

# Tournament Fact Sheet **TOUR Championship**

East Lake Golf Club Sept. 19-25, 2016 • Atlanta, Ga.

#### Golf Course Superintendent

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GCSAA Membership: 34 yrs Age: 54 Years at course: 24
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## Golf Course Personnel

Jason Tharp, assistant superintendent Charles Aubry, assistant superintendent Dustin Bucher, assistant superintendent Mandy Rowell, administrative assistant/volunteer coordinator Howard Horne, equipment manager Chad Parker, manager Greta Hill, clubhouse and grounds horticulturist Preston Watts, golf course horticulturist/arborist Drew Dunn, PGA professional East Lake Foundation, course owner

#### **Interseting Notes**

With construction beginning in 1904, East Lake Golf Club is the oldest golf course in Atlanta. East Lake was the home course of Robert Tyre "Bobby" Jones, who learned to play at East Lake and played his last round of golf there on Aug. 14, 1948.

Previous events hosted by facility: 1998, 2000, 2002, 2004-2015 TOUR Championship; 2001 U.S. Amateur; 2002 Southern Amateur Championship; 1963 Ryder Cup

Course architect/dates: Tom Bendelow, 1904,

**Course** renovations: Donald Ross, 1913; George Cobb, 1959 and Rees Jones, 1994/2008/2016

### Tournament Set-up

**Par:** 70 **Yardage:** 7,311 yds

## **Course Statistics**

Average tee size: 7,100 sq. ft. Tournament stimpmeter: 12 ft. Average green size: 6,200 sq. ft. Acres of fairway: 24 Acres of rough: 90 Total course acreage: 190 acres Soil conditions: Red clay Source of water: Pond, well Drainage conditions: Good Sand bunkers: 72 Water hazards: 3

## Turfgrass

Tees: Bermudagrass/Zoysiagrass 0.375" Fairways: Meyer Zoysia 0.375" Greens: MiniVerde Ultradwarf bermudagrass 0.100" Rough: Bermudagrass/Zoysia 2"

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