

## Augusta National Women's Amateur

Champions Retreat (Island & Bluff) • Evans, Ga. • March 31-April 3, 2021

### Golf Course Superintendent

#### Craig Walsh, GCSAA

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Years as GCSAA Member: 25  
Years at Champions Retreat: 1  
Years as a Superintendent: 16  
Previous Courses: Eagle Point Golf Club (super)  
Hometown: Amory, Miss.  
Education: Mississippi State University

Professional Tournaments Hosted: Walsh has hosted the Wells Fargo Championship as well as Champions Tour events, and other top amateur and college events.

### Other Key Golf Personnel

Brad Thompson, Assistant Superintendent  
Michael Dalton, Assistant Superintendent  
Marty Boersme, Equipment Manager  
Number of Employees: 32  
Number of Tournament Volunteers: 40

### Course Architect

Architect (year): Opened 2005  
Bluff Nine: Jack Nicklaus  
Island Nine: Arnold Palmer  
Creek Nine: Gary Player

*Tournament Fact Sheets for the PGA, LPGA, Champions and Korn Ferry Tours and USGA can be found all year at:*  
<https://www.gcsaa.org/media/tournament-fact-sheets>

### Tournament Set-up

Par: 36-36--72  
Yardage: 6,445  
Stimpmeter: 12-plus

### Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 5,750 sq. ft.  
Acres of Fairway: 36  
Acres of Rough: 60  
Number of Sand Bunkers: 54  
Number of Water Hazards: 6  
Number of Holes Water is in Play: 6  
Soil Conditions: Clay  
Water Sources: Lake  
Drainage Conditions: Poor (hard clay soils)

### Turfgrass

Greens: A-1 bentgrass  
Tees: 419 bermudagrass os/w ryegrass  
Fairways: 419 bermudagrass  
Rough: 419 bermudagrass

### Additional Notes

- Tournament starts on Island Nine and finishes on Bluff Nine.
- The greens are contaminated with Jones Dwarf Bermuda and will be regressed in May. New surface will be TifEagle Bermudagrass.
- The only parts of the golf course that are overseeded are the tee boxes.
- The three nines are very distinct properties designed by three golf legends.

*(Augusta National information not available at this time)*

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