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## Tournament Fact Sheet

LPGA Tour  
Yokohama Tire LPGA Classic  
Aug. 27 - 30, 2015

Robert Trent Jones Golf Course  
at Capitol Hill (The Senator Course)  
Prattville, Ala.

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## Golf Course Management Information

### GCSAA Class A Director of Golf Maintenance:

Robert A. Wingo

### Availability to media:

Contact Robert Wingo by phone 334-285-9055; cell phone 251-583-5896; or email

[rwingo@rtjgolf.com](mailto:rwingo@rtjgolf.com)

### Education:

B.S., Agronomy with specialization in turfgrass management, Mississippi State University, Starkville, Miss., 1995

Age: 45

### Native hometown:

Anniston, Ala.

Years as a GCSAA member: 25

### GCSAA affiliated chapter:

Gulf Coast Golf Course Superintendents Association

Years at this course: 12

Number of employees: 40

Number of tournament volunteers: 10

### Previous positions:

1999-2003, Golf Course Superintendent, Rock Creek Golf Club, Fairhope, Ala.

### Previous tournament preparation:

2002-2005 Nationwide Tour Championship, Capitol Hill Golf Course, Prattville, Ala.; 2007-2012 Navistar LPGA Classic, Capitol Hill Golf Course, Prattville, Ala.

### Previous tournaments hosted by facility:

2001-2002 Buy.com Tour Championship; 2003-2005 Nationwide Tour Championship; 2007-2012 Navistar LPGA Classic

### Get to know the superintendent:

"Love my family, dogs and to golf, hunt and fish."

### How Robert got involved in golf course management:

"I grew up around golf and always wanted to be in this industry in some capacity. As a youngster, I always dreamed of being a professional golfer or even a local pro, but the lure of the outdoors and working outside was much more appealing. I have been fortunate to choose a career path that is absolutely perfect for me!"

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## Course statistics

Average tee size: 200 sq. ft.

Tournament Stimpmeter: 11 ft.

Average green size: 9,000 sq. ft.

Soil conditions on the course: Heavy clay

Green construction soil mix:

USGA (sand 80%, other 20%)

Rounds per year: 29,000

Acres of fairway: 20

Source of water: River

Acres of rough: 90

Drainage conditions: Good

Sand bunkers: 140

Water hazards: 1

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## Championship ratings

Tee	Yardage	Par	Rating	Slope
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## Course characteristics

	Primary Grasses	Height of Cut
<b>Tees</b>	Bermudagrass	0.5"
<b>Fairways</b>	Bermudagrass	0.5"
<b>Greens</b>	Bermudagrass	0.105"
<b>Rough</b>	Bermudagrass	2.5"

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### Predominate species of trees on course:

Oak

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### Interesting notes about the course:

The Senator is a Scottish links-style course.

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### Course architect/date:

Robert Trent Jones Sr., 1998

### Original course builder/date:

The Golf Group, 1998

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## Other key course management personnel

Brian Stanford, GCSAA Member Golf Course Superintendent

Dave Bonarski, Assistant Superintendent (Senator Course)

Doug Cowling, Assistant Superintendent (Judge Course)

Rick Jones, Assistant Superintendent (Legislator Course)

James Martin, Equipment Manager

Culley Gillem, PGA Professional

Mike Beverly, Director of Golf

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## 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](http://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](http://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