



Tournament Fact Sheet

U.S. Women's Amateur (USGA)

The Honors Course • Ooltewah, Tenn. • Aug. 4-9, 2026

Director of Agronomy

Will Misenhimer, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 25

Years at Old Chatham: 20

Years as a Superintendent: 10

Previous Courses: Assistant superintendent at The Honors Course (2009-2016)

Hometown: Lawrenceburg, Tenn.

Alma mater: Mississippi State University

Professional Tournaments Experience: 2010 NCAA Men's Championship, 2011 U.S. Senior Women's Amateur Championship, 2016 U.S. Junior Amateur Championship and the 2024 U.S. Senior Men's Amateur Championship

Other Key Agronomy Personnel

Assistant superintendents: Nick Blakely, Chip Ward, Tom Stier and Elijah DeBusk; Equipment manager: Doug Brewer; Asst. equipment manager Cade McGregor; PGA professional: Henrik Simenson; Director of horticulture: Chad Malone
Agronomy Employees: 37 / Tournament Volunteers: 8
Golf Course Dog: Tay, 8-years-old Lagotto Romagnolo

Course Architect

Pete Dye (July 1983); Restoration, Gil Hanse (2021/2022)

Notable

- In 2022 there was a full course restoration. All elevations remain the same from the original design.
- This past winter the native grass line was shifted to the left of the 6th green after a prominent tree was lost there in 2025.
- The Emerald Ash Borer has caused significant damage to Ash trees over the past 2 years. 40 Ash trees have been removed throughout the course in the past few months. Very few have affected playability.
- The headquarters of "Little Debbie" snack cakes is a few miles from the course.

Tournament Setup

Par: 36-36-72

Yardage: 6,700

Turfgrass

Greens: Tif Eagle Ultradwarf Bermudagrass .120"

Collars: Prizm Zoysia .200"

Approaches: Zeon Zoysia .350"

Tees: Zeon Zoysia and Tahoma 31 Bermudagrass .350"

Fairways: Zeon Zoysia .400"

Rough: Tahoma 31 Bermudagrass 2.25-2.5"

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 6,700 sq. ft.

Total Property Acres: 580

Acres of Fairway: 24

Acres of Rough: 25

Number of Sand Bunkers: 99

Square feet of Sand Bunkers: 154,000 sq. ft.

Number of Water Hazards: 6

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 5

Soil Conditions: Native clay in greens surrounds and primary roughs, sand capped fairways and tees, USGA spec sand greens.

Water sources: Ponds fed by runoff from White Oak Mountain

Drainage conditions: 21 miles of turf drainage in fairways

High point elevation and location: 875 feet hole 1

Low point elevation and location: 766 feet hole 13

Average Fairway Widths in landing areas: 30 yards

Wildlife on course: A lot of deer and a pair of bald eagles

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