

Blessings Collegiate Invitational (NCAA)

Blessings Golf Club • Fayetteville, Ark. • October 3-5, 2022

Director of Agronomy

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Years as GCSAA Member: 22

Years at Blessings: Started June 2022

Years as a Superintendent: 22

Previous Course: Maridoe (superintendent)

Hometown: Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

Education: University of Southern Mississippi

Tournaments Hosted: Westacott is hosting his first Blessings Collegiate. In his career he has hosted the Southern Amateur and Trans-Mississippi Amateur.

Other Key Golf Personnel

Nic Brouwer, GCSAA, Superintendent

Collin Randall, Assistant Superintendent

Victor Najera, Assistant Superintendent

Ian Knoop, Assistant in Training

Drew O'Brien, Turf Equipment Manager

Justin Sellin, PGA Professional

Course Architect

Architect (year): Robert Trent Jones, Jr. (2004)

Renovation Architect (year): Kyle Phillips (2017)

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Superintendent - @grassprowesty

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Tournament Set-up

Par: Men – 72 / Women - 73

Yardage: Men – 7,501 / Women – 6,400
(unofficial)

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 5,675 sq. ft.

Acres of Fairway: 60

Acres of Rough: 10

Number of Sand Bunkers: 65

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 12
(mainly Clear Creek)

Soil Conditions: Imported sand cap
(fairways), USGA (greens)

Water Sources: Runoff, Clear Creek

Drainage Conditions: Very good

Turfgrass

Greens: A1/A4 creeping bentgrass .110"

Tees: Cavalier zoysiagrass .425"

Fairways: Cavalier zoysiagrass .425"

Rough: Fescue 3"

Additional Notes

- Director of Agronomy Shawn Westacott won the 2016 GCSAA National Golf Championship and has multiple runners-up and top-10 finishes in the annual event.

- Course suffered through a major storm in June that left parts of the course under water. Westacott credits superintendent Nic Brouwer and staff for cleanup. Among the damage was uprooting of turf and bunkers, especially on No. 5.

- Course plays through the Clear Creek floodplain and rises 65 feet through ravines.

- Course hosted the 2019 NCAA men's and women's championships.

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