

TOUR Championship (PGA TOUR)

East Lake Golf Club • Atlanta, Ga. • August 21-24, 2025

Director of Agronomy

Charlie Aubry, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 18

Years at East Lake: 10 (2 as director of agronomy)

Years as a Superintendent: 8

Previous Courses: Atlanta Country Club (assistant), Ventana Canyon (assistant), Coeur D'Alene Resort (intern)

Hometown: Rochester, Mich.

Education: Michigan State University

Professional Tournaments Hosted: This will be the 11th overall Tour Championship for Aubry (2015-present) and his 3rd as the director of agronomy.

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Other Key Agronomy Personnel

David Watts, superintendent; Banks Woodrick, lead assistant superintendent; Taylor Luckado, lead assistant superintendent; Jordan Sayles, second assistant superintendent; Chris Lewis, equipment manager; Mandy Rowell, tournament coordinator
Agronomy Employees: 38 / Tournament Volunteers: 70
Golf Course Dogs: George, a great Dane; Lady Bird, a vizsla; Pappi, a yellow lab

Course Architect

Tom Bendelow (1904)

Renovation: Donald Ross (1913), George Cobb (1959), Rees Jones (1994, 2008, 2016), Andrew Green (2023-24)

Notable

- Changes to the course since last year include a small fairway reduction on No. 17 and a shortgrass expansion on the left side of No. 8 approach.
- Before the 2024 event the course was completely rebuilt from the ground up with turfgrass conversions, bunker placement and stream reclamation, etc... A 1949 aerial photo guided reshaping of fairways and greens. The restoration was committed to environmental stewardship. The maintenance team is adjusting agronomic practices with the soil changes.

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Tournament Setup

Par: 35-35--70

Yardage: 7,440

Turfgrass

Greens: TifEagle bermudagrass .115"

Collars: Prizm zoysiagrass .215"

Approaches: Prizm zoysiagrass .215"

Tees: Zorro zoysia / Tahoma 31 bermudagrass .425"

Fairways: Zorro zoysiagrass .385"

Rough: Tifway 419 bermudagrass 3.5"

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 6,238 sq. ft.

Acres of Fairway: 29 (up from 24 in 2023)

Acres of Rough: 70 (down from 90 in 2023)

Number of Sand Bunkers: 78 (76,000 sq. ft.) (up from 74 bunkers in 2023)

Number of Water Hazards: 5

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 8 (up from 6 in 2023)

Soil Conditions: Red Georgia Clay

Water Sources: 25-acre pond / lake

Drainage: Good

High Elevation: 1,045'

Low Elevation: 955'

Links

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Tournament Fact Sheet

2025 GCSAA Course and Superintendent Notes For Courses Played to Date (PGA TOUR Only) (Primary Courses Only) (U.S./Canada Courses Only) (This Week's Course in Red)

Tournaments by State

- 5 – California
- 4 – Florida / Texas
- 2 – Hawaii / South Carolina / Pa. / North Carolina / **Georgia**
- 1 – Ariz. / La. / Ohio / Canada / Ct. / Mich. / Ill. / Ky. / Minn / Tenn. / Md.

Yardage (par)

Longest (top 10)

- 7,765 (72) – Torrey Pines South (Farmers Insurance)
- 7,765 (72) – Torrey Pines South (Genesis)
- 7,626 (71) – Quail Hollow (PGA Championship)
- 7,601 (72) – Caves Valley (BMW Championship)
- 7,596 (73) – Kapalua Resort (The Sentry)
- 7,569 (72) – Muirfield Village (Memorial)
- 7,561 (71) – TPC Craig Ranch (CJ CUP Byron Nelson)
- 7,555 (72) – Augusta National (Masters)
- 7,480 (71) – Tahoe Mountain Club (Barracuda)
- 7,475 (70) – Memorial Park (Texas Children's Hospital)

Shortest (top 5)

- 6,844 (70) – TPC River Highlands (Travelers)
- 6,972 (72) – Pebble Beach Golf Links (AT&T Pro Am)
- 7,044 (70) – Waialae (Sony Open)
- 7,056 (70) – Hurstbourne (ISCO)
- 7,119 (70) – Philadelphia Cricket Club (Trust)

Average Green Size (top five)

Largest

- 8,500 – Oakmont (US Open)
- 8,722 – Kapalua Resort (The Sentry)
- 7,500 – Bay Hill Club (Cognizant)
- 7,100 – Waialae (Sony Open)
- 7,069 – TPC Scottsdale (WM Phoenix Open)

Smallest

- 3,500 – Pebble Beach Golf Links (AT&T Pro Am)
- 3,700 – Harbour Town (RBC)
- 4,500 – TPC Southwind (FedEx St. Jude)
- 4,750 – Hurstbourne (ISCO)
- 5,000 – TPC River Highlands (Travelers)
- 5,000 – Colonial Country Club (Charles Schwab)
- 5,000 – Torrey Pines South (Farmers Insurance)
- 5,000 – Torrey Pines South (Genesis)
- 5,000 – Muirfield Village (Memorial)

Number of Bunkers (top five)

Most

- 168 – Oakmont (US Open)
- 118 – Philadelphia Cricket Club (Trust)
- 116 – Pebble Beach Golf Links (AT&T Pro Am)
- 106 – TPC Louisiana (Zurich)
- 95 – Tahoe Mountain Club (Barracuda)

Fewest

- 21 – Memorial Park (Texas Children's Hospital)
- 44 – Augusta National (Masters)
- 48 – TPC Toronto (RBC Canadian)
- 51 – Harbour Town (RBC)
- 52 – Sedgfield (Wyndham)

Green Turf Type

- 11 – Poa or Poa overseed
- 9 – Bermudagrass**
- 9 – Bentgrass
- 4 – Bentgrass / Poa
- 1 – Poa / bentgrass / ryegrass

Rough Turf Type

- 13 – Ryegrass
- 8 – Bluegrass and/or bluegrass mixes
- 7 – Bermudagrass**
- 5 – Ryegrass and fescue mixes
- 1 – Tall fescue

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