

Fields of Honor Collegiate (NCAA)

American Dunes Golf Club • Grand Haven, Mich. • September 9-11, 2024

Golf Course Superintendent

Joe VerDuin, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 18

Years at American Dunes: 7

Years as a Superintendent: 10

Previous Courses: National Golf Links, Arcadia Bluff,
Spring Lake Country Club

Hometown: Grand Haven, Mich.

Education: Michigan State / Grand Valley State

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Other Key Golf Personnel

Kenny VerDuin, Assistant Superintendent

Brandon Thompson, Assistant Superintendent

Ben Beard, Equipment Manager

Ian Ziska, PGA Professional

Number of Employees: 27

Number of Tournament Volunteers: 10

Course Architect

Renovation Architect (year): Jack Nicklaus (2020)

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Tournament - @fohcollegiate

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Tournament Set-up

Par: Men: 35-36—71 / Women 36-36--72

Yardage: Men: 7,213 / Women 6,340

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 6,000 sq. ft.

Total Property Acres: 150

Acres of Fairway: 40

Acres of Rough: 15

Number of Sand Bunkers: 36 bunkers and
30 acres of sandy waste areas

Number of Water Hazards: 7

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 7

Soil Conditions: Sand

Water Sources: Ground

Drainage Conditions: Great

Turfgrass

Greens: 777 bentgrass

Collars: Flagstick bentgrass

Approaches: Flagstick bentgrass

Tees: Flagstick bentgrass

Fairways: Flagstick bentgrass

Rough: Bluegrass / ryegrass mix 2.75"

Additional Notes

- Course was built with the sand that was on the property as no materials were moved in or out to construct the course.
- Average fairway widths in landing areas: 30 yards.
- New Jet tee lengthened #17 and a reconstruction of #13 tee to make it bigger.
- A lot of humidity has caused staff to be flexible in timing of applications, height of cut and other cultural practices.
- You can hear waves crashing in Lake Michigan from #13 green.

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