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Tournament Fact Sheet
 United States Golf Association
 U.S. Senior Amateur
 Sept. 22 - Oct. 1, 2015

Hidden Creek Golf Club
 Egg Harbor Township, N.J.

Golf Course Management Information

GCSAA Class A Golf Course Superintendent:
 Clark G. Weld

Availability to media:
 Contact Clark Weld by phone 609-909-8801; cell phone 609-839-6129; or email cweld@hiddencreekclub.com

Education:
 Certificate, Golf Course Management, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N.J., 1990

Age: 59
Native hometown:
 Clifton Springs, N.Y.

Years as a GCSAA member: 20
GCSAA affiliated chapter:
 Golf Course Superintendents Association of New Jersey

Years at this course: 6
Number of employees: 20
Number of tournament volunteers: 30

Previous positions:
 1989-1992, Assistant Superintendent, Pine Valley Golf Club, Pine Valley, N.J.;
 1992-2007, Golf Course Superintendent, Blue Heron Pines, Galloway, N.J.

Previous tournament preparation:
 2003 U.S. Amateur Public Links, Blue Heron Pines, Galloway, N.J.

Previous tournaments hosted by facility:
 2010, 2013 U.S. Open Qualifier; 2009 U.S. Senior Open Qualifier

How Clark got involved in golf course management:

"I started as a caddie at age 12, always liked being on the course."

Course/event scoring record: 67

Course statistics

Average tee size: 3,000 sq. ft.
Tournament Stimpmeter: 11.5 ft.
Average green size: 7,000 sq. ft.
Soil conditions on the course: Sandy
Green construction soil mix:
 Modified California
Rounds per year: 15,000
Acres of fairway: 37
Source of water: Pond, well
Acres of rough: 40
Drainage conditions: Good
Sand bunkers: 84

Championship ratings

	Yardage	Par	Rating	Slope
Black	7059	71	73.9	136

Course characteristics

	Primary Grasses	Height of Cut
Tees	Bentgrass	0.350"
Fairways	Bentgrass	0.40"
Greens	Bentgrass	0.115"
Rough	Fescue	3"

Environmental management/features

Hidden Creek Golf Club is in the pine lands of southern New Jersey.

Water conservation, management and/or controls:

By using moisture meters, changing nozzles and relocating sprinklers, Hidden Creek has cut water use from an average of 28 million gallons per year to 17 million gallons the last four years.

Unusual wildlife on the course

Predominate species of trees on course:

Pitch pines and white and red oaks

Comments overheard about the course:

“The course is a big, wide-open course with tricky greens”

Significant changes recently made to the course:

Seven member tees were added to shorten the course and make it friendlier as the membership ages.

Course architect/date:

Bill Coore and Ben Crenshaw, 2002

Original course builder/date:

Ole Hansen, 2002

Other key course management personnel

Rufino Mendez, Assistant Superintendent
Steven Glynn, Assistant Superintendent
Frankie Rodriguez, Equipment Manager
Jeff Cowen, Club Manager
Andrew Madsen, PGA Professional
Roger Hansen, Club Owner

Golf Course Superintendents Association of America

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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