

Cognizant Founders Cup (LPGA Tour)

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Golf Course Superintendent

Cliff Moore, GCSAA

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Years as GCSAA Member: 25

Years at Mountain Ridge: 18

Years as a Superintendent: 18

Previous Courses: Caves Valley (assistant)

Hometown: South Haven, Mich.

Education: Western Michigan and Michigan State

Tournaments Hosted: Moore hosted the 2002 USGA Senior Open, 2012 USGA Senior Amateur and 2019 MET Open.

Other Key Golf Personnel

Adam Rosko, Assistant Superintendent

Patrick Dowling, Assistant Superintendent

Gary Droz, Equipment Manager

Len Siter, PGA Professional

Number of Employees: 20

Number of Tournament Volunteers: 18

Course Architect

Architect (year): Donald Ross (1931)

Renovation Architect (year): Ron Prichard

Renovation Details: 2003 – tee complexes; 2006 – green expansions; 2011, 16 – bunker renovation and some holes redesigned; Tree removal and re-design on normal #10 (tournament #1) and normal #18 (tournament #9).

Tournament Fact Sheets for the PGA, LPGA, Champions and Korn Ferry Tours and USGA and PGA of America championships can be found all year at:

<https://www.gcsaa.org/media/tournament-fact-sheets>

Tournament Set-up

Par: 35-36--71

Yardage: 6,612

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 8,500 sq. ft.

Acres of Fairway: 28.6

Acres of Rough: 70

Number of Sand Bunkers: 87

Number of Water Hazards: 3

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 6

Soil Conditions: Sandy loam on tournament back 9 / clay on tournament front 9

Water Sources: Well

Drainage Conditions: Varies

Turfgrass

Greens: *Poa annua* .105"

Tees: Bentgrass .300"

Fairways: *Poa annua* / bentgrass .350"

Rough: Tall fescue / ryegrass 2.75"

Additional Notes

- Weather issues this year have included record-breaking heat as well as record-breaking rain in the months of July, August, and early September. There was 27" of rain July-August.
- Course has seen a large amount of play and cart traffic, while maintenance staff has been hampered by labor shortage.
- Club was originally established in 1912 on a different property.
- Course was ranked in Golf Magazine's top 100 U.S. Courses for the first time in 2020-21.

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