

PGA Works Championship (PGA of America)

Shoal Creek Golf Course • Birmingham, Ala. • May 8-10, 2023

Director of Agronomy

James Carroll, GCSAA

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Years as GCSAA Member: 10

Years at Shoal Creek: 4

Years as a Superintendent: 6

Previous Courses: Southern Hills (assistant)

Hometown: Geelong, Australia

Professional Tournaments Hosted: Carroll has been a part of a number of events (PGA Champ, 1984, 90), US Am (1986), US Jr. Am (2008), Southern Am (2010), Regions Tradition (2011-15) and US Women's Open (2018)

Other Key Golf Personnel

Garrett Gaches, Assistant Superintendent

Adam Harris, Assistant Superintendent

Brian Corn, PGA Professional

Number of Employees: 30

Number of Tournament Volunteers: 8

Course Architect

Architect (year): Jack Nicklaus (1977)

Renovation: 2016 (bunkers, greens)

Rounds Per Year: 14,000

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Tournament Set-up

Par: 72

Yardage: TBD

Stimpmeter: 11.5-12

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 6,400 sq. ft.

Total Property Acres: 250

Acres of Fairway: 30

Acres of Rough: 120

Number of Sand Bunkers: 63

Number of Water Hazards: 11

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 11

Turfgrass

Greens: AU Victory bentgrass .100"

Collars: TifGrand bermudagrass .250"

Approaches: TifGrand bermuda .300"

Tees: 419 bermuda / Zeon zoysia .400"

Fairways: 419 bermudagrass .400"

Rough: 419 bermudagrass 2"

Additional Notes

- Average fairway widths in landing areas are 30 yards.

- Winter weather has caused turf injury on some fairways. The very cold winter/spring has slowed the green up of the turf.

- **Information on tournament co-host course Bent Brook is on the next page.**

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Golf Course Superintendent

Johnny Perry, GCSAA

Phone: 205-428-1621

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Years as GCSAA Member: 32

Years at Bent Brook: 33

Years as a Superintendent: 24

Hometown: Colorado Springs, Colo.

Professional Tournaments Hosted: Perry has hosted three state amateur events in his career (2004, 17, 22).

Other Key Golf Personnel

John Dershimer, Assistant Superintendent

Trey Sansing, Assistant Superintendent

Joseph Ridgley, Equipment Manager

Mickey Smith, PGA Professional

Number of Employees: 18

Number of Tournament Volunteers: 0

Did You Know? – The core maintenance staff has more than 120 years combined experience at Bent Brook.

Course Architect

Architect (year): Ward Northrup (1988)

Renovation Architect (year): John Lafoy (2020)

Renovation included four new holes (Windmill 6, 7, 8) and Brook (4) and bunker additions on Windmill (2, 3, 4, 9) and Brook (6). A renovation that started in 2014 converted greens to A.U. Victory bentgrass. More than 2,500 trees were removed which enhanced turf quality.

Rounds Per Year – 45,000

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Tournament Set-up

Par: TBD

Yardage: TBD

Stimpmeter: 12

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 7,700 sq. ft.

Total Property Acres: 250

Acres of Fairway: 23

Acres of Rough: 80

Number of Sand Bunkers: 82

Number of Water Hazards: 10

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 7

Soil Conditions: Clay base

Water Sources: Well

Drainage Conditions: Moderate

Turfgrass

Greens: A.U. Victory bentgrass .100"

Collars: Zoysiagrass .400'

Approaches: Zoysia / 419 bermuda .400"

Tees: 419 bermudagrass .400'

Fairways: 419 bermudagrass .400"

Rough: 419 bermudagrass .400"

Additional Notes

• Course has seen 38" of rain year to date and normal would be 20" so difficult to complete normal workload.

• There is a cemetery on the property that is more than 200 years old.

• Bent Brook became the first public golf course to host the Alabama State am in 2004.

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