

Volunteers of America Classic

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Director of Agronomy

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Years as GCSAA Member: 23

Years at Old American: 10

Years as a Superintendent: 22

Previous Courses: Tournament Course at The Woodlands
(assistant director of agronomy)

Hometown: Weatherford, Texas

Education: Tarleton State University

Other Key Golf Personnel

Carter Brandt, Assistant Superintendent

Mike McCabe, PGA General Manager

Number of Employees: 26

Number of Tournament Volunteers: 0

Course Architect

Architect (year): Tripp Davis and Justin Leonard (2010)

Did You Know?

The last four years Old American hosted this tournament in four different seasons (Spring 2018 [May], Fall 2019 [Oct.], Winter 2020 [Dec.] and Summer 2021 [June]).

Last year's tournament was played in December with overseeded greens and painted tees, fairways and approaches. Angela Stanford won the event by two shots at seven-under par.

Tournament Fact Sheets for the PGA, LPGA, Champions and Korn Ferry Tours and USGA can be found all year at:
<https://www.gcsaa.org/media/tournament-fact-sheets>

Tournament Set-up

Par: 35-36--71

Yardage: 6,459

Stimpmeter: 10.5

Course Statistics

Acres of Fairway: 30

Acres of Rough: 50

Number of Sand Bunkers: 123

Number of Water Hazards: 2

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 2

Soil Conditions: Clay

Water Sources: Lake Lewisville

Drainage Conditions: Fair

Turfgrass

Greens: MiniVerde bermudagrass .100"

Tees: Premier bermudagrass .500"

Fairways: Premier bermudagrass .650"

Rough: Premier bermudagrass 2"

Additional Notes

- Winter storm was coldest in the city since 1930 (-2 to 4 degrees for 48 hours and below freezing for eight days). All northern facing slopes suffered damaged turf. Club sodded four acres of turf, mostly on tees, approaches and landing areas in #14 and #17 fairways). Cooler spring has not helped turf grow and there are still approximately six acres of damaged fairways.

- Spring has seen a tremendous amount of rain plus flooding from Lake Lewis has affected about 20 bunkers and 50 acres of native grasses and playable turf. Some areas along the lake were under water for more than one month and were left scarred.

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