

Tournament Fact Sheet



Oregon Amateur
June 21-26, 2010
Willamette Valley Country Club
Canby, Ore.



Willamette Valley Country Club Golf Course Superintendent Information

GCSAA Golf Course Superintendent: Larry Raschko

Education: Bachelor of Science, Business, Boise State University
Bachelor of Science, Horticulture, Oregon State University

Years as a GCSAA member: 19

GCSAA affiliated chapter: Oregon Golf Course Superintendents Association

Years at this course: 10

Previous positions: Running Y Ranch: Superintendent, Eagle Crest Resort: Assistant Superintendent, Riverside Country Club: Second Assistant

Previous tournament preparation: NW Open (1998), Oregon Junior Amateur (2005), Oregon Seniors (2009)

Availability to media: Contact Larry Raschko by phone at 503-572-1578

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Course statistics

	Yards	Par	Rating	Slope
Black (M)	7,175	72	73.8	131
White (W)	6,040	72	75.1	130

Course characteristics

	Primary Grasses	Height of Cut
Tees	Poa Annua	.500"
Fairways	Poa Annua	.550"
Greens	Poa Annua	.110" - .170"
Rough	Poa Annua	2" - 2.5"

Average tee size: 3000 sq. ft.
Average green size: 9119 sq. ft.
Rounds per year: 40,000
Acres of fairway: 30
Acres of rough: 90
Sand bunkers: 57
Water hazards: 5

Tournament stimpmeter: 10.5' – 11.5'
Soil conditions: Sandy Loam/Clay
Green construction soil mix: 11 Push-up/7 Sand Base
Source of water: Willamette River
Drainage : Very Good

Wildlife on the Course: Deer, Rabbits, Various Raptors, Various Water Fowl, Fox, Coyotes, Raccoons, Squirrel, Skunk.

Other key course personnel: Adam Vidourek, Assistant Superintendent; Bill Gibbs, Mechanic; Forrest Barnett, Second Assistant; Tyler Milsap, Spray Tech./Irrigation Tech.

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Golf Course Management Facts

Average tour green size (sq. ft.): The average green size on the professional tours is approximately 6,000 square feet, ranging from 3,500 sq. ft. at Pebble Beach Golf Links, Pebble Beach, Calif. to 9,000 sq. ft. at The Rail Golf Club, Springfield, Ill.

Land use percentage by 18-hole golf facility: An average of 150-200 acres of total land; teeing areas 2%, putting greens 2%, fairways 23%, rough/woods/water 70%, buildings and grounds 3%

Stimpmeter: A Stimpmeter is a ramp that allows for consistent and fair measurement of green speed on a particular course. The distance the ball rolls, in feet, is the speed or "stimp" reading for the green. The instrument was invented by Mr. Edward S. Stimpson in 1936 and later implemented for use by the USGA in 1978.

USGA green vs. push-up green: Early golf courses were built from a mixture of soil, organic matter and sand from the construction site. Often soil was pushed up and the greens were slightly rounded to promote the runoff of water. While many courses still feature greens like this, others have greens built to "USGA specifications." This method uses sand as the principal component of the root zone mix to provide adequate drainage, resistance to compaction and a perched water table with a reservoir of moisture for the turf. A cross section would show stratified layers of soil, sand, gravel and organic matter over a network of pipes to facilitate drainage.