

## U.S. Women's Open (USGA)

Pine Needles Lodge and Golf Club • Southern Pines, N.C. • June 2-5, 2022

### Director Golf Course and Grounds

#### David Fruchte, CGCS, GCSAA

(CGCS=Certified Golf Course Superintendent)

Email: David.fruchte@rossresorts.com

Years as GCSAA Member: 37

Years at Pine Needles: 31

Years as a Superintendent: 31

Previous Courses: The Honors Course (assistant),  
Farmington Country Club (assistant)

Hometown: Decatur, Ind.

Education: Purdue University

Professional Tournaments Hosted: This is Fruchte's 4<sup>th</sup>  
U.S. Women's Open (1996, 2001, 2007). He also hosted  
the U.S. Senior Women's Open (2019) recently.

### Other Key Golf Personnel

#### Chris Mintmier, Pine Needles Superintendent

Tom Stier, Assistant Superintendent

Raymond Smith, Equipment Manager

Juan Santos, Landscape Manager

Number of Employees: 17

Number of Tournament Volunteers: 70 (31 women)

### Course Architect

Architect (year): Donald Ross (1928)

Restoration Architect (year): Kyle Franz (2018)

### Twitter

Course - @PineNeedlesGolf

Tournament - @uswomensopen

GCSAA - @GCSAA

*Tournament Fact Sheets for the PGA, LPGA, Champions, Korn Ferry and Epsom Tours and USGA and PGA of America championships can be found all year at:*  
<https://www.gcsaa.org/media/tournament-fact-sheets>

### Tournament Set-up

Par: 35-36--71

Yardage: 6,638

### Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 6,200 sq. ft.

Acres of Fairway: 55

Acres of Rough: 2

Number of Sand Bunkers: 68

Number of Water Hazards: 3

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 3

Soil Conditions: Sandy loam

Water Sources: Ponds

Drainage Conditions: Excellent

### Turfgrass

Greens: Mini Verde bermudagrass .100"

Tees: Bermudagrass .375"

Fairways: Bermudagrass .425"

Rough: Bermudagrass 2"

### Additional Notes

- 31 women from the industry will be part of the 70 volunteers joining the 17 staff members to prepare the golf course during the tournament.
- Regular golf course maintenance staff of 17 is smallest it has been in 10-15 years.
- 2018 restoration included restoring greens, changing greens from bentgrass to Mini Verde bermudagrass, adding sandscapes to replace 11 acres of rough, adding and reshaping bunkers, and widening fairways and removing trees.
- Golf Course Management Magazine story: <https://bit.ly/gcm-us-womens-open-pine-needles>

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