

## Visit Knoxville Open (Korn Ferry Tour)

Holston Hills Country Club • Knoxville, Tenn. • May 25-28, 2023

### Golf Course Superintendent

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Years as GCSAA Member: 28

Years at Holston Hills: 22

Years as a Superintendent: 22

Hometown: Knoxville, Tenn.

Education: University of Tennessee

**Did You Know?** Blair grew up in Knoxville, graduated from the University of Tennessee here, was an assistant at Cherokee CC in Knoxville and superintendent at Holston Hills for 22 years.

### Other Key Golf Personnel

Lincoln Hurd, Assistant Superintendent

Donnie Lequire, Equipment Manager

Chris Dibble, PGA Professional

Number of Employees: 17

Number of Tournament Volunteers: 10

### Course Architect

Architect (year): Donald Ross (1927)

Renovation Architect (year): Tom Doak (1998)

### Twitter

Course - [@HolstonHillsCC](https://twitter.com/HolstonHillsCC)

Tournament - [@visitknoxopen](https://twitter.com/visitknoxopen)

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### Tournament Set-up

Par: 35-35—70

Yardage: 7,218

Stimpmeter: 11-11.5

### Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 5,600 sq. ft.

Total Property Acres: 150

Acres of Fairway: 33

Acres of Rough: 100

Number of Sand Bunkers: 104

Number of Water Hazards: 2

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 2

Soil Conditions: Loamy

Water Sources: Holston River

Drainage Conditions: Good

### Turfgrass

Greens: Crenshaw bentgrass .135"

Tees: 419 bermudagrass .300"

Fairways: 419 bermudagrass .425"

Rough: 419 bermudagrass 2"

### Additional Notes

- A new championship tee was added on No. 3, which added 20 yards to the hole. A new tee was also added on No. 15 to stretch the hole 35 yards.

- The Korn Ferry visits two McConnell Golf properties back-to-back as after playing at Holston Hills this week, the tour heads to Raleigh Country Club for the UNC Health Championship next week. Both courses were originally designed by Donald Ross.

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