his ashes were spread in the Wissahickon Creek.
- In 2013 the course underwent a restoration to bring back the original design, but with a setup for current distances.
- Golf.com recognized the course with its 2014 Best Restoration of the Year award.

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Tournament Setup

Par: 35-35--70

Yardage: 7,119

Turfgrass

Greens: A1/A4 bentgrass .100

Collars: None

Approaches: 007 bentgrass .250"

Tees: 007 bentgrass .275"

Fairways: 007 bentgrass .350"

Rough: Turf type tall fescue 3"

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 5,779 sq. ft.

Total Property Acres: 140

Acres of Fairway: 25.8

Acres of Rough: 50

Number of Sand Bunkers: 118 (2.38 acres)

Number of Water Hazards: 1

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 6

Soil Conditions: Fair, native clay

Water Sources: Pond on Militia Hill No. 3 which is fed by neighboring quarry pumping out ground water

Drainage: Good

Average Fairway Widths: 32 yards

Notable

- First hole will be the course's No. 8 and then proceed in order with No. 9-7 as tournament's No. 2-18.
- PCC features a new practice facility with new short game area and golf performance center.
- PCC's three courses were built in three different centuries.
- The three practice putting greens are different turf types.
- More than 30 autonomous mowers are used on the course.
- Thirteen members of the maintenance staff have turf degrees.
- Meersman is a third-generation golf course superintendent.

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Tournament Fact Sheet

- Current Augusta National senior director of agronomy Brent Seyer was an intern for Meersman at Victoria National.
- Meersman has had 35 of his former employees become superintendents.

Links

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2025 GCSAA Course and Superintendent Notes For Courses Played to Date (PGA TOUR Only) (Primary Courses Only) (U.S. Courses Only) (This Week's Courses in Red)

Tournaments by State

4 – Florida / California

3 - Texas

2 – Hawaii / **South Carolina**

1 – Arizona / Georgia / Louisiana / **Philadelphia**

Yardage (par)

7,765 (72) – Torrey Pines South (Farmers Insurance)

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7,596 (73) – Kapalua Resort (The Sentry)

7,561 (71) – TPC Craig Ranch (CJ CUP Byron Nelson)

7,555 (72) – Augusta National (Masters)

7,475 (70) – Memorial Park (Texas Children’s Hospital)

7,466 (72) – Bay Hill Club (Cognizant)

7,438 (72) – TPC San Antonio (Valero Texas Open)

7,425 (72) – TPC Louisiana (Zurich)

7,352 (71) – Innisbrook Resort (Valspar)

7,352 (72) – TPC Sawgrass (THE PLAYERS)

7,347 (71) – The Dunes (Myrtle Beach Classic)

7,261 (71) – TPC Scottsdale (WM Phoenix Open)

7,213 (71) – Harbour Town (RBC)

7,210 (72) – PGA West Pete Dye Stadium (American Express)

7,119 (70) – Philadelphia Cricket Club (Truist)

7,167 (71) – PGA National (Cognizant)

7,044 (70) – Waialae (Sony Open)

6,972 (72) – Pebble Beach Golf Links (AT&T Pro Am)

Average Green Size (top five)

Largest

8,722 – Kapalua Resort (The Sentry)

7,500 – Bay Hill Club (Cognizant)

7,100 – Waialae (Sony Open)

7,069 – TPC Scottsdale (WM Phoenix Open)

7,000 – PGA National (Cognizant)

7,000 – PGA West Pete Dye Stadium (American Express)

7,000 – Memorial Park (Texas Children’s Hospital)

Smallest

3,500 – Pebble Beach Golf Links (AT&T Pro Am)

3,700 – Harbour Town (RBC)

5,000 – Torrey Pines South (Farmers Insurance)

5,000 – Torrey Pines South (Genesis)

5,225 – TPC Louisiana (Zurich)

Number of Bunkers (top five)

Most

118 – Philadelphia Cricket Club (Truist)

116 – Pebble Beach Golf Links (AT&T Pro Am)

106 – TPC Louisiana (Zurich)

93 – Kapalua Resort (The Sentry)

92 – TPC Sawgrass (THE PLAYERS)

Fewest

21 – Memorial Park (Texas Children’s Hospital)

44 – Augusta National (Masters)

51 – Harbour Town (RBC)

64 – TPC San Antonio (Valero Texas Open)

65 – PGA National (Cognizant)

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Green Turf Type

- 9 – Poa or Poa overseed
- 6 – Bermudagrass (The Dunes – Myrtle Beach)
- 3 – Bentgrass (Philadelphia Cricket Club – Truist)
- 1 – Poa / bentgrass / ryegrass overseed

Rough Turf Type

- 12 – Ryegrass (The Dunes – Myrtle Beach)
- 3 – Bermudagrass
- 2 – Perennial ryegrass / fescue
- 1 – Ryegrass / Poa annua mix
- 1 – Tall fescue (Philadelphia Cricket Club – Truist)

Superintendents Tournaments Hosted (includes 2025)

- 30 – Jeff Plotts, TPC Sawgrass (10th THE PLAYERS)
- 28 – Jonathan Wright, Harbour Town (RBC)
- 24 – Dave Nakama, CGCS, Waialae (Sony Open)
- 17 – Ryan Stewart, Innisbrook (Valspar)
- 17 – Chris Flynn, CGCS, Bay Hill Club (Arnold Palmer)

Superintendents GCSAA Membership Years

- 39 – Brian Sullivan, CGCS, MG, PGA West (AE)
- 37 – Roby Robertson, CGCS, TPC San Antonio (Valero Texas)
- 34 – Ken Einwig, PGA National (Cognizant)
- 31 – Stephen Gross, CGCS, TPC Craig Ranch (THE CJ CUP)
- 31 – Jeff Plotts, TPC Sawgrass (THE PLAYERS)
- 29 – Jonathan Wright, Harbour Town (RBC)
- 29 – Steve Hamilton, The Dunes (Myrtle Beach)

Superintendents Alma Maters

- 2 – Penn State, Michigan State (Dan Meersman, Philadelphia Cricket Club)
- 1 – Arizona, Hawaii, Texas Tech, Lake City, SUNY-Cobleskill, Georgia, N.C. State, Kansas State, Purdue, Kentucky, Mississippi State, Ohio State, Virginia Tech (Steve Hamilton, The Dunes)

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