



# Tournament Fact Sheet

## Barbasol Championship

Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail at Grand National

July 11-17, 2016 • Auburn/Opelika, Ala.

### Director of Golf Course Management

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GCSAA Membership: 23 yrs Age: 47 Years at course: 15

Native hometown: Mitchellville, Iowa

### Golf Course Personnel

Patrick Pierce, golf course superintendent

Joe Borden, assistant superintendent

Rex Goode, assistant superintendent

Steve Milner, equipment manager

Jim Bishop, PGA professional

Retirement Systems of Alabama, course owner

Scott Gomberg, director

### Intersting Notes

Grand National has two rock chimneys from past structures located on the property, one of which was a two-room frame house in which Johnny Lipscomb and his wife Bessie lived and raised 17 children. Johnny's father, Henry Lipscomb, bought the property now the lake and golf course for about one-dollar per acre. The family sold the property to the City of Opelika water board in the early 1940s. In 1944, the dam was started which created the lake as seen on the property today.

**Previous events hosted by facility:** 1997 Nike Tour Championship, 1998 LPGA Tournament of Champions, 2000 NCAA Men's Championship, 2004 NCAA Ladies Championship, 2008-2016 Golf Digest Couples Classic, 2012-2016 Tiger Invitational

**Course architect/date:** Robert Trent Jones Sr., 1991

### Tournament Set-up

Par: 72

Yardage: 7,149 yds

Tournament scoring record:

Course scoring record:

### Course Statistics

Average tee size: 2,400 sq. ft.

Tournament stimpmeter: 12.5 ft.

Average green size: 6,800 sq. ft.

Acres of fairway: 20

Acres of rough: 80

Total course acreage:

Soil conditions: Sand clay loam

Source of water: Lake

Drainage conditions: Good

Sand bunkers: 53

Water hazards: 10

### Turfgrass

Tees: Bermudagrass 0.437"

Fairways: Bermudagrass 0.437"

Greens: Bermudagrass 0.125"

Rough: Bermudagrass 2-2.5"

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