

## Dominion Energy Charity Classic (PGA TOUR Champions)

The Country Club of Virginia (James River Course)

Richmond, Va. • Oct. 18-20, 2024

### Director of Golf and Grounds Maintenance

#### Christian D. Sain, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 34

Years at The CC of Virginia: 19

Years as a Superintendent: 29

Previous Courses: Kingsmill Resort (director)

Hometown: Hendersonville, N.C.

Education: North Carolina State University

Professional Tournaments Hosted: This is Sain's 9<sup>th</sup> Champions event at The CC of Virginia after 5 PGA and 3 LPGA events at Kingsmill Resort.

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### Other Key Golf Personnel

#### Adam Kerr, James River Course Superintendent

Ryan Thompson, Senior Assistant Superintendent

Brad Vandygriff, Assistant Superintendent

John Rulli, Equipment Manager

Golf Course Dog: Luna, 9-year-old border collie

### Course Architect

Architect (year): William Flynn (1928)

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Tournament - @DECCGolf

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### Tournament Set-up

Par: 36-36--72

Yardage: 7,025

### Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 6,000 sq. ft.

Acres of Fairway: 27

Acres of Rough: 70

Number of Sand Bunkers: 61

Number of Water Hazards: 4

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 4

Soil Conditions: Clay

Water Sources: James River

Drainage Conditions: Excellent

### Turfgrass

Greens: 777 bentgrass .105"

Tees: Tifsport bermuda / Zeon zoysia .475"

Fairways: Tifsport bermudagrass .500"

Rough: Vamont bermudagrass 2.5"

### Additional Notes

- All the bunkers were renovated this year under the direction of Andrew Green and went from 55 to 61 total bunkers. A new drainage system was installed, and new sand was added.
- Due to cooler weather the bermudagrass areas of the course have stopped growing.
- A rain event will take longer for the course to dry out due to the shorter days and lower sun angle.
- Christian Sain was a 2022 GCSAA Grassroots Ambassador Leadership Award winner for his efforts working with congress on behalf of the golf industry.

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