

# **Tournament Fact Sheet**

# **Volunteers of America Classic**

Old American Golf Club • The Colony, Texas • Oct. 3-6, 2019

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Years as GCSAA Member: 23 Years at Old American Golf Club: 8 Years as a Superintendent: 20 Previous Courses: Tournament Course at The Woodlands (assistant director of agronomy) Hometown: Weatherford, Texas Education: Tarleton State University

Number of Employees: 15 Number of Tournament Volunteers: 10

## **Other Key Golf Personnel**

Spencer McCasin, Assistant Superintendent Cody Roye, Director of Golf Mike McCabe, Manager

#### **Course Architect**

Architect (year): Tripp Davis and Justin Leonard (2010) Course Owner: Matthews Southwest

## **Tournament Set-up**

Par: 71 Yardage: 6,475 Stimpmeter: 11

# **Course Statistics**

Acres of Fairway: 40 Acres of Rough: 50 Number of Sand Bunkers: 123 Number of Water Hazards: 2 Soil Conditions: Clay Water Sources: Lake Lewisville Drainage Conditions: Fair

# **Turfgrass**

Greens: MiniVerde bermudagrass .100" Tees: Premier bermudagrass .500" Fairways: Premier bermudagrass .500" Rough: Premier bermudagrass 1.75"

# **Additional Notes**

• Course is no. 1 place to play in the metroplex and a top 10 course to play in Texas according to the Dallas Morning News.

• Eleven holes border Lake Lewisville.

• Preservation of the wildlife and resources surrounding the course wer innate to the design. Native grasses, trees and plants are used in order to preserve water, as well as create intentional wildlife habitats for animals including wild turkey, deer, coyotes and birds.

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