



Tournament Fact Sheet

U.S. Junior Amateur (USGA)

Saucon Valley Country Club • Bethlehem, Pa. • July 20-25, 2026

Director of Golf Courses and Grounds

Jim Roney, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 31

Years at Old Chatham: 21

Years as a Superintendent: 27

Previous Courses: Sand Ridge Golf Club Golf Course (superintendent), Merion Golf Club (assistant superintendent)
Hometown: Bethlehem, Pa.

Alma mater: Delaware Valley University

Professional Tournaments Hosted: This is the 4th event for Roney including the 2009 US Women's Open, 2014 US Mid-Amateur Championship, 2022 US Senior Open Championship.

Other Key Agronomy Personnel

Devon Moll, Weyhill Course Superintendent; Alex Hague, Grace Course Superintendent; Colin Ciccotti, Old Course Superintendent

Equipment manager: Dave Stofanak, Conway Guynn, John Clark, Justin Schmick; PGA professional: Mike Wood

Agronomy Employees: 135 / Tournament Volunteers: 45

Course Architect

Old Course: Herbert Strong 1920, Perry Maxwell 1938, Tom Marzolf 2008; Grace Course: Andrew Green 2014

Notable

- Saucon Valley will be the first facility to host a USGA Championship on 3 golf courses.
- Naturalized areas have been expanded by 60 acres from highly manicured rough areas.
- All 60 holes will undergo a complete irrigation replacement in August 2026 as will the expansion of the practice facility and the six-hole short course
- Saucon Valley is the largest private Audubon International Cooperative Sanctuary

Tournament Setup

Par: 71

Yardage: 7,129

Turfgrass

Greens: Bentgrass on Old and Poa Annua on Grace .095"

Collars: Bentgrass on Old and Poa Annua on Grace .225"

Approaches: Bentgrass/Poa .225"

Tees: Bentgrass/Poa .225"

Fairways: Bentgrass/Poa .375"

Rough: Kentucky Bluegrass 4"

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: N/A

Total Property Acres: 850

Acres of Fairway: 85

Acres of Rough: 350

Number of Sand Bunkers: 229

Number of Water Hazards: Saucon Creek and Laurel Run creeks run through the entire property touching 35 holes

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 35

Soil Conditions: Silty Loam

Water sources: Saucon Creek

Drainage conditions: heavy soils

High point elevation and location: 425 feet

Low point elevation and location: 351 feet

Average Fairway Widths in landing areas: 22-25 yards

Wildlife on course: Fox, Turkey, Bear, Coyote, Mink, Fisher cat, Trout, Bald Eagle, Pheasant, Quail, Ruffed Grouse, Woodcock

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