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## Tournament Fact Sheet

LPGA Tour  
Coates Golf Championship  
presented by R+L Carriers  
Jan. 26 - 31, 2015

Golden Ocala Golf & Equestrian Club  
Ocala, Fla.

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## Golf Course Management Information

### GCSAA Member Golf Course

#### Superintendent:

Jack C. Creveling

#### Availability to media:

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#### Education:

B.S., Golf & Sport Turf Management,  
University of Florida, Gainesville, Fla.,  
2009

Age: 34

#### Native hometown:

Gainesville, Fla.

Years as a GCSAA member: 7

#### GCSAA affiliated chapter:

Florida Golf Course Superintendents  
Association

Years at this course: 2

Number of employees: 28

Number of tournament volunteers: 15

#### Previous positions:

2009-2013, Assistant Superintendent,  
TPC Sawgrass (PLAYERS Stadium  
Course), Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.;  
2005-2009, Crew Foreman & Crew  
Member, TPC Sawgrass (PLAYERS  
Stadium Course), Ponte Vedra Beach,  
Fla.

#### Previous tournament preparation:

2006-2013 THE PLAYERS  
Championship, TPC Sawgrass

(PLAYERS Stadium Course), Ponte  
Vedra Beach, Fla.; 2010-2012 Winn  
Dixie Jacksonville Open, TPC Sawgrass  
(Dye's Valley Course), Ponte Vedra  
Beach, Fla.

#### Previous tournaments hosted by facility:

2011 NCAA Men's Regional  
Tournament

#### Get to know the superintendent:

Jack is an accomplished golfer with a  
handicap of 1.5.

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

"Started to coach high school golf in  
college and lead to the path of learning  
and becoming passionate for the  
behind-the-scenes aspect of golf and  
the elements involved with course  
management."

#### Course/event scoring record:

62 - Jace Long, 2011 NCAA Men's  
Regional Tournament

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## Course statistics

Average tee size: 5,000 sq. ft.

Tournament Stimpmeter: 12 ft.

Average green size: 7,000 sq. ft.

Soil conditions on the course: Clay loam

Green construction soil mix:

USGA (sand 80%, peat 20%)

Rounds per year: 15,000

Acres of fairway: 25

Source of water: Well, effluent water

Acres of rough: 80

Drainage conditions: Good

Sand bunkers: 71

Water hazards: 8

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## Championship ratings

	Yardage	Par	Rating	Slope
Blue	6707	72	M 72.8	M 136

## Course characteristics

	Primary Grasses	Height of Cut
<b>Tees</b>	Bermudagrass; ryegrass	0.375"
<b>Fairways</b>	Bermudagrass; ryegrass	0.425"
<b>Greens</b>	Tif-Eagle bermudagrass	0.125"
<b>Rough</b>	Bermudagrass	1.75"

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## Environmental management/features

Golden Ocala Golf & Equestrian Club sprays predominant fertilizer in small amounts and all organic waste is recycled on the property.

### Water conservation, management and/or controls:

Golden Ocala uses effluent water when available and uses extensive hand watering for greens. The computer controlled irrigation system has been developed to be more refined and more need-specific to significantly reduce nightly watering. The nozzles on the sprinklers throughout the golf course are used to reduce flow rates and save water.

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

Over the last 12 months, Golden Ocala has endured three extreme rain events in excess of four inches, causing significant washout in bunkers and pine straw beds, as well as erosion of lake banks.

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## Unusual wildlife on the course

Coyotes; Wild turkeys

### Predominate species of trees on course:

Pine and oak

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## Interesting notes about the course:

Golden Ocala opened in 1986 as public course with eight tribute holes recreating some of the games' most iconic locations, including Augusta National and St. Andrews.

### Comments overheard about the course:

Members of Golden Ocala like to say the 10 non-tribute holes are as good, if not better, than the tribute holes.

### Significant changes recently made to the course:

The course went through a full bunker renovation in the fall of 2014, with G-angle sand added. During summer 2014, the course expanded 11 greens to recapture green area that was lost, as well as slope modification on six greens to allow for hole locations near the water during tournament events.

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### Course architect/date:

Ron Garl, 1986

### Most recent redesign or renovation/date:

Ron Garl, 2001

### Renovation builder/date:

Barbaron, 2001

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## Other key course management personnel

John Rustek, GCSAA Member Assistant  
Superintendent

J.C. Callahan, Assistant Superintendent

Eric Beitia, Foreman

Greg Gower, Spray Technician

John Gaunett, Equipment Manager

Joe Donnelly, Club Manager

R.L.R. Investments, Mr. Larry Roberts, Club  
Owner

Mike Cooney, PGA, PGA Professional

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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