

The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic (Korn Ferry Tour)

The Abaco Club on Winding Bay • Cherokee, Abaco, The Bahamas •
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Years as GCSAA Member: 16

Years at The Abaco Club: 6

Years as a Superintendent: 15

Previous Courses: Haig Point (director of grounds),
Black Diamond Ranch (director of golf course maint.)

Hometown: Lecanto, Fla.

Professional Tournaments Hosted: This will be DiMase's
4th Great Abaco Classic.

Other Key Golf Personnel

Demetrio Hepburn, Assistant Superintendent

Pedro Burrows, Assistant Superintendent

Darron Sands, Equipment Manager

Hermon Hepburn, Equipment Manager

Number of Employees: 32

Number of Tournament Volunteers: 24

Course Architect

Architect (year): Donald Steele (2004)

Renovation: 2017

Renovation included all bunkers being rebuilt, shaped and sodded with zoysia and made true pot-style bunkers, new rough lines, turf converted to zoysia, sand and waste areas reclamation, and work in practice areas.

Tournament Fact Sheets for the PGA, LPGA, Champions and Korn Ferry Tours and USGA and PGA of America championships can be found all year at:

<https://www.gcsaa.org/media/tournament-fact-sheets>

Tournament Set-up

Par: 72

Yardage: TBA

Stimpmeter: 11

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 7,000 sq. ft.

Acres of Fairway: 60

Acres of Rough: 35

Number of Sand Bunkers: 84

Number of Water Hazards:

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 1

Soil Conditions: Native sand

Water Sources: Well field

Drainage Conditions:

Turfgrass

Greens: SeaDwarf paspalum .090"

Tees: Platinum paspalum .250"

Fairways: Sea Isle supreme .400"

Rough: Empire zoysiagrass 2"

Additional Notes

- This tournament was played at The Abaco Club in 2017, 18 and 19 before being moved to Nassau due to Hurricane Dorian in 2020 and canceled in 2021 due to COVID.

- Course changes since last event here include greens expanded to original sizes, new tee box added on drivable #5 and two fairway bunkers added on #11.

- Course saw serious drought conditions in the summer with just 2.5" of rain.

- The Abaco Islands are known for some of the best blue water AND fly fishing in the world as well as being home to underground caves

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