

LPGA Drive On Championship (LPGA)

Bradenton Country Club • Bradenton, Fla. • January 25-28, 2024

Golf Course Superintendent

Jackson Edwards, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 12

Years at Bradenton CC: 2

Years as a Superintendent: 2

Previous Courses: Floridian National (asst 6 years)

PGA National (asst 2 years)

Hometown: Canton, Ohio

Education: Ohio State University

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Other Key Golf Personnel

Daniel Farley, Assistant Superintendent

Jared Edwards, Assistant Superintendent

Tony Ruotolo, Equipment Manager

Number of Employees: 14

Golf Course Dogs: Merlin, 6-year-old Aussie and

Salomon, 1-year-old English Mastiff

Course Architect

Architect (year): Donald Ross (1924)

Renovation Architect (year): Ron Garl (1999) and Tony Jacklin (2018)

Renovation Details: In 2018 course was restored to its original layout of palms and oaks. This past summer greenside bunkers were renovated to shape faces more like many other Donald Ross courses. Upcoming projects include pond bank restoration, fairway bunkers renovation, irrigation system additions and a new maintenance building.

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

Tournament Set-up

Par: 72

Yardage: 6,557

Stimpmer: 12-12.5

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 5,800 sq. ft.

Total Property Acres: 113

Acres of Fairway: 44

Acres of Rough: 36

Number of Sand Bunkers: 53

Number of Water Hazards: 9

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 12

Soil Conditions: Sand

Water Sources: Reclaimed

Drainage Conditions: Drains well

Turfgrass

Greens: TifEagle bermudagrass .100"

Collars: TifGrand bermudagrass .350"

Approaches: TifGrand bermuda .350"

Tees: Celebration bermudagrass .350"

Fairways: Celebration/419 bermuda .350"

Rough: Celebration/419/common bermuda 2"

Additional Notes

- Maintenance crew only had 150 days to prepare for the event and are hosting for the first time.
- The nines are flipped for this tournament.
- Range tee was expanded and nets were installed to extend driving range.
- Course is celebrating its 100th anniversary.
- Monk parakeets flock to the course this time of year and are loud and fun to watch.
- Edwards's brother is his second assistant and this is the second course they have worked together.

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GCSAA Notes

(LPGA Tour – USA/Canada events only)

2024 Tournaments by State (multiple events)

5 – Florida (2nd straight)

3 – New Jersey

2 – California

2 – Michigan

2 – Ohio

2023 Longest Courses (6,600+)

6,824 – Club at Carlton Woods (Chevron Champ)

6,765 – Shadow Creek (Bank of Hope)

6,690 – Superstition Mountain (LPGA Drive On)

6,685 – Columbia Edgewater (Portland Classic)

6,685 – Shaughnessy (CPKC Open)

6,671 – Liberty National (Mizuho)

6,642 – Highland Meadows (Dana Open)

6,621 – Baltusrol (KPMG PGA Champ)

6,608 – Lake Nona (Hilton Grand Lake)

2023 Shortest Courses

6,197 – Seaview Golf Club (ShopRite)

6,258 – Palos Verdes (DIO Implant)

6,277 – Midland (Dow Great Lakes)

6,349 – Pelican Golf Club (The Annika)

6,438 – Pinnacle (Walmart NW Arkansas)

2023 Largest Avg. Greens by sq. ft.

8,300 – Baltusrol (KPMG PGA Champ)

8,000 – Pelican (The Annika)

7,500 – Hoakalei (LOTTE)

7,000 – TPC Harding Park (Hanwha)

7,000 – Upper Montclair (Cognizant)

2023 Smallest Avg. Greens by sq. ft.

3,500 – Pebble Beach (U.S. Open)

3,952 – Palos Verdes (DIO Implant)

4,285 – Shaughnessy (CPKC Open)

4,500 – Blythefield (Meijer)

4,653 – Liberty National (Mizuho)

2023 Courses by Greens Turf Types

8 – Poa / bentgrass

6 – Poa

4 – Bentgrass

4 – Bermudagrass

1 – Paspalum

GCSAA Superintendent Notes

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Longest GCSAA Membership

37 – Gregory James, Liberty National (Mizuho)

37 – Brian Sullivan, CGCS, MG, Wilshire (JM Eagle LA)

33 – Kevin Welp, CGCS, Midland (Dow Great Lakes)

31 – Jim Myers, CGCS, Columbia Edgewater (Portland Classic)

30 – Scott Krout, Superstition Mountain (Drive On)

30 – Terry Kennelly, Pelican Golf Club (The Annika)

Note: Avg. GCSAA membership years for host superintendents is 20.6.

Most Professional Events Hosted (if known)

16 – Chase Turpin, Pinnacle (Walmart NW Arkansas)

10 – Collin Romanick, Blythefield (Meijer)

Superintendents by Alma Mater (if known)

6 – Penn State

4 – Michigan State

2 – UMass

2 – Ohio State