

U.S. Senior Open Championship

Warren Golf Course at Notre Dame • Notre Dame, Ind. • June 27-30, 2019

Superintendent of Golf Courses

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Certified Golf Course Superintendent (CGCS): Yes

Years as GCSAA Member: 18

Years at Warren Golf Course: 15

Years as a Superintendent: 15

Previous Courses: Point O'Woods CC (assistant), Winged Foot CC (intern), Arbor Hills CC (assistant)

Hometown: Jackson, Mich.

Education: Michigan State University

Number of Full-Time Staff Members: 22

Number of Tournament Volunteers: 55

Other Key Golf Personnel

Matt Yops, Assistant Superintendent

Nick Conklin, Assistant Superintendent

Hayden Clements, Assistant Superintendent

Cris Worm, Equipment Manager

John Foster, Manager

Course Architect

Architect (year): Bill Coore and Ben Crenshaw (2000)

Course Owner: University of Notre Dame

Tournament Set-up

Par: 70

Yardage: 6,950

Stimpmeter: 11

Course Statistics

Average Tee Size: 6,000 sq. ft.

Acres of Fairway: 28

Acres of Rough: 55

Number of Sand Bunkers: 80

Number of Water Hazards: 4

Soil Conditions: Heavy to sandy

Drainage Conditions: Moderate to good

Turfgrass

Greens: L93 bentgrass / *poa annua* .110"

Tees: L93 bentgrass / *poa annua* .375"

Fairways: Providence bentgrass / *poa annua* .450"

Rough: Bluegrass / fescue / rye blend 3.5"

Additional Notes

- Two years of construction included fairway line alterations, new driving range tee and target greens, redesign and addition of four fairway bunkers and a greens expansion on No. 2.

- This is the first time the U.S. Senior Open has been held at a university facility. Warren Golf Course has hosted 2010 U.S. Women's Amateur Public Links, four NCAA regionals, and 12 USGA championship qualifiers.

- The course is Audubon International certified.

- Staff maintains 50 acres of native grass lands.

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