Garden City Charity Classic (Epson Tour)
Buffalo Dunes • Garden City, Kan. • May 5-7, 2023

Golf Course Superintendent
Clay Payne, GCSAA
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Years as GCSAA Member: 9
Years at Buffalo Dunes: 7
Years as a Superintendent: 8
Previous Courses: Ballyneal (assistant), Dismal River (assistant), Dismal River – Doak Course (superintendent)
Hometown: Cimarron, Kan.
Education: Kansas State University

Other Key Golf Personnel
Mitch Chalkley, Assistant Superintendent
Brock Walter, Assistant Superintendent
Bryer Livermore, Assistant Superintendent
Mike Mathias, Equipment Manager
Number of Employees: 7
Number of Tournament Volunteers: 0
Golf Course Dog: Sadie, Mini Australian Shepherd, 12 yrs.

Course Architect
Architect (year): Frank Hummel (1976)
Six-year in-house project except for shaping.
Course is GOLF Magazine’s No. 8 Municipal Course

Turfgrass
Greens: Bentgrass .125"
Tees: Bentgrass/bluegrass mix .400'
Fairways: Bluegrass/ryegrass mix .500"
Rough: Bluegrass/ryegrass mix 2.5"

Additional Notes
• The course has gone through 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
• Renovation has occurred on tournament holes No. 1, 6, 9, new tee complex on No. 7 and additional fairway bunker on No. 1.
• The in-house renovation is improving playing conditions and creating huge environmental savings on water and lower inputs.
• Drought has brought only .30” of rain in 2023 and 5.5” in the last 22 months.

Tournament Set-up
Par: 36-36–72
Yardage: 6,502 (unofficial)

Course Statistics
Average Green Size: 7,500 sq. ft.
Total Property Acres: 320
Acres of Fairway: 27
Number of Sand Bunkers: 47
Number of Water Hazards: 3
Number of Holes Water is in Play: 3
Soil Conditions: Sandy loam
Water Sources: Ogallala Aquifer
Drainage Conditions: Exceptional

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