



Tournament Fact Sheet

Bank of Utah Championship (PGA TOUR)

Black Desert Resort • Ivins, Utah • October 1-4, 2026

Golf Course Superintendent

Ken Yates, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 15

Years at Black Desert: 4

Years as a Superintendent: 22

Previous Courses: Lagoon Park (superintendent), Aliante GC (superintendent), La Cantera Resort (superintendent), Badlands (superintendent), Sunset Hills (assistant / superintendent)

Hometown: Sandoval, Ill.

Education: Iowa State University

Professional Tournaments Hosted: This is Yates' 4th pro tournament as he hosted last year's PGA Tour event and this spring's LPGA event.

Other Key Agronomy Personnel

Assistant Superintendents: Tyler Jolley, Kaden Spaulding

Equipment Manager: Jeron Affleck

PGA Professional: Zach Kelly

General Manager: Colby Cowen

Agronomy Employees: 27 / Tournament Volunteers: 42

Course Architect

Tom Weiskopf / Phil Smith (2023)

(Front 9 opened Nov. 2022 / Back 9 opened May 2023)

Notable

- Last year's mowing patterns were due north and south regardless of hole direction. This year, fairways will be mowed in a diamond pattern.
- For the third year in a row and the third time in PGA TOUR history, a course will use robotic fairway mowers.
- Golf course is in the midst of a lava field.
- Black Desert Resort and Tiburon Golf Club are the only two courses hosting PGA TOUR and LPGA Tour events in the same year (Tiburon also hosts the PGA TOUR Champions).
- Yates is former volunteer fireman and once performed CPR on a member of his crew for 13 minutes and received recognition from the North Las Vegas Fire Department.

Tournament Setup

Par: 36-35--71

Yardage: 7,421

Turfgrass

Greens: 007XL bentgrass (.120")

Collars: Dominator bentgrass (.350")

Approaches: Dominator bentgrass (.350")

Tees: Dominator bentgrass (.350")

Fairways: Dominator bentgrass (.350")

Rough: Kentucky bluegrass (2")

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 7,000 sq. ft.

Total Property Acres: 600

Acres of Fairway: 51

Acres of Rough: 25

Number of Sand Bunkers: 50 (1.7 acres)

Number of Water Hazards: 3

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 3

Soil Conditions: Sand based

Water Sources: Effluent, grey

Drainage: Good

High Elevation: No. 1 green (3,000 ft. above sea level)

Low Elevation: No. 5 green

Average Fairway Widths: 30 yards

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