

The Ally Challenge

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Golf Course Superintendent

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Years as GCSAA Member: 2

Years at Warwick Hills: 7

Years as a Superintendent: 2

Previous Courses: The Inn at St. John's (assistant)

Hometown: Milford, Mich.

Education: University of Michigan

Number of Employees: 25

Number of Tournament Volunteers: 10

Other Key Golf Personnel

Dominic Fulgenzi, Assistant Superintendent

Mike Barrett, Assistant Superintendent

Randy Enicks, Equipment Manager

William Kobus, Horticulturist

Doug Brody, PGA Professional

Shawn Korn, Green Committee Chair

Kevin Cunningham, Manager

Kevin Ostby, President

Course Architect

Architect (year): James Gilmore Harrison (1957)

Renovation Architects (year): Joe Lee (1967), Chris Wilczynski (2015)

Tournament Set-up

Par: 72

Yardage: 7,085

Stimpmeter: 11

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 5,500 sq. ft.

Average Tee Size: 5,000 sq. ft.

Acres of Fairway: 32.5

Acres of Rough: 120

Number of Sand Bunkers: 87

Number of Water Hazards: 3

Soil Conditions: Clay

Water Sources: Irrigation pond fed by well

Turfgrass

Greens: *Poa annua* / bentgrass .105"-.115"

Tees: Bentgrass .375"

Fairways: Bentgrass / *Poa annua* .400"

Rough: Bluegrass 2.50"

Additional Notes

- This is the second year of the tournament as Paul Broadhurst won in 2018 with a 201 total.

- Course was home to PGA Tour's Buick Open (1958-69, 1978-2009) and the greens were consistently ranked among the best on the PGA tour.

- Did you know renovation architect Joe Lee was a direct descendant of Robert E. Lee?

- The 2015 renovation included a major tree removal program.

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