

Vivint Houston Open

Memorial Park • Houston, Texas • Nov. 5-8, 2020

Golf Course Superintendent

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Years as GCSAA Member: 11

Years as a Superintendent: 8

Previous Courses: Comanche Trace (super), Barton Creek Palmer Lakeside (super), Wichita Falls CC (super), Bent Tree CC (asst), Southern Hills CC (asst in training)

Hometown: Llano, Texas

Education: Tulsa CC

Number of Employees: 20

Number of Tournament Volunteers: 30

Other Key Golf Personnel

Jose Martinez, Assistant Superintendent

Angel Vega, Assistant Superintendent

Omero Hinojosa, Assistant Superintendent

Jose Palma, Equipment Manager

Jason Harsh, Director of Golf

Glen Childers, PGA Professional

Julie Blum, Manager

Course Architect

Architect (year): John Bredemus (1936)

Renovation Architect (year): Tom Doak (2019)

Course Owner: City of Houston

Rounds Per Year: 55,000

Tournament Fact Sheets for the PGA, LPGA, Champions and Korn Ferry Tours can be found all year at:

<https://www.gcsaa.org/media/tournament-fact-sheets>

Tournament Set-up

Par: 35-35--70

Yardage: 7,432

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 7,000 sq. ft.

Average Tee Size: 7,500 sq. ft.

Acres of Fairway: 28

Acres of Rough: 180

Number of Sand Bunkers: 19

Number of Water Hazards: 2

How many holes is water in play: 4

Turfgrass

Greens: MiniVerde bermudagrass .100"

Tees: 419 bermudagrass .425"

Fairways: 419 bermudagrass .425"

Rough: 419 bermudagrass 2.25"

Additional Notes

- Tom Doak did a complete renovation of the course in 2019 (started in January and course opened in November).
- The renovation and redesign brought ravines and water into play and reduced the number of bunkers from 54 to 19.
- The course is built on 250 acres in a park that covers 1,500 acres.
- Memorial Park was originally a nine-hole course built in 1912 before being turned into an 18-hole course in 1936.
- Memorial Park hosted the PGA Tour's Houston Open 14 times between 1947-63.

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