

Visit Knoxville Open (Korn Ferry Tour)

Holston Hills Country Club • Knoxville, Tenn. • May 23-26, 2024

Golf Course Superintendent

Ryan Blair, CGCS, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 29

Years at Holston Hills: 23

Years as a Superintendent: 23

Hometown: Knoxville, Tenn.

Education: University of Tennessee

Did You Know? Blair grew up in Knoxville and graduated from the University of Tennessee here, was an assistant at Cherokee CC here and super at Holston for 23 years.

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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)

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Tournament Set-up

Par: 35-35—70

Yardage: 7,222

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"

Collars: None

Approaches: 419 bermudagrass .300"

Tees: 419 bermudagrass .300"

Fairways: 419 bermudagrass .400"

Rough: 419 bermudagrass 2"

Additional Notes

- Fairways average 40-45 yards in width.
- Warm season grasses are just starting to wake up.

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