

Kaulig Companies Championship (PGA TOUR Champions)

Firestone Country Club (South) • Akron, Ohio • July 13-16, 2023

Director of Golf Course Operations

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Years as GCSAA Member: 41

Years at Firestone: 16

Years as a Superintendent: 38

Education: Penn State University

South Course Superintendent

Tim Gruber, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 22

Years at Firestone: 6

Years as a Superintendent: 23

Education: Ohio State University

Other Key Golf Personnel

Matt Manolio, South Course Assistant Superintendent

Jonah Cline, South Course Irrigation Technician

Joe Dillon, Equipment Manager

Number of Employees: 75

Number of Tournament Volunteers: 7

Golf Course Dog: Dallas, 6-year-old Australian Cattle mix

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

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>

Tournament Set-up

Par: 35-35--70

Yardage: 7,248

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 7,600 sq. ft.

Total Property Acres: 600

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 bent / *Poa annua* .100"

Collars: Penncross bent / *Poa annua* .300"

Approaches: Penncross bent/*Poa* .300"

Tees: Penncross bent / *Poa annua* .250"

Fairways: Penncross bent / *Poa* .300"

Rough: Bluegrass/ryegrass/fescue 2.5-4"

Additional Notes

• Larry Napora was inducted into his hometown (Butler County, Pa.) Sports Hall of Fame for golf and swimming.

• The Northern Ohio Golf Course Superintendents Association is celebrating its 100th year anniversary this year. Colonel John Morley, who founded the GCSAA in 1926, was based at Youngstown Country Club.

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