



Tournament Fact Sheet

Ryder Cup (PGA of America)

Bethpage Black • Farmingdale, N.Y. • September 26-28, 2025

Director of Agronomy

Andrew Wilson, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 26

Years at Bethpage: 36 (includes summers after high school). He was hired as an assistant on Black Course in 1997 and named as director of agronomy in 2010.

Years as a Superintendent: 25

Previous Courses: Wilson has only worked at Bethpage.

Hometown: Farmingdale, N.Y. (grew up three miles from the park and rode sleighs on the driving range when he was 4).

Education: Fairfield (English degree), Rutgers (turf mgmt.)

Professional Tournaments Hosted: Wilson previously hosted two FedEx Cup events, The Barclays (2012, 16) as well as the 2019 PGA Championship.

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Other Key Agronomy Personnel

Michael Hadley, GCSAA, Black Course superintendent

Years as GCSAA Member: 27

Ryan Murphy, Black Course senior assistant superintendent;

Vincent Herzog, construction superintendent

Agronomy Employees: 75 (all 5 courses) / Tournament

Volunteers: 75

Notable

- A tee has been added on No. 1, a fairway bunker was moved on No. 13, and several fairway widths have been expanded.
- Bethpage is the first municipal golf course to host the Ryder Cup in the United States.
- Bethpage Black hosted the 2002 and 2009 U.S. Opens, 2012 and 2016 The Barclays and the 2019 PGA Championship.
- Bethpage State Park is a 1,475-acre park with five 18-hole golf courses, polo field (used for polo, soccer and cross country), picnic area, bike paths and multiple pollinator gardens.
- There are pollinator gardens throughout the park, including one close to park neighbor, Northside Elementary School, that is used for field trips.

Course Architect

A.W. Tillinghast (1936)

Renovation: Rees Jones, ASGCA (1997)

Tournament Setup

Par: 35-35—70

Yardage: 7,352 (6,724 meters)

Turfgrass

Greens: Poa / bentgrass

Collars: Ryegrass / Poa

Approaches: Ryegrass / Poa

Tees: Ryegrass / Poa

Fairways: Ryegrass / Poa

Rough: Ryegrass / Kentucky bluegrass / Poa

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 6,000 sq. ft.

Total Property Acres: 1,475

Acres of Fairway: 30

Acres of Rough: 30

Number of Sand Bunkers: 76 (8 acres)

Number of Water Hazards: 1

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 1 (No. 8)

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