# Tournament Fact Sheet

## U.S. Amateur (USGA)

The Ridgewood Country Club • Paramus, N.J. • August 15-21, 2022

### Golf Course Superintendent

**Todd Raisch, CGCS, GCSAA**
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Years as GCSAA Member: 29
Years at Ridgewood: 27

### Senior Assistant Superintendent

**Rocco Weir, GCSAA**
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Years as GCSAA Member: 6
Years at Ridgewood: 6

### Course Architect

Architect (year): A.W. Tillinghast (1929)
Renovation Architect (year): Gil Hanse (2000, 11, 15)
Renovation in 2015 included bunkers, greens and fairway expansions.

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*More detailed information on The Ridgewood Country Club provided by Todd Raisch is in this packet. Course information for stroke-play co-host Arcola Country Club is also in this packet.*

### Tournament Set-up

Par: 35-36--71
Yardage: 7,487

### Course Statistics

Acres of Greens: 2.3
Acres of Fairway: 25.8
Number of Sand Bunkers: 81
Soil Conditions: Sandy loam

### Turfgrass

Greens: *Poa annua* / creeping bentgrass
Tees: *Poa annua* / creeping bentgrass / perennial ryegrass
Fairways: *Poa annua* / creeping bentgrass / perennial ryegrass
Rough: Kentucky bluegrass / perennial ryegrass / fine and tall fescue

### Additional Notes

• Routing for the tournament is a composite of the facilities' three nines. Tournament holes in order include 1-7 of East Course, 2-6 of Center Course, and 4-9 of West Course.

• Course hosted the 1974 U.S. Amateur (won by Jerry Pate).

• Course has hosted a number of events, including the 1935 Ryder Cup, 2001 Senior PGA Championship and the PGA TOUR's Barclays in 2008 and 2010.

• The Ridgewood Country Club is a certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary.

• Superintendent Todd Raisch is a Certified Golf Course Superintendent (CGCS).

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**THE RIDGEWOOD COUNTRY CLUB**

| Course: | Hole | Par | Yardage | Name | Hole | Par | Yardage | Name |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1 | 4 | 375 Yards | Adam | 10 | 4 | 501 Yards | Briars |
| | 2 | 3 | 187 | Water | 11 | 3 | 255 | Brook |
| | 3 | 5 | 585 | Gorilla | 12 | 4 | 283 | Scoonie |
| | 4 | 4 | 495 | Bog | 13 | 5 | 622 | Muckle |
| | 5 | 4 | 468 | Knuckle | 14 | 4 | 408 | Nob |
| | 6 | 3 | 226 | Cobra | 15 | 3 | 145 | Beeches |
| | 7 | 4 | 478 | Stockton's Lair | 16 | 4 | 428 | Sneak |
| | 8 | 4 | 471 | Topsy | 17 | 5 | 591 | Tipperary |
| | 9 | 4 | 503 | Glade | 18 | 4 | 466 | Gabriel's Horn |
| | | 35 | 3,788 | | | 36 | 3,699 | |

Total 7,487 Yards

For comparison, the 1974 U.S Amateur was played on East/West at 6,835 yards.

Routing of the Championship Course is 1-7 (1-7 East), 8-12 (2-6 Center), 13-18 (4-9 West)

**Architect:**

A.W. Tillinghast, 1929. Tillinghast was a member at RCC and lived in nearby Harrington Park, NJ.

Current property is the 4th site for the Club. Tillinghast was given 3 properties to choose from when the Club decided to move from Ridgewood to Paramus. The other two sites ended up as golf courses as well.

The hole names above were coined by Tillinghast.

Current consulting architect is Gil Hanse. Began with Club in 1995, first building the short game area next to 18. Completed master plans for the club in 2000 and 2011. Major restoration of the course in 2015, redoing bunkers, green & fairway expansions. Gil is an honorary member of RCC.

**Course Statistics:**

| | |
|---|---|
| Total Acres: 257 | # of Bunkers: 81 |
| Green Acres: 2.3 | Ave. Green Size: 5,566 sq. ft. |
| Fairway Acres: 25.8 | Soil Conditions: Sandy Loam |
| Bunkers Acres: 3.15 | Penalty Areas: 2 (1 &17, neither really in play though) |

Average Fwy Widths at 300 & 320 Yards:

| Hole | 300 | 320 | Hole | 300 | 320 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 29 | 25 | 10 | 34 | 29 |
| 2 | X | X | 11 | X | X |
| 3 | 30 | 20 | 12 | Runs out at 244 yards | |
| 4 | 28 | 25 | 13 | 34 | 30 |
| 5 | 30 | 35 | 14 | 31 | 37 |
| 6 | X | X | 15 | X | X |
| 7 | 34 | 33 | 16 | 25 | 23 |
| 8 | 27 | 28 | 17 | 33 | 27 |
| 9 | 22 | 20 | 18 | 31 | 31 |
| Averages: Front: | 28.6 | 26.6 | Back: | 31.1 | 29.4 |

Overall: 29.85 & 27.92

**Turfgrass:**

Greens: Poa annua 95%, Creeping Bentgrass 5%
Tees: Poa annua, Creeping Bentgrass, Perennial Ryegrass
Fairways: Poa annua, Creeping Bentgrass, Perennial Ryegrass
Roughs: Kentucky Bluegrass, Perennial Ryegrass, Fine & Tall Fescue

**Course Notes:**

Typically: Driest/Firmest Green: #8
Wettest/Softest Green: #4
Prevailing Wind Comes Up #13 from the West

Largest Greens: #14 (8,569 sq. ft.) #9 (7,377) #7 (6,949)
Smallest Greens: #12 (2,474 sq. ft.) #10 (3,327) #15 (3,894)

Elevation Changes: Biggest in One Hole– 11 back tee to green, 72'
Highest Point on Course: #9 tee
Lowest Point on Course: #5 tee
74' Elevation Change Between the Two

In 1996, the course was the 2nd course in NJ certified as an Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary.

Trees: Predominantly oak, some tulips, maples, ash. Approximately 6,000 trees have been removed since 2000. In 2013, a tornado was responsible for approximately 500 trees coming down between 13 green and 18 green.

**Hole Notes:**

#1 – Only hole in the 300's in terms of yardage.
#2 – The back left bunker used to be a small pond as originally designed, hence the name "Water" The spring to feed the pond is still active and has been re-directed into the bunker drainage.
#3 – Fairway runs out on the right at 320 yards into the mounds, 346 on the left. The grass covered mounds at 3 and 13 were Tillinghast's version of his "great hazard" based on Hell's Half Acre (the 7th at Pine Valley), a feature that he replicated on many of his courses, usually with sand…4th Bethpage Black, 17th Baltusrol Lower, 14th Baltimore CC (East), 9th Somerset Hills.
#4 – Usually the wettest fairway at RCC, NJ Freshwater Wetland Map has the line going right down the middle of the fairway.
#10 – Call by members "cemetery hole" due to the cemetery next to it. At 2PM on Sunday, George Washington Memorial Park will ring its bells, including Amazing Grace, echoing through the course.
#12 – Called "5 and dime" or "nickel, dime" by the members due to how former assistant golf professional, Byron Nelson would play the hole, with a five iron, then a wedge. The original design for this hole by Tillinghast had the green further up the hill next to where the bathroom sits today. Member leadership wanted it placed lower on the hill. The members won. The disagreement persisted for several months, long after the other greens were seeded. After agreeing on the final location, to be able to open the green with the others, sod had to be taken from the previous course's greens in Ridgewood.
#13 – While the longest hole at RCC, it also normally plays directly into the prevailing wind. Is Gil Hanse's favorite hole at RCC.
#14 – Lee Trevino once described this green as a "pretzel."
#16 – The last USGA event at RCC, the 2016 Girls' Jr. ended on this hole with Eun Jeong Seong beating Andrea Lee 4&2.
#17 – The giant tulip tree protecting the right side of the hole on the right has fought off a lightning strike. Jerry Pate defeated John Grace in the 1974 Amateur on this hole, winning 2&1.

**Personnel:**

Todd Raisch – Golf Course Superintendent, 27 years at RCC
Rocco Weir – Senior Assistant Superintendent. 6 years at RCC

# Tournament Fact Sheet

## U.S. Amateur (USGA) *Co-hosting stroke play competition August 15-16*

Arcola Country Club • Paramus, N.J. • August 15-21, 2022

### Director of Grounds

**Paul Dotti, GCSAA**

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Years as GCSAA Member: 30
Years at Arcola: 13
Years as a Superintendent: 26
Previous Courses: Edgewood CC (super)
Hometown: Northvale, N.J.
Education: Rutgers and William Paterson University

### Other Key Golf Personnel

Steve Gauli, Assistant Superintendent
Andrew Stilwell, Assistant Superintendent
Andrikson De La Rosa, Equipment Manager
Starling Gomez, Equipment Manager
Grant Sturgeon, PGA Professional
Number of Employees: 25
Number of Tournament Volunteers: 15

### Course Architect

Architect (year): Herbert Barker (1909)
Renovation Architect (year): Roger Rulewich (2000)

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### Tournament Set-up

Par: 35-35--70
Yardage: 7,256

### Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 6,000 sq. ft.
Acres of Fairway: 30
Acres of Rough: 40
Number of Sand Bunkers: 110
Number of Water Hazards: 4
Number of Holes Water is in Play: 7
Soil Conditions: Sandy loam
Water Sources: Ponds and wells
Drainage Conditions: Average

### Turfgrass

Greens: Poa annua .100”
Tees: Bentgrass / Poa annua .300”
Fairways: Bentgrass / Poa annua .300”
Rough: Mix 4”

### Additional Notes

• Since 2012 the course has done in-house renovations, including bunkers, tees, tree removal and practice facilities.

• Course has turned 40 acres of rough into native fescue areas to reduce inputs in those areas.

• Wildlife on the course includes fox, coyotes and hawks.

• There are four golf courses within a square mile of each other, including U.S. Amateur host Ridgewood Country Club.

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