

Volunteers of America Classic (LPGA)

Old American Golf Club • The Colony, Texas • Sept. 29-Oct. 2, 2022

Director of Agronomy

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Years as GCSAA Member: 24

Years at Old American: 11

Years as a Superintendent: 22

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

Hometown: Weatherford, Texas

Education: Tarleton State University

Professional Tournaments Hosted: This is the 5th Old American hosted by Birkhimer, who was also involved with the Small Business Classic from 2008-10.

Other Key Golf Personnel

Jeremy Cooper, Superintendent

Barr Bluebaugh, Assistant Superintendent

Mike McCabe, PGA General Manager

Number of Employees: 28

Number of Tournament Volunteers: 0

Course Architect

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

Twitter

Course - [@oagc_tribute](https://twitter.com/oagc_tribute)

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Tournament Set-up

Par: 35-36--71

Yardage: 6,459

Stimpmeter: 10.5

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 5,500 sq. ft.

Acres of Fairway: 30

Acres of Rough: 50

Number of Sand Bunkers: 122

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 .500"

Rough: Premier bermudagrass 2"

Additional Notes

- Did you know the last four years Old American hosted this tournament in four different seasons? 2018 – Spring (May), 2019 – Fall (Oct.), 2020 – Winter (Dec.), and 2021 – Summer (July).
- The course will be completely different from last summer, including thicker rough.
- Course saw extreme weather this year with second-longest drought in history, 40 days of 100-degree temperatures and hottest July on record. Forced changes in agronomic practices to present a great setup for best women players in the world.

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