



Tournament Fact Sheet

Biltmore Championship Asheville (PGA TOUR)

The Cliffs at Walnut Cove • Arden, NC • September 17-20, 2026

Golf Course Superintendent

Steve Shand, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 23

Years at The Cliffs at Walnut Cove: 14

Years as a Superintendent: 14

Previous Courses: Charlotte Country Club, Charlotte, NC

Assistant Golf Course Superintendent (2005-12)

Augusta National Golf Club, Augusta, GA Intern (2004) Tarratine

Club of Dark Harbor, Islesboro, ME Crew Member (1994-2004)

Hometown: Islesboro, ME

Education: Elon University, Penn State University

Hobbies: Golf, hike, mountain bike and homebrew beer

Other Key Agronomy Personnel

Assistant Superintendents: Brenden Leis and Thatcher Schlup

Equipment Manager: Taylor Robinson

PGA Professional: Rich Niedergerke

Landscape Manager: Jay Fojtik

Agronomy Employees: 23 / Tournament Volunteers: 44

Golf Course Dog: Wailua, Yellow Lab, 7 years

Course Architect

Jack Nicklaus (2005)

Notable

- The nines will be reversed for the tournament.
- It has been extremely hot and wet since early July which has been challenging. The have had record high temperatures in recent days.

Tournament Setup

Par: N/A

Yardage: N/A

Turfgrass

Greens: Bent/Poa

Collars: Bent/Poa

Approaches: Bentgrass

Tees: Bentgrass

Fairways: Bentgrass

Rough: Kentucky Bluegrass

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: N/A

Acres of Fairway: N/A

Acres of Rough: N/A

Number of Sand Bunkers: N/A

Number of Water Hazards: N/A

Number of Holes Water is in Play: N/A

Soil Conditions: N/A

Water Sources: N/A

High Elevation: N/A

Low Elevation: N/A

Average Fairway Widths: N/A

Wildlife on course: Bear, fox, deer, hawks, occasional eagle and ospreys

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