Firekeepers Casino Championship (Epson Tour)
Battle Creek Country Club • Battle Creek, Mich. • June 9-11, 2023

Golf Course Superintendent
Marc Chappell, GCSAA
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Years as GCSAA Member: 17
Years at Battle Creek CC: 7
Years as a Superintendent: 6
Previous Courses: Island Hills (super), Flossmoor (asst)
Hometown: Kalamazoo, Mich.
Education: Michigan State University

Other Key Golf Personnel
Brent Davis, Assistant Superintendent
Lee Yonker, Assistant Superintendent
Brian Gott, Equipment Manager
Doug Kreis, PGA Professional
Maribeth Szlaga, General Manager
Number of Employees: 21
Number of Tournament Volunteers: 0

Course Architect
Architect (year): Willie Park, Jr. (1919)

Tournament Set-up
Par: 36-36-72
Yardage: 6,741 (unofficial)
Stimpmeter: 11.5

Course Statistics
Average Green Size: 9,170 sq. ft.
Total Property Acres: 120
Acres of Fairway: 30
Acres of Rough: 80
Number of Sand Bunkers: 50
Number of Water Hazards: 3
Number of Holes Water is in Play: 6
Soil Conditions: Mostly clay
Water Sources: Goguac Lake

Turfgrass
Greens: Bentgrass / Poa annua
Tees: Bentgrass
Fairways: Bentgrass
Rough: Kentucky bluegrass/ryegrass 2.5"

Additional Notes
• The tournament is in early June after a late July date last year (seven weeks earlier). The rough will be a lot more dense this year.

• Cold weather had delayed the turf breaking dormancy.

• The course has hosted an Epson Tour event since 2014.

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

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