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GCSAA Tournament Fact Sheet

PGA Tour

Viking Classic

October 29 - November 1, 2009

Annandale Golf Club

Madison, Miss.

GCSAA Class A Director of Golf Course Operations Information

GCSAA class A Director of Golf Course Operations:

Al Osteen

Availability to media:

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Education:

B.S., Turfgrass Management,
Mississippi State University, Starkville,
Miss., 1998

Years as a GCSAA member: 14

GCSAA affiliated chapter:

Louisiana/Mississippi Golf Course
Superintendents Association

Years at this course: 9

Previous positions:

1996-2000, Golf Course
Superintendent, Stonewolf Golf Club,
Fairview Heights, Ill.

Previous tournament preparation:

2000-2006 Southern Farm Bureau
Classic, Annandale Golf Club, Madison,
Miss.; 2007-2008 Viking Classic,
Annandale Golf Club, Madison, Miss.

Previous events hosted by facility:

1998-2006 State Farm Bureau Classic;
1994-1997 PGA Deposit Gauranty
Classic; 2007-2008 Viking Classic

Course statistics

Average tee size: 1,500 sq. ft.

Tournament stimpeter: 11.5

Average green size: 5,500 sq. ft.

Soil condition: Silty clay

Green construction soil mix:

USGA (70% sand, 30% peat)

Rounds per year: 16,000

Acres of fairway: 30

Source of water:

Pond, lake, well, city water, potable,
creek

Acres of rough: 245

Drainage conditions: Fair

Sand bunkers: 69

Water hazards: 8

Course ratings

	Yardage	Par	Rating	Slope
Forward	5888	72	68.5	121
Regular	6637	72	71.7	127
Championship	7199	72	75.4	135

Course characteristics

	Primary Grasses	Height of Cut
Tees	Bermudagrass	0.4375"
Fairways	Bermudagrass	0.4375"
Greens	Champion bermudagrass	0.125"
Rough	Kentucky bluegrass	2.5"

Environmental management/features

Many new natural areas of significant acreage have been added around the course. Tall fescue and hundreds of seedling trees have been established in these areas, which require no special product application or regular maintenance. These areas have attracted more wildlife to the course. Many of the lake and creek banks have been allowed to grow in, creating a barrier against run-off from fertilizer and to help reduce erosion.



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Wildlife on the course

Armadillo; Beaver; Bobcat; Canada goose;
Coyote; Deer; Fish; Fox; Groundhog; Hawk;
Muskrat; Otter; Rabbit; Raccoon; Red fox;
Several different species of birds; Snakes;
Squirrel; Turkey; Turtle; Woodpecker; Quail;
Great blue heron; White egret

Interesting and historical course-related facts

In 2006 the G-2 bentgrass greens were replaced with Champion bermudagrass. Also in 2006, the greenside bunkers were cored out with new drainage and sand installed.

The signature holes at Annandale Golf Course are Nos. 8 & 17. The par-3, No. 8 is the toughest and largest putting surface on the course. Slightly downhill with water behind the green, this is the second of two long par threes on the front nine. Annandale members would identify the par-4, No. 17 as their "signature hole." For those who want to gamble with the tee shot, a long iron or fairway wood can be landed onto the island fairway to the right that is protected by water and rough. The island sets up a much easier second shot if properly placed. The optional fairway to the left is guarded by an out-of-bounds area to the left-side and a water hazard to the right. The small and slender 17th green fields shots from many angles.

Course architect/date:

Jack Nicklaus, 1980

Most recent redesign/renovation:

Jack Nicklaus, 2006

Other key course personnel

Scott Kuhn, Assistant Superintendent
Mitch O'Banion, Assistant Superintendent
Ken Hayman, Assistant Superintendent
Roscoe Wilson, Equipment Manager
David McMillin, Club President

Stephen Christopher,
Club Manager; PGA Professional;
Director of Golf

Ben Nelson, Green Committee Chairman
Membership, Club Owner

Golf course management facts

For additional information please visit the GCSAA [association news](#) section or contact the Communications Department at 800-472-7878.

GCSAA is a leading golf organization and has as its focus golf course management. Since 1926, GCSAA has been the top professional association for the men and women who manage golf courses in the United States and worldwide. From its headquarters in Lawrence, Kan., the association provides education, information and representation to more than 20,000 members in more than 72 countries. GCSAA's mission is to serve its members, advance their profession and enhance the enjoyment, growth and vitality of the game of golf. The association's philanthropic organization, [The Environmental Institute for Golf](#), works to strengthen the compatibility of golf with the natural environment through research grants, support for education programs and outreach efforts. Visit GCSAA at www.gcsaa.org.