



# Tournament Fact Sheet

## The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic (Korn Ferry Tour)

The Abaco Club on Winding Bay • Cherokee, Abaco, Bahamas • January 19-22, 2025

### Director of Agronomy

**Matt DiMase, GCSAA**

Years as GCSAA Member: 19

Years at The Abaco Club: 9

Years as Superintendent: 17

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

Hometown: Lecanto, Fla.

Professional Tournaments Hosted: This will be DiMase's 7<sup>th</sup> Great Abaco Classic

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### Other Key Agronomy Personnel

Demetrio Hepburn, assistant superintendent, Pedro Burrows, assistant superintendent, Derron Sands, equipment manager, Hermon Hepburn, equipment manager

Agronomy Employees: 32 / Tournament Volunteers: 24

Golf Course Dog: Divot, 4-year-old German shorthair pointer

### Course Architect

Donald Steele and Tom MacKenzie (2004)

Renovation: 2017

### Notable

- Course is on land that used to be a sugar cane farm.
- Since last year the rough on #4 was renovated, the waste areas on #15 were beautified and the entire practice facility was renovated and resurfaced to platinum paspalum.
- Also, a 7,000 square foot practice putting green was added along with a wiffle ball field and a bar.
- Course will undergo a tee renovation over the next two years, completing nine holes this spring and summer and the remaining nine holes in 2026.
- DiMase has been waiting on newly purchased equipment to arrive, so staff has been working with just two fairway mowers, five walk green mowers, three tee mowers and two rollers.
- Maintenance staff is a veteran staff who were mostly born and raised in Abaco.

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- In November 2024, DiMase was called in to assist with the football field grow-in and set-up for the Bahamas Bowl college football game.
- DiMase was elected the inaugural president of the Caribbean superintendent chapter of the year in 2022.
- DiMase was named Syngenta's 2019 Superintendent of the Year.

### Tournament Setup

Par: 36-36--72

Yardage: 7,141

### Turfgrass

Greens: SeaDwarf paspalum .090"

Collars: Sea Isle Supreme paspalum

Approaches: Sea Isle Supreme paspalum

Tees: Sea Isle Supreme paspalum 0"

Fairways: Sea Isle supreme paspalum .400"

Rough: Empire zoysiagrass 2"

### 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: Natural sand cap

High Elevation: 50 feet (#15 tee)

Low Elevation: Sea level (#5 fairway)

Average Fairway Widths: 34 yards

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