



Tournament Fact Sheet

Jefferson Lehigh Valley Classic (PGA TOUR Champions) Lehigh Country Club • Allentown, Pa. • October 2-4, 2026

Director of Grounds

John A Chassard, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 44

Years at Lehigh: 43

Years as a Superintendent: 40

Previous Courses: Saucon Valley Country Club, 2 years, internship

Hometown: Bethlehem, PA

Education: Penn State

Professional Tournaments Hosted: This will be Chassard's first professional tournament. Previously Lehigh has hosted only state and local events.

Awards: Received the Dr. George Hamilton Distinguished Service award from the PA Turfgrass Council

Other Key Agronomy Personnel

Golf Course Superintendent: Jim Lanza

Assistant Superintendents: Dan Barone, Gavin Durkin

Equipment Manager: Jared Buzinski

PGA Professional: Joshua Tremblay

Agronomy Employees: 30 / Tournament Volunteers: 35

Golf Course Dog: Sia – German Shepherd – 4, Sno – Bernese – 3.5, Ace – Portuguese water dog – 8, Milo – 2

Course Architect

William Flynn (1926)

Renovation: Ron Forse – has worked with the club for 35 years

Notable

- The course is an old land made up of three different farms when the club bought it.
- The Little Lehigh River comes into play on five holes.
- The course is designed to play firm and fast. Ideally the weather is dry to help control the water.
- Lehigh Valley is an area comprising the cities of Allentown and Bethlehem. It's the former home of the Bethlehem Steel Company.
- Lehigh has been Audubon certified for many years.

Tournament Setup

Par: 70

Yardage: 6,800

Turfgrass

Greens: Poa (.10")

Collars: Bent/Poa (.25)

Approaches: Bent/Poa (.25")

Tees: Bent (.25")

Fairways: Bent (.30")

Rough: Blue, Rye, Tall Fescue (5")

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 5,500 sq. ft.

Total Property Acres: 210

Acres of Fairway: 30

Acres of Rough: 60

Number of Sand Bunkers: 61 on the playing 18

Acres of Sand Bunkers: 200,000 sq. ft.

Number of Water Hazards: Lehigh River

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 5

Soil Conditions: Clay loam

Water Sources: Wells

Drainage: Great surface drainage. XDG in half the greens

High Elevation: 551 – 9 green

Low Elevation: 446 feet – 11 green

Average Fairway Widths: 38 yards

Wildlife: 2 resident Eagles, hawks, fox, deer, coyote

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