

TOUR Championship

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Years as GCSAA Member: 37

Years at East Lake: 27

Years as a Superintendent: 27

Previous Courses: Settindown Creek GC (assistant),
Lancaster CC (assistant)

Hometown: Mount Vernon, Ohio

Education: Ohio State University

Number of Employees: 30

Number of Tournament Volunteers: 70

Other Key Golf Personnel

Charles Aubry, Superintendent

Dustin Bucher, Assistant Superintendent

Davis Watts, Assistant Superintendent

Wesley Holsenback, Equipment Manager

Jennifer McLauren, Horticulturist

Drew Dunn, PGA Professional

Chad Parker, Manager

Course Architect

Architect (year): Tom Bendelow (1906)

Renovation Architect (year): Donald Ross (1914),
Rees Jones (1994, 2008, 2016)

Tournament Set-up

Par: 70

Yardage: 7,346

Stimpmeter: 12

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 6,090 sq. ft.

Average Tee Size: 6,600 sq. ft.

Acres of Fairway: 24

Acres of Rough: 110

Number of Sand Bunkers: 74

Number of Water Hazards: 5

Soil Conditions: Red Georgia clay

Water Sources: 24-acre pond

Drainage Conditions: Good

Turfgrass

Greens: MiniVerde Ultra Dwarf
bermudagrass .100"

Tees: Tifway bermudagrass / Meyer and
Zorro zoysiagrass .375"

Fairways: Meyer zoysiagrass .400"

Rough: Tifway bermudagrass 2.5"

Additional Notes

- The 1994 renovation was a total rebuild of the course with new greens, tees, fairways, bunkers, drainage and irrigation and regressing of all surfaces.

- Wildlife on the course include red tail hawks, coyotes, blue herons, ducks, squirrels.

- *"During the 2018 Tour Championship many players commented that the greens were the best they had ever played and we are working hard to make them better in 2019,"* – Ralph Kepple, CGCS, Director of Agronomy

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