

## Meijer LPGA Classic (LPGA)

Blythefield Country Club • Belmont, Mich. • June 13-16, 2024

### Golf Course Superintendent

#### Collin Romanick, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 26

Years at Blythefield: 15

Years as a Superintendent: 20

Hometown: Rockford, Mich.

Education: Penn State University

Professional Tournaments Hosted: Romanick has hosted this event since 2014.

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### Other Key Golf Personnel

Jake Slaydon, Assistant Superintendent

Stan Bulmer, Equipment Manager

Juan Martinez, PGA Professional

Number of Employees: 22

Number of Tournament Volunteers: 40

### Course Architect

Architect (year): William Langford/Theodore Moreau ('29)

Renovation Architect (year): Chris Wilczynski (2020)

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### Tournament Set-up

Par: 36-36--72

Yardage: 6,556 (unofficial)

### Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 4,500 sq. ft.

Total Property Acres: 180

Acres of Fairway: 28

Acres of Rough: 60

Number of Sand Bunkers: 64

Number of Water Hazards: 2

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 1 (#14)

Soil Conditions: Sandy loam

Water Sources: Rogue River

Drainage Conditions: Mostly excellent

### Turfgrass

Greens: Poa annua / bentgrass .105"

Collars: Poa annua / bentgrass .375"

Approaches: Poa annua / bentgrass .375"

Tees: Bentgrass .375"

Fairways: Poa annua / bentgrass .375"

Rough: Kentucky bluegrass 4"

### Additional Notes

- No. 3 tee has been moved to the right 25 yards to allow for a new range tee.
- The 2020 renovation included restoring greens shapes and sizes to the original design, reshaping and aligning fairways, rebuilding all tees, rebuilding and redesigning all bunkers, adding internal drainage on all greens and expanding the practice green from 4,500 to 12,000 sq. ft.
- Formal opening of the course in 1929 featured the foursome of Walter Hagen, Horton Smith, local golfer Mroey Wells and the club's 1<sup>st</sup> professional, Nick Webber.

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## **GCSAA Notes (LPGA U.S. Courses Only)**

### **2024 Notable For Courses Played (thru ShopRite, June 9)**

*(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)  
**6,556 – Blythefield (Meijer)**  
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)  
6,197 – Seaview (ShopRite)

### **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)  
6,000 – Seaview (ShopRite)  
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)  
**4,500 – Blythefield (Meijer)**  
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)  
**4 – Poa / bentgrass mix** (Fir Hills Seri Pak, Cognizant Founders, ShopRite, **Meijer**)  
2 – Poa (Hilton Grand Vacations, JM Eagle)

### **2024 Tournaments by State Played So Far**

3 – New Jersey (Cognizant, Mizuho, ShopRite)  
2 – Florida  
2 – California  
1 – Arizona  
1 – Nevada  
1 – Texas  
1 – Pennsylvania  
**1 - Michigan**

### **All 2024 Tournaments by State (multiple events only)**

5 – Florida  
3 – New Jersey  
2 – California  
**2 – Michigan (Meijer, Dow Champ.)**  
2 - Ohio

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## GCSAA Notes

(LPGA Tour – USA/Canada events only)

### 2023 Full Year

*(this week's event in red)*

#### 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)

17 – Chase Turpin, Pinnacle (Walmart NW Arkansas)  
**11th – Collin Romanick, Blythefield (Meijer)**

### Superintendents by Alma Mater (if known)

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