

Tournament Fact Sheet

Bridgestone Senior Players Championship

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

Director of Golf Course Operations Larry Napora

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Email: larry.napora@ourclub.com 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: Pencross bentgrass / Poa annua

.250"

Fairways: Pencross 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

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