

Bridgestone Senior Players Championship

Firestone Country Club (South) • Akron, Ohio • June 24-27, 2021

Director of Golf Course Operations

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Years as GCSAA Member: 39

Years at Firestone: 14

Years as a Superintendent: 36

Hometown: Butler, Pa.

Education: Penn State University

South Course Superintendent

Tim Gruber, GCSAA

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Years as GCSAA Member: 20

Years at Firestone: 4

Years as a Superintendent: 21

Hometown: Butler, Pa.

Education: Ohio State University

Other Key Golf Personnel

Tom Keeling, South Course Assistant Superintendent

Dave Nuske, South Course Irrigation Technician

Joe Dillon, Equipment Manager

Number of Employees: 65

Number of Tournament Volunteers: 5

Course Architect

Architect (year): Burt Way (1929)

Renovation Architect (year): Robert Trent Jones (1960)

Tournament Fact Sheets for the PGA, LPGA, Champions and Korn Ferry Tours and USGA can be found all year at:

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

Tournament Set-up

Par: 35-35--70

Yardage: 7,400

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 7,600 sq. ft.

Acres of Fairway: 20

Acres of Rough: 70

Number of Sand Bunkers: 82

Number of Water Hazards: 3

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 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

- This is the third year the South Course is hosting this event.

- Last year's championship was played in August.