

## **Tournament Fact Sheet**

### LPGA Drive On Championship (LPGA Tour)

Crown Colony Golf and Country Club • Fort Myers, Fla. • Feb. 3-5, 2022

# Golf Course Superintendent Paul Bacon, GCSAA

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Years as GCSAA Member: 11 Years at Crown Colony: 2 Years as a Superintendent: 2

Previous Courses: Talis Park (assistant)

Hometown: Farnham, England

Education: Sparsholt College (England)

Professional Tournaments Hosted: This is the first professional tournament hosted by Bacon.

#### Other Key Golf Personnel

Charles Lowery, Assistant Superintendent Joe Stefanick, Equipment Manager Chris Traikoff, PGA Professional Number of Employees: 16

Number of Tournament Volunteers: 4

#### **Course Architect**

Architect (year): Ron Garl (2001)

Renovation Architect (year): Bill Bergin will be doing a

renovation in the near future. Rounds Per Year: 29,500

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#### **Tournament Set-up**

Par: 36-36--72 Yardage: 6,592 Stimpmeter: 11.5

#### **Course Statistics**

Average Green Size: 6,000 sq. ft.

Acres of Fairway: 30 Acres of Rough: 55

Number of Sand Bunkers: 65 Number of Water Hazards: 15

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 15

Water Sources: Effluent

Drainage Conditions: Poor due to age

#### **Turfgrass**

Greens: SeaDwarf seashore paspalum

.100'

Tees: Sea Isle 1 seashore paspalum .300" Fairways: Sea Isle 1 seashore paspalum

.375"

Rough: Sea Isle 1 seashore paspalum 2"

#### **Additional Notes**

- Both Paul Bacon and Charles Lowery are from England.
- Maintenance team only had eight week's notice about hosting the event.
- Members play up to the day before qualifying round due to existing member calendar.
- First course to use a combination of Sea Isle 1 and SeaDwarf paspalum.
- Wildlife includes snook, tarpon, bass ospreys, bald eagles, screech owls.

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