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## GCSAA Tournament Fact Sheet

United States Golf Association  
U.S. Amateur  
August 9 - 17, 2014

Atlanta Athletic Club  
(Riverside Course)  
Johns Creek, Ga.

### Golf Course Management Information

#### GCSAA Director of Golf Courses and Grounds:

Ken Mangum, CGCS

*The title "CGCS," after a superintendent's name, stands for Certified Golf Course Superintendent, which recognizes the achievement of high standards of professionalism through education and experience.*



#### Availability to media:

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#### Education:

A.S., Golf Course Operations, Gateway College (Lake City Community College), Lake City, Fla., 1975

Years as a GCSAA member: 40

#### GCSAA affiliated chapter:

Georgia Golf Course Superintendents Association

Years at this course: 26

Years GCSAA certified: 31

Number of maintenance employees: 70

Number of tournament volunteers: 40

#### Previous positions:

1981-1988, Golf Course Superintendent, Idle Hour Club, Macon, Ga.; 1978-1981, Golf Course Superintendent, Lagoon Park Golf Course, Montgomery, Ala.

#### Previous tournament preparation:

2001, 2011 PGA Championship, Atlanta Athletic Club, Johns Creek, Ga.; 2002 U.S. Junior Amateur, Atlanta Athletic Club, Johns Creek, Ga.

#### Previous tournaments hosted by facility:

1981, 2001, 2011 PGA Championship; 2002 U.S. Junior Amateur; 1995 Georgia State Amateur; 1990 U.S. Women's Open; 1984 U.S. Mid-Amateur; 1982 Junior World Cup; 1976 U.S. Open; 1963 Ryder Cup; 1950 U.S. Women's Amateur

### Course statistics

Average tee size: 3,000 sq. ft.  
Tournament Stimpmeter: 13 ft.  
Average green size: 6,500 sq. ft.  
Soil conditions on the course: Clay  
Green construction soil mix: USGA (sand 85%, peat 15%)  
Rounds per year: 30,000  
Acres of fairway: 25  
Source of water: Potable, river  
Acres of rough: 80  
Drainage conditions: Good  
Sand bunkers: 57  
Water hazards: 10

### Course ratings

	Yardage	Par	Rating	Slope
Gold	7248	72	76.2	148

### Course characteristics

	Primary Grasses	Height of Cut
Tees	Zoysiagrass	0.250"
Fairways	Zoysiagrass	0.300"
Greens	Bermudagrass	0.125"
Rough	Bermudagrass	2"

### Wildlife on the course

Beaver; Blue heron; Coyote; Deer; Fish; Fox; Hawk; Mole; Muskrat; Osprey; Rabbit; Raccoon; Snakes; Squirrel; Turkey; Turtle; Woodpecker; Several different species of birds

## Interesting and historical course-related facts

Founded in 1898, the Atlanta Athletic Club outgrew its former home downtown at its former East Lake property. The original downtown club was located on Edgewood Avenue and through the ages twice outgrew its space and relocated. The club added a golf course and country club at East Lake in 1915 and moved to the present Johns Creek location in the late 1960s. The club includes two championship golf courses, a nine-hole par 3 course, 42-000 sq.-ft. athletic center, indoor and outdoor tennis courts, Olympic-sized pool, club rooms and dining facilities. Every year since 2009 an independent survey group has ranked the Atlanta Athletic Club in the top 10 of country clubs in the United States.

Bobby Jones grew up playing golf at the Atlanta Athletic Club's East Lake Country Club, which the club built in 1906. Bobby Jones became the world's most famous amateur golfer and his career culminated with the Grand Slam of golf in 1930. He served as president of the Club and was an active member until his death in 1971.

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### Course architect/date:

Robert Trent Jones Sr., 1967

### Most recent redesign or renovation/date:

Rees Jones, 2006

### Renovation builder/date:

Cal Golf, 2006

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## Other key course personnel

Matt Taylor, GCSAA Class A Golf Course  
Superintendent  
David Elder, GCSAA Class C 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant  
Superintendent  
Stephen Mitchell, 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Superintendent  
Jackie McKenzie, Equipment Manager  
Patrick Ford, Club President  
Kevin Caroll, General Manager  
Bruce Barfield, Green Committee Chairman  
Dan Richards, Horticulturist  
Sean Martin, PGA Professional

## Golf course management facts

For additional information please visit [gcsaa.org/newsroom](http://gcsaa.org/newsroom) or contact the Communications Department at 800-472-7878.

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).