

Bridgestone Senior Players Championship

Firestone Country Club – South Course • Akron, Ohio • July 11-14, 2019

Director of Golf Course Operations

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Years as GCSAA Member: 37

Years at Firestone: 12

Years as a Superintendent: 34

Hometown: Butler, Pa.

Education: Penn State University

South Course Superintendent

Tim Gruber

Years as GCSAA Member: 18

Years at Firestone: 2

Years as a Superintendent: 19

Hometown: Chesterland, Ohio

Education: Ohio State University

Number of Employees: 78

Number of Tournament Volunteers: 0

Other Key Golf Personnel

Tom Keeling, Assistant Superintendent

Joe Dillon, Equipment Manager

Renee Geyer, West Course Superintendent

Scott Traphagen, North Course Superintendent

Derrick Messina, Public Course Superintendent

Scott Bailey, Irrigation Technician

Course Architect

Architect (year): Burt Way (1929)

Signature Hole: No. 16 “The Monster Hole”, which plays to 667 yards.

Tournament Set-up

Par: 70

Yardage: 7,400

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 7,600 sq. ft.

Average Tee Size: 2,600 sq. ft.

Acres of Fairway: 20

Acres of Rough: 70

Number of Sand Bunkers: 82

Number of Water Hazards: 3

Soil Conditions: Good

Water Sources: Lake

Drainage Conditions: Great

Turfgrass

Greens: Penncross bentgrass / *Poa annua* .100”

Tees: Penncross bentgrass / *Poa annua* .250”

Fairways: Penncross bentgrass / *Poa annua* .300”

Rough: Bluegrass / ryegrass / fescue 2.5-4”

Additional Notes

• Firestone Country Club is Audubon Certified since 2011.

• The South Course will host this event from 2019 through 2022