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GCSAA Tournament Fact Sheet

PGA of America
PGA Championship
August 5 - 11, 2013

Oak Hill Country Club (East Course)
Rochester, N.Y.

Golf Course Management Information

GCSAA Class A Manager Golf Courses and Grounds:

Jeffrey Corcoran

Availability to media:

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Education:

A.A.S., Turfgrass Management, State University of New York Cobleskill, Cobleskill, N.Y., 1993; B.S., Turfgrass Science, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pa., 1995

Years as a GCSAA member: 16

GCSAA affiliated chapter:

Finger Lakes Association of Golf Course Superintendents

Years at this course: 10

Number of maintenance employees: 65

Number of tournament volunteers: 60

Previous positions:

2001-2003, Golf Course Superintendent, The Weston Golf Club, Weston, Mass.

Previous tournament preparation:

2008 Senior PGA Championship, Oak Hill Country Club, Rochester, N.Y.

Previous tournaments hosted by facility:

1949, 1998 U.S. Amateur; 1956, 1968, 1989 U.S. Open; 1980, 2003 PGA Championship; 1984 U.S. Senior Open; 1995 Ryder Cup; 2008 Senior PGA Championship

Course statistics

Average tee size: 1,500 sq. ft.

Average green size: 4,500 sq. ft.

Soil condition: Sandy-silt loam

Green construction soil mix: Push-up greens

Rounds per year: 20,000

Acres of fairway: 27

Source of water:

Creek, sourced from Erie Canal

Acres of rough: 70

Drainage conditions: Good

Sand bunkers: 84

Water hazards: 2

Course ratings

	Yardage	Par	Rating	Slope
Black	7145	70	76.7	147
Blue	6902	70	75.4	142
White	6519	71	73.3	71

Course characteristics

	Primary Grasses	Height of Cut
Tees	Bentgrass; <i>Poa annua</i>	n/a
Fairways	Bentgrass; <i>Poa annua</i>	n/a
Greens	Bentgrass; <i>Poa annua</i>	n/a
Rough	Kentucky bluegrass; fescue	n/a

Wildlife on the course

Blue heron; Canada goose; Coyote; Deer; Fish; Fox; Groundhog; Hawk; Mole; Muskrat; Rabbit; Raccoon; Red fox; Snakes; Squirrel; Turkey; Turtle; Woodpecker; Several different species of birds

Interesting and historical course-related facts

Oak Hill Country Club was formally incorporated in 1901 in Rochester, N.Y. The leased land was mostly barren, there were only nine golf holes laid out, and the clubhouse was a converted farmhouse lit by kerosene lamps.

Over the next 20 years, the members - whose original financial commitment to the club consisted of a \$25 initiation fee and yearly dues of \$20 - watched as Oak Hill grew to become one of the centerpieces of Rochester.

In 1905, the members decided to buy the property at a cost of \$34,000; in 1910 another nine holes were constructed; and in 1911 a new clubhouse was built.

With its membership growing, golf gaining popularity and the course beginning to take on some character through careful landscaping and nurturing, Oak Hill was a club its members were proud of.

Thus, in 1921, when the University of Rochester first proposed a land swap whereby the university would build its new "River" campus on the banks of the Genesee where Oak Hill was situated, with the club being relocated to a 355-acre plot of farm land in the town of Pittsford, the members were understandably skeptical.

The university, originally located on Prince Street, was growing in stature and it needed an expansion, especially after talk that Kodak's George Eastman, the school's most generous and influential patron, was interested in funding the building of a music school and a medical center.

As for Oak Hill, moving to Pittsford presented an opportunity to start anew, and the club could do so with the university chipping in \$360,000 as part of the deal. With its acreage more than quadrupled, there was room for two 18-hole courses that would be designed by world-renowned architect Donald Ross.

The members continued to play on the old course while the Pittsford site was being prepared, and they officially moved to their new home in 1926. It was then that Dr. John R. Williams surveyed the new playground and

concluded that Ross' wonderful designs would be enhanced by trees.

The majority of the Pittsford land was barren, much the way the original riverside Oak Hill site was in 1901. The soil had been beaten badly by more than 100 years of farming, and there were very few trees, giving the two courses a cheerless look to them. So Dr. Williams, already a leading research physician who had pioneered the use of insulin to treat diabetes, took up botany and horticulture as a hobby aimed at transforming Oak Hill.

Course architect/date:

Donald Ross, 1926

Most recent redesign/renovation:

Tom Fazio, 2011

Redesign builder:

McDonald & Sons, 2011

Other key course personnel

Fred Doheny, GCSAA Class C Assistant Superintendent (East/West Course)

Phil Cuffare, GCSAA Class A Golf Course Superintendent (East Course)

Chuck Zaranec, GCSAA Class C Assistant Superintendent (West Course)

Martin Clarke, Equipment Manager

Ron Pluta, Club President

Dan Farrell, Club Manager

J.R. McCarthy, Green Committee Chairman

Scott Wheeler, Horticulturist

Craig Harmon, PGA Professional

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