Golf Course Superintendent

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Years as GCSAA Member: 8
Years at Buffalo Dunes: 6
Years as a Superintendent: 7
Previous Courses: Ballyneal (assistant), Dismal River (assistant), Dismal River – Doak Course (super)
Hometown: Cimarron, Kan.
Education: Kansas State University

Course Architect
Architect (year): Frank Hummel (1976)
Renovation Architect (year): Zach Varty and Todd Clark (2020-25)
Renovation is a 6-year project being completed in-house except for shaping, saving on cost.

Turfgrass
Greens: Bentgrass
Tees: Bentgrass / bluegrass mix
Fairways: Bluegrass / ryegrass mix
Rough: Bluegrass / ryegrass mix 2.5”

Additional Notes
• The course has seen a number of changes since last year’s event as part of the ongoing renovation plan. There are newly shaped and sodded greens and surrounds. Eighteen bunkers have been renovated and several tee boxes have been added.

• The in-house renovation is improving playing conditions and creating huge environmental savings on water and lower inputs to manage the course.

• Due to drought in the region, native grasses will be thinner than normal.

• Course is set in a sand dune habitat which makes for interesting topography and requires a variety of shots.

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