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Tournament Fact Sheet

The Masters Tournament
April 9 - 12, 2015

Augusta National Golf Club
Augusta, Ga.

Golf Course Management Information

GCSAA Class A Golf Course Superintendent:
Brad Owen

Availability to media:
Contact Steve Ethun, Director of Communications

Education:
Turfgrass Management, Pennsylvania State University, State College, Pa., 1987

Age: 50

Years as a GCSAA member: 29

GCSAA affiliated chapter:
Georgia Golf Course Superintendents Association

Years at this course: 28

Previous tournaments hosted by facility:
1934-1942, 1946-2014 The Masters Tournament

Get to know the superintendent:
Brad Owen is a board member of the Georgia Golf and Environmental Foundation

Course statistics

Average tee size: 1,500 sq. ft.

Average green size: 6,486 sq. ft.

Soil conditions on the course: Sand based
Greens and tees and clay fairways

Green construction soil mix:
USGA (sand 90%, peat 10%)

Acres of fairway: 100

Source of water: Pond, river

Acres of rough: 40

Drainage conditions: Good

Sand bunkers: 40

Water hazards: 6

Course characteristics

	Primary Grasses	Height of Cut
Tees	Ryegrass	0.312"
Fairways	Ryegrass	0.375"
Greens	Bentgrass	0.125"
Rough	Ryegrass	1.375"

Environmental management/features

Water conservation, management and/or controls:

Augusta National uses hand watering, thermal imaging of surfaces, system calibration, computerized irrigation scheduling and monitoring based on field scout inputs, sensor data and weather station data to manage and conserve water.

Unusual wildlife on the course

Beaver

Predominate species of trees on course:

Loblolly pines

Course architect/date:

Alister MacKenzie, 1933

Other key course management personnel

Brent Seyer, GCSAA Member Senior
Assistant Superintendent

David Clark, GCSAA Member Second
Assistant Superintendent
Fred Hartenstein, Equipment Manager
William P. Payne, Club Chairman
Will Jones, Executive Director
Jeff Knox, Green Committee Chairman
Tommy Crenshaw, Horticulturist
Tony Sessa, PGA Professional
J.J. Weaver, PGA Professional
Marsh Benson, Senior Director, Golf Course
and Grounds

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Golf Course Superintendents Association of America

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