

Simmons Bank (Korn Ferry Tour)

The Grove Club • College Grove, Tenn. • Sept. 14-17, 2023

Director of Agronomy

Scott Cole, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 23

Years at The Grove Club: 12

Years as a Superintendent: 22

Previous Courses: Ravenwood (super), The Grove Club (super)

Hometown: Mt. Juliet, Tenn.

Education: Penn State University

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Other Key Golf Personnel

Phil Terhune, Superintendent

Armando Pina, Assistant Superintendent

Beaux Escobar, Assistant in Training

Justin Taylor, Equipment Manager

Phil Pressotto, Horticulturist

Doug Oubre, Director of Golf

Number of Employees: 26

Number of Tournament Volunteers: 15

Course Architect

Architect (year): Greg Norman (2012)

Renovation (2023): Greens renovation in summer (May 19-July 25) from Mini Verde bermuda to TifEagle bermuda. Also added new back tees on No. 2 and 15.

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Tournament - @simmonsbankopen

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Tournament Set-up

Par: 36-26—72

Yardage: 7,368 (unofficial)

Stimpmeter: 12

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 6,500 sq. ft.

Acres of Fairway: 35

Acres of Rough: 40

Number of Sand Bunkers: 53

Number of Water Hazards: 12

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 10

Soil Conditions: Sand capped

Water Sources: Wells

Drainage Conditions: Good

Turfgrass

Greens: TifEagle Ultradwarf Bermuda .105"

Tees: Zeon zoysiagrass .350"

Fairways: Zeon zoysiagrass .450"

Rough: Bermudagrass 2.5"

Additional Notes

- This event was named the Korn Ferry Tour Tournament of the Year in 2022.

- The 2022 event was May 5-8. According to Scott Cole the course will actually have rough this year and should play a little tougher compared to May when the rough was green, but not growing.

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