

Charles Schwab Cup Championship

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Golf Course Superintendent

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Years as GCSAA Member: 24

Years at Phoenix Country Club: 14

Hometown: New Market, Md.

Education: Penn State University

Number of Employees: 15, including Andrew Cartegena,
who worked the Phoenix Open as a teenager.

Number of Tournament Volunteers: 25

Other Key Golf Personnel

Chris Montague, Assistant Superintendent

Esteban Marchan, Assistant Superintendent

Dennis Fortenbaugh, Equipment Manager

Marlee Powell, Horticulturist

John Spensieri, Green Committee Chair

Paul Griffin, PGA Professional

Dan Budzius, Manager

John Heitel, President

Course Architect

Architect (year): Harry Collis (1919)

Renovation Architect (year): Tom Lehman and John
Fought (2002)

Rounds Per Year: 27,000

Tournament Set-up

Par: 71

Yardage: 6,763

Stimpmeter: 12

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 5,750 sq. ft.

Average Tee Size: 1,200 sq. ft.

Acres of Fairway: 30

Acres of Rough: 50

Number of Sand Bunkers: 62

Number of Water Hazards: 4

Water comes into Play: 7 holes

Soil Conditions: Sand plated fairways,
native soil rough

Water Sources: Canal

Drainage Conditions: Very good

Turfgrass

Greens: Champion ultradwarf
bermudagrass .105"

Tees: Tifgreen bermudagrass .450"

Fairways: Tifgreen bermudagrass .450"

Rough: Bullseye tall fescue 1.75"

Additional Notes

- The grass being played on is only 33 days old as the course was overseeded with ryegrass Oct. 5 (bermudagrass is still green though so should make for a beautiful playing surface).

- Minimal amounts of traditional fertilizer are used on the property.

- Phoenix Country Club was the host of the Phoenix Open from 1932-86 and has hosted the Charles Schwab Cup since 2017.

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