

U.S. Women's Open (USGA)

Lancaster Country Club • Lancaster, Pa. • May 30-June 2, 2024

Director of Golf Course Operations

Josh Saunders

Years as GCSAA Member: 20

Years at Lancaster: 5

Years as a Superintendent: 11

Previous Courses: Westchester (intern), Augusta Nat'l (intern), Kinloch (asst), Longue Vue (super)

Hometown: Ridgeway, Va.

Education: Virginia Tech University

Tournaments Hosted: Saunders has been part of the 2011 U.S. Senior Am (Kinloch), Penn. Sr. Am, West Penn Open (Longue Vue), 2020 Phil. Am, 2022 Penn Wom. Am.

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Other Key Golf Personnel

Matt Wolfe, Superintendent

Assistants: Nathan Schell (sr. asst), Zachary Smith, Cameron Foreman, Eli Thompson

Amanda Kambic, Office Manager

Tammy Scheurich, Horticulturist

Rick Gibson, PGA Professional

Number of Employees: 35

Number of Tournament Volunteers: 95

Course Architect

Architect (year): William Flynn (1920)

Renovation Architect (year): Jim Nagle (2011, 22)

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Course - @

Tournament - @

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Tournament Set-up

Par: 35-35--70

Yardage: 6,583

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 6,100 sq. ft.

Total Property Acres: 427

Acres of Fairway: 24

Acres of Rough: 60

Number of Sand Bunkers: 72

Number of Water Hazards: 3

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 6

Soil Conditions: Clay, USGA greens

Water Sources: Conestoga River

Drainage Conditions: Excellent

Turfgrass

Greens: A1/A4 bentgrass

Approaches: PennTrio bentgrass .250"

Tees: PennTrio bentgrass .375"

Fairways: PennTrio bentgrass .400"

Rough: Tall fescue/bluegrass/poa

Additional Notes

- 2011 renovation included rebuilding greens and converting grass to A1/A4 bentgrass.
- 2022 renovation included 9 new bunkers, including 5 from the original Flynn design. All fairway bunkers were shifted or expanded due to technology. New back tees were installed. Extensive tree work opened views and improved air flow.
- There are 11 uphill second shots.
- Play has been on mats since October 2023 in preparation of this event.
- Wet March (10" of rain) and April (5"), but warmer late spring has helped bentgrass wake up.
- Course had 5 floods since December '23.
- Buffer strips to all waterways have been added on the property.
- Matt Wolfe has been with Josh Saunders since 2011, while Nathan Schell and Eli Thompson started at LCC as high schoolers. (more on next pages)

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GCSAA Notes (LPGA U.S. Courses Only)

2024 Notable For Courses Played (thru Mizhuo Americas, May 19)

(does not include international courses)

(this week's course in red)

2024 Courses Played by Yardage

6,889 – The Club at Carlton Woods (Chevron)
6,765 – Shadow Creek (T-Mobile Match)
6,677 – Liberty National (Mizhuo)
6,608 – Lake Nona (Hilton Grand Vacations)
6,583 – Lancaster CC (US Women's Open)
6,557 – Bradenton CC (LPGA Drive On)
6,536 – Upper Montclair (Cognizant Founders)
6,534 – Seville G&CC (Ford Champ)
6,447 – JM Eagle LA Open (Wilshire)
6,258 – Palos Verdes (Fir Hills Seri Pak)

2024 Avg. Greens by sq. ft. Played

7,000 – Upper Montclair (Cognizant Founders)
6,800 – The Club at Carlton Woods (Chevron)
6,200 – Seville G&CC (Ford Champ)
6,100 – Lancaster CC (US Women's Open)
5,900 – Lake Nona (Hilton Grand Vacations)
5,800 – Bradenton CC (LPGA Drive On)
5,500 – Shadow Creek (T-Mobile Match)
5,000 – JM Eagle LA Open (Wilshire)
4,653 – Liberty National (Mizhuo)
3,952 – Palos Verdes (Fir Hills Seri Pak)

2024 Courses by Greens Turf Type Played

3 – Bermudagrass (Drive On, Ford Champ, Chevron)
3 – Bentgrass (T-Mobile Match Play, Mizhuo, USWO)
2 – Poa (Hilton Grand Vacations, JM Eagle)
2 – Poa / bentgrass mix (Fir Hills Seri Pak, Cognizant Founders)

2024 Tournaments by State Played So Far

2 – Florida
2 – California
2 – New Jersey
1 – Arizona
1 – Nevada
1 – Texas
1 – Pennsylvania

All 2024 Tournaments by State (multiple events only)

5 – Florida
3 – New Jersey
2 – California
2 – Michigan
2 – Ohio

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GCSAA Notes

(LPGA Tour – USA/Canada events only)

2023 Full Year

(this week's event in red, with this week's course included)

2023 Longest Courses (6,600+)

6,824 – Club at Carlton Woods (Chevron Champ)
6,765 – Shadow Creek (Bank of Hope)
6,690 – Superstition Mountain (LPGA Drive On)
6,685 – Columbia Edgewater (Portland Classic)
6,685 – Shaughnessy (CPKC Open)
6,671 – Liberty National (Mizuho)
6,642 – Highland Meadows (Dana Open)
6,621 – Baltusrol (KPMG PGA Champ)
6,608 – Lake Nona (Hilton Grand Lake)

2023 Shortest Courses

6,197 – Seaview Golf Club (ShopRite)
6,277 – Midland (Dow Great Lakes)
6,349 – Pelican Golf Club (The Annika)
6,438 – Pinnacle (Walmart NW Arkansas)

2023 Largest Avg. Greens by sq. ft.

8,300 – Baltusrol (KPMG PGA Champ)
8,000 – Pelican (The Annika)
7,500 – Hoakalei (LOTTE)
7,000 – TPC Harding Park (Hanwha)
7,000 – Upper Montclair (Cognizant)

2023 Smallest Avg. Greens by sq. ft.

3,500 – Pebble Beach (U.S. Open)
3,952 – Palos Verdes (Seri Pak LA Open)
4,285 – Shaughnessy (CPKC Open)
4,500 – Blythefield (Meijer)
4,653 – Liberty National (Mizuho)

2023 Courses by Greens Turf Types

8 – Poa / bentgrass mix
6 – Poa
4 – Bentgrass
4 – Bermudagrass
1 – Paspalum

GCSAA Superintendent Notes

(LPGA Tour – USA/Canada events only)

Longest GCSAA Membership

38 – Gregory James, Liberty National (Mizuho)
33 – Kevin Welp, CGCS, Midland (Dow Great Lakes)
31 – Jim Myers, CGCS, Columbia Edgewater (Portland Classic)
30 – Scott Krout, Superstition Mountain (Drive On)
30 – Terry Kennelly, Pelican Golf Club (The Annika)
Note: Avg. GCSAA membership years for host superintendents is 20.6.

Most Professional Events Hosted (if known)

16 – Chase Turpin, Pinnacle (Walmart NW Arkansas)
10 – Collin Romanick, Blythefield (Meijer)

Superintendents by Alma Mater (if known)

6 – Penn State
4 – Michigan State
2 – UMass
2 – Ohio State