

## Garden City Charity Classic (Epson Tour)

Buffalo Dunes • Garden City, Kan. • April 29-May 1, 2022

### Golf Course Superintendent

#### Clay Payne, GCSAA

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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.

### Twitter

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### Tournament Set-up

Par: 36-36--72

Yardage: 6,502

### 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 on-going 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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