

Darius Rucker Intercollegiate (NCAA women)

Long Cove Club • Hilton Head, S.C. • March 3-5, 2025

Golf Course Superintendent

Ashley Davis, CGCS, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 31

Years at Long Cove Club: 22

Years as Superintendent: 26

Previous Courses: The Club at Seabrook Island (assistant, superintendent, director of golf course maintenance)

Hometown: Batesburg, S.C.

Education: Clemson University

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Other Key Agronomy Personnel

Assistant Superintendents: Mark Lewis, Jordan Feathers, Logan

Holland / Equipment Manager: Naicir Santiago / Director of

Golf: Bob Patton / Agronomy Employees: 23

Course Architect

Pete Dye, ASGCA (1981)

Renovation: Bobby Weed, ASGCA (2018)

Notable

- Area had coldest winter in many years.
- The last week of January featured 4" of snow and sleet (first snow on Hilton Head Island since January 2018). The course closed for a week.
- Typically, the non-overseeded bermuda fairways and roughs are greening up by mid-February, but not this year.
- A new irrigation system (1,800 sprinkler heads) and pump station was installed in 2024.
- Assistant superintendents Mark Lewis and Jordan Feathers were previously interns at Long Cove Club.
- Course hosted the men's mid-amateur in 1991 and the women's mid-amateur in 2003.

Tournament Setup

Par: 36-35--71

Yardage: 6,413

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No. 8 tee looking towards green on January 24.

Turfgrass

Greens: Poa trivialis overseed .100"

Collars: Celebration bermudagrass .350"

Approaches: Celebration bermudagrass .350"

Tees: Ryegrass overseed .350"

Fairways: Celebration bermudagrass .350"

Rough: 419 bermudagrass 1.5"

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 7,000 sq. ft.

Total Property Acres: 100

Acres of Fairway: 25

Acres of Rough: 40

Number of Sand Bunkers: 67 (61,000 sq. ft. / 1.4 acres)

Waste Areas: 136,000 sq. ft. (3.1 acres)

Number of Water Hazards: 12

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 12

Soil Conditions: Sandy loam

Water Sources: Stormwater collection

Drainage: Good

High Elevation: 22'

Low Elevation: 9'

Average Fairway Widths: Approximately 50 yards