

The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic (Korn Ferry Tour)

The Abaco Club on Winding Bay • Cherokee, Abaco, Bahamas

January 21-24, 2024

Director of Agronomy

Matt DiMase, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 18

Years at The Abaco Club: 8

Years as a Superintendent: 16

Previous Courses: Haig Point (director), Black Diamond Ranch (director)

Hometown: Lecanto, Fla.

Professional Tournaments Hosted: This will be DiMase's 6th Great Abaco Classic

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Other Key Golf Personnel

Demetrio Hepburn, Assistant Superintendent

Pedro Burrows, Assistant Superintendent

Derron Sands, Equipment Manager

Hermon Hepburn, Equipment Manager

Number of Employees: 32

Number of Tournament Volunteers: 24

Golf Course Dog: Divot, 3-yr-old German shorthair pointer

Course Architect

Architect (year): Donald Steele & Tom MacKenzie (2004)

Renovation (year): 2017

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Tournament Fact Sheets for the PGA TOUR, LPGA, PGA TOUR Champions, Korn Ferry and Epson Tours and USGA and PGA of America championships can be found at: <https://www.gcsaa.org/media/tournament-fact-sheets>

Tournament Set-up

Par: 36-36--72

Yardage: 7,141

Stimpmeter: 11

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 7,000 sq. ft.

Total Property Acres: 675

Acres of Fairway: 60

Acres of Rough: 35

Number of Sand Bunkers: 84

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 1

Soil Conditions: Native sand

Water Sources: Well

Drainage Conditions: Natural sand cap

Turfgrass

Greens: SeaDwarf paspalum .090"

Tees: Platinum paspalum .250"

Fairways: Sea Isle supreme paspalum .400"

Rough: Empire zoysiagrass 2"

Additional Notes

- Course is on land that used to be a sugar cane farm.
- Average fairway widths in landing areas are 34 yards.
- The course received record-breaking rainfall with 110.25" in 2023, including 27" in June.
- Coconut trees were planted on #5 and #14.
- DiMase is still waiting on replacement equipment from Hurricane Dorian in 2019.
- DiMase was elected the inaugural president of the Caribbean superintendent chapter of GCSAA in 2022.

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