



Tournament Fact Sheet

World Golf Championships – Dell Technologies Match Play

Austin Country Club • Austin, Texas • March 27-31, 2019

Golf Course Superintendent

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Years as GCSAA Member: 22

Certified Golf Course Superintendent: 2005

Years at Austin Country Club: 10

Years as a Superintendent: 22

Hometown: Brandon, Miss.

Education: Texas A&M and Mississippi State University

Number of full-time staff members: 30

Number of tournament volunteers: 32

Other Key Golf Personnel

Rupert Collett, Assistant Superintendent

Sean Tonner, Assistant Superintendent

Don Rutherford, Equipment Manager

Adriane Home, Horticulturist

Dale Morgan, PGA Professional

Jon Virostek, Green Committee Chairman

Nick Smith, Manager

Neel White, President

Course Architect

Architect (year): Pete Dye (1984)

Austin Country Club was founded in 1899 (moved to current location in 1984) and is home to legendary instructor Harvey Penick.

Renovation (year): Rod Whitman (2015)

Green, tee and fairway renovation. Bunker renovation planned for summer of 2019.

Course Owner: Member owned

Tournament Set-up

Par: 71

Yardage: 7,082

Stimpmeter: 12

Course Statistics

Total Course Acreage: 189 acres

Average Green Size: 5,500 sq. ft.

Average Tee Size: 6,000 sq. ft.

Acres of Fairway: 25

Acres of Rough: 75

Number of sand bunkers: 110

Number of water hazards: 5

Soil conditions: Sandy loam

Water sources: Lake Austin and raw water

Turfgrass

Greens: TifEagle bermudagrass overseeded with *Poa trivialis* and bentgrass 0.100"

Tees: Tifway 419 bermuda/zoysia overseeded with perennial rye and *Poa trivialis* 0.375"

Fairways: Tifway 419 bermuda/zoysia overseeded with perennial rye/fescue blend 0.400"

Rough: Tifway 419 bermudagrass 2"

Additional Notes

- Austin Country Club sits on Lake Austin, which is governed by the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA). Every drop of water that goes on to the property is metered by the LCRA.
- Area had one of the wettest recorded September/October time frames with nearly 30" of rainfall. This impacted the management and overseed during that time.
- Austin Country Club received an Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Certification in 2018.
- Austin Country Club works hard to grow the game of golf and has a substantial junior golf program.

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