

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)

Renovation Architect (year): Zach Varty and Todd Clark (2020-25). Six-year in-house project except for shaping.

Course is GOLF Magazine's No. 8 Municipal Course

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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

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.

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