

Kitchen Aid Senior PGA Championship

Southern Hills Country Club • Tulsa, Okla. • May 27-30, 2021

Golf Course Superintendent

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Years as GCSAA Member: 25

Years at Southern Hills: 5 (2nd stint)

Years as a Superintendent: 20

Previous Courses: Los Angeles CC (director of grounds, 2010-16), Southern Hills (super, 2006-09), Card Sound (super, 1998-2006), Augusta National (asst-in-training, 1994-98), The Links at Hiawatha Landing (intern, 1993), Watkins Glen (staff, 1989-92)

Hometown: Odessa, N.Y.

Education: SUNY-Cobleskill

Other Key Golf Personnel

Doug Cocanour, Assistant Superintendent

Blake Willems, Assistant Superintendent

Roy Bradshaw, Equipment Manager

Wilson Nease, Horticulturist

Cary Cozby, Director of Golf – will compete in tournament

Number of Employees: 45

Number of Tournament Volunteers: 45

Course Architect

Architect (year): Perry Maxwell (1936)

Restoration Architect (year): Gil Hanse (2019)

Complete restoration using original photos, member input, written documents to restore creeks, fairway contours, native vegetation; Greens reconstruction with hydronics heating and cooling; reconstruction of tees and bunkers to represent original look; Modernized fairway bunker locations to adapt to length of today's competitive golfer.

Tournament Set-up

Par: 35-35--70

Yardage: 6,902

Stimpmeter: 11.5

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 5,277 sq. ft.

Acres of Fairway: 59

Acres of Rough: 108

Number of Sand Bunkers: 88

Number of Water Hazards: 3

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 15

Soil Conditions: Loamy clay

Water Sources: Arkansas River

Turfgrass

Greens: Pure Distinction bentgrass .114"

Tees: Astro bermudagrass .550"

Fairways: Astro bermudagrass .550"

Rough: Astro bermuda / tall fescue 2.25"

Additional Notes

- Hole #7 has been changed multiple times with Hanse moving it to bring creek into play.
- In April the crew sodded more than five acres of low-cut turf after extreme winter kill.
- Equipment manager Roy Bradshaw is a 38-year employee who has also been foreman and assistant superintendent.
- Maintenance crew relies on high school students, so prepping has been a challenge with May event as they are still in school.

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<https://www.gcsaa.org/media/tournament-fact-sheets>

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