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Tournament Fact Sheet

Champions Tour
The ACE Group Classic
Feb. 13 - 15, 2015

The TwinEagles Club
(Talon Course)
Naples, Fla.

Golf Course Management Information

**GCSAA Class A
Director of Golf Course
Maintenance:**



Bruce Bach Jr.

Availability to media:

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Education:

B.A., Political Science, University of
Richmond, Richmond, Va., 1991; A.S.,
Golf Course Operations, Florida
Gateway College, Lake City, Fla., 1999

Age: 46

Native hometown:

Fairfax, Va.

Years as a GCSAA member: 15

GCSAA affiliated chapter:

Everglades Golf Course
Superintendents Association

Years at this course: 3

Number of employees: 50

Previous positions:

2003-2011, Golf Course
Superintendent, Estero Country Club,
Estero, Fla.; 2002-2003, Assistant
Superintendent, Estero Country Club,
Estero, Fla.

Previous tournament preparation:

2012-2014 ACE Group Classic, The
TwinEagles Club, Naples, Fla.; 2012
LPGA CME Group Titleholders, The
TwinEagles Club, Naples, Fla.

Previous tournaments hosted by facility:

2002-2005, 2012-2014 The ACE Group
Classic; 2012 CME Group Titleholders

Get to know the superintendent:

Bruce has two children, Clair and Kate,
and is married to the General Manager
at TwinEagles, Andrea Bach. The family
loves to visit Disney World whenever
they can.

How Bruce got involved in golf course management:

"Fell in love with the game of golf while
serving in the U.S. Coast Guard and
went back to school after the service to
learn turfgrass management."

Course/event scoring record:

196, shot by Kenny Perry over three
days

Course statistics

Average tee size: 2,000 sq. ft.

Tournament Stimpmeter: 12 ft.

Average green size: 8,000 sq. ft.

Soil conditions on the course:

Sand and limestone

Green construction soil mix:

USGA (sand 90%, peat 10%)

Rounds per year: 25,000

Acres of fairway: 35

Source of water: Lake, well

Acres of rough: 40

Drainage conditions: Good

Sand bunkers: 74

Water hazards: 12

Championship ratings

Tee	Yardage	Par	Rating	Slope
Nicklaus	7193	72	74.9	142

Course characteristics

	Primary Grasses	Height of Cut
Tees	Bermudagrass	0.400"
Fairways	Bermudagrass	0.400"
Greens	Bermudagrass	0.130"
Rough	Kentucky bluegrass	2"

Environmental management/features

The TwinEagles Club includes many lakes, wooded areas and wetlands.

Water conservation, management and/or controls:

The club is limited by a South Florida Water Management District water use permit.

Abnormal weather conditions/occurrences in the last 12 months that affected the course:

September was extremely wet and cloudy, which set TwinEagles back, but excellent weather in December and early January have helped make up the difference.

Unusual wildlife on the course

Black bear; White tail deer; Wild turkey; Bald eagles; Alligators; Red tail hawks

Predominate species of trees on course:

Live Oak, Splash Pine, Pond Cypress

Comments overheard about the course:

"Many people say the Talon Course is the best course in Naples."

Significant changes recently made to course:

In 2013, the fairways, tees and green surrounds were regrassed with Celebration bermudagrass.

Course architect/date:

Jack Nicklaus and Jack Nicklaus Jr.,
1998

Other key course management personnel

Dave Carvalho, GCSAA Member Assistant
Superintendent

Joel Smith, Assistant Superintendent

David Ross, Equipment Manager

Andrea Bach, General Manager

Scott Newhouse, PGA Professional

The Ronto Group, Club Owner

Golf Course Superintendents Association of America

GCSAA is a leading golf organization and has as its focus golf course management. Since 1926, GCSAA has been the top professional association for the men and women who manage golf courses in the United States and worldwide. From its headquarters in Lawrence, Kan., the association provides education, information and representation to nearly 18,000 members in more than 72 countries. GCSAA's mission is to serve its members, advance their profession and enhance the enjoyment, growth and vitality of the game of golf. Find GCSAA on [Facebook](#), follow GCSAA on [Twitter](#), and visit GCSAA at www.gcsaa.org. The Environmental Institute for Golf is the philanthropic organization of the GCSAA, and has as its mission to foster sustainability through research, awareness, education, programs and scholarships for the benefit of golf course management professionals, golf facilities and the game. Visit www.eifg.org.

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Media story ideas to consider

- Water: Golf's biggest challenge
- The benefits of a golf course to the community and the environment
- What's new in turfgrass research
- Superintendents doing more with less
- Get to know an interesting superintendent
- Who's in charge? A visit with the CEO