

TOUR Championship (PGA Tour)

East Lake Golf Club • Atlanta, Ga. • Sept. 2-5, 2021

Director of Agronomy

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Years as GCSAA Member: 39

Years at East Lake: 29

Years as a Superintendent: 29

Previous Courses: Settdown Creek GC (assistant)

Lancaster CC (assistant)

Hometown: Mount Vernon, Ohio

Education: Ohio State University

Professional Tournaments Hosted: This will be the 21st Tour Championship hosted by Kepple (1998, 2000, 2002, 2004-21)

Other Key Golf Personnel

Charles Aubry, Superintendent

Dustin Bucher, Assistant Superintendent

Davis Watts, Assistant Superintendent

Chris Lewis, Equipment Manager

Drew Dunn, PGA Professional

Number of Employees: 33

Number of Tournament Volunteers: 60

Course Architect

Architect (year): Tom Bendelow (1904)

Renovation Architect (year): Donald Ross (1913), Rees Jones (1994, 2008, 2016)

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

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

Tournament Set-up

Par: 35-35--70

Yardage: 7,346

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 6,090 sq. ft.

Acres of Fairway: 24

Acres of Rough: 110

Number of Sand Bunkers: 74

Number of Water Hazards: 5

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 4

Soil Conditions: Red Georgia clay

Water Sources: 24-acre pond

Drainage Conditions: Good

Turfgrass

Greens: MiniVerde ultradwarf bermuda .100"

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

Fairways: Meyer zoysiagrass .400"

Rough: Tifway bermudagrass 2.5"

Additional Notes

• There was a stretch in July with measurable rainfall 17 of 23 days with a total of 8.12" for the month. This delayed recovery from late June/early July maintenance (aerate, topdress, vertical mow). It also prevented mowing rough on many days, which meant the maintenance staff spent July playing catch up.

• In 2020 trees were removed on the 15th hole to combine the back two tees into one larger teeing area to give a wider range of yardage options.

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