



Tournament Fact Sheet

The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic (Korn Ferry Tour)

The Abaco Club on Winding Bay • Cherokee, Abaco, Bahamas • Jan. 18-21, 2026

Director of Operations for Grounds Golf and Recreation

Matt DiMase, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 20

Years at The Abaco Club: 10

Years as a Superintendent: 18

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

Hometown: Lecanto, Fla.

Professional Tournaments Hosted: This will be DiMase's 8th Great Abaco Classic.

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Other Key Agronomy Personnel

Demetrio Hepburn, superintendent; Pedro Burrows, 1st assistant; Darron Sands, equipment manager; Hermon Hepburn, equipment manager

Agronomy Employees: 32 / Tournament Volunteers: 24

Golf Course Dog: Divot, 5-year-old, German short hair pointer

Course Architect

Donald Steele and Tom MacKenzie (2004)

Renovation: 2017 / Tom MacKenzie (2025)

Notable

- The 2025 renovation included relocation of Hole No. 7 and new tees on holes No. 6, 7, 8 and 9 to extend yardage to 7,296 (up from 7,141).
- Hole lengthening numbers: No. 6 from 158 to 196; No. 7 from 420 to 472; No. 8 from 495 to 548; No. 9 from 425 to 437.
- After 2024 the rough on No. 4 was renovated and the waste areas on No. 15 were beautified. Also, the entire practice facility was renovated and resurfaced to platinum paspalum.
- A 7,000 square foot practice putting green was added along with a wiffle ball field and a bar after the 2024 event.
- Maintenance staff is a veteran staff who were mostly born and raised in Abaco.

Tournament Setup

Par: 36-36--72

Yardage: 7,296 (up from 7,141 last year)

Turfgrass

Greens: SeaDwarf paspalum .090"

Collars: Sea Isle Supreme paspalum

Approaches: Sea Isle Supreme paspalum

Tees: Sea Isle Supreme paspalum

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 Water Hazards:

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 1

Soil Conditions: Native sand

Water Sources: Well

Drainage: Natural land cap

High Elevation: 50 feet (No. 15 tee)

Low Elevation: Sea level (No. 5 fairway)

Average Fairway Widths: 34 yards

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