

Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS Championship (PGA TOUR Champions) Firestone Country Club (South) • Akron, Ohio • July 7-10, 2022

Director of Golf Course Operations

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Years as GCSAA Member: 40

Years at Firestone: 15

Years as a Superintendent: 37

Education: Penn State University

South Course Superintendent

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Years as GCSAA Member: 21

Years at Firestone: 5

Years as a Superintendent: 22

Education: Ohio State University

Other Key Golf Personnel

Matt Manolio, South Course Assistant Superintendent

Dave Nuske, South Course Irrigation Technician

Joe Dillon, Equipment Manager

Number of Employees: 65. Volunteers: 5

Course Architect

Architect (year): Burt Way (1929)

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

Twitter

Superintendent - [@tgruber26](https://twitter.com/tgruber26)

Course - [@FirestoneCC](https://twitter.com/FirestoneCC)

Tournament - [@BridgestoneSP](https://twitter.com/BridgestoneSP)

GCSAA - [@GCSAA](https://twitter.com/GCSAA)

Tournament Set-up

Par: 35-35--70

Yardage: 7,248

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 year's event is in July after a June event last year and an August date in 2020.

Tournament Fact Sheets for the PGA TOUR, LPGA, PGA TOUR Champions, Korn Ferry and Epson Tours and USGA and PGA of America championships can be found at:

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

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