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Golf Course Superintendent

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Years as GCSAA Member: 12

Years at University Ridge: 12

Years as a Superintendent: 5

Hometown: Decatur, Ga.

Education: Lawrence University and Horry-Georgetown
Technical College

Number of Full-Time Staff Members: 28

Number of Tournament Volunteers: 25

Other Key Golf Personnel

Dave Helke, Assistant Superintendent

Paul Karklus, Assistant Superintendent

Ryan Fritsch, Assistant Superintendent

Alex Panzenhagen, Assistant Superintendent

Scott Vanko, Equipment Manager

Anet Novak, Horticulturist

Ryan Weime, PGA Professional

Mike Gaspard, Manager

Course Architect

Architect (year): Robert Trent Jones, Jr. (1991)

Renovation Architect (year): Robert Trent Jones, Jr. ('18)

Course Owner: University of Wisconsin Athletics

Tournament Set-up

Par: 72

Yardage: 7,000

Stimpmeter: 12

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 7,000 sq. ft.

Average Tee Size: 1,500 sq. ft.

Acres of Rough: 60

Number of Sand Bunkers: 74

Number of Water Hazards: 5

Soil Conditions: Silt loam

Water Sources: Irrigation pond with well

Drainage Conditions: Good

Turfgrass

Greens: 007 bentgrass .110"

Tees: Bentgrass / Poa .300"

Fairways: Bentgrass / Poa .375"

Rough: Bluegrass / tall fescue 2.5"

Additional Notes

- Renovations include all course bunkers drainage system upgraded and all sand replaced. Many bunkers were reshaped or removed to allow for better maintenance. Several bentgrass chipping areas added around greens for more shot variety.

- Typically ranked in top five university courses nationally.

- Course traverses more than 450 acres of prairie and woodlands. It is the habitat for deer, turkey, hawks, mink and coyotes.

- Course hosted 2018 NCAA Cross Country Championship in November.

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