



# Tournament Fact Sheet

## Rapiscan Systems Classic

Fallen Oak • Biloxi, Miss. • March 29-31, 2019

### Golf Course Superintendent

#### Matt Hughes

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Years as GCSAA Member: 21

Years at Fallen Oak: 14

Years as a Superintendent: 14

Previous Courses (title): The Country Club, Pepper Pike,  
Ohio (assistant); Westbrooks Country Club,  
Mansfield, Ohio (assistant)

Hometown: Westlake, Ohio

Education: Penn State University

Number of full-time staff members: 30

Number of tournament volunteers: 20-30

### Other Key Golf Personnel

Chuck Simpson, Assistant Superintendent

Adam Cruthirds, Assistant Superintendent

Tommy Brown, Equipment Manager

Rick Gehr, Director of Golf

Blake Hatfield, Head Golf Professional

Jeff Segan, VP of Hotel Operations, Beau Rivage Resort  
and Casino

Travis Lunn, President and COO, Beau Rivage Resort and  
Casino

### Course Architect

Architect (year): Tom Fazio (2006)

Renovation (year): Tom Fazio (2014)

Course Owner: MGM Resorts International

### Tournament Set-up

Par: 72

Yardage: 7,100

Stimpmeter: 12.75

### Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 7,000 sq. ft.

Average Tee Size: 2,000 sq. ft.

Acres of Fairway: 34

Acres of Rough: 60

Number of sand bunkers: 65

Number of water hazards: 14

Soil conditions: Sandy loam

Water sources: Well

Drainage conditions: Good

### Turfgrass

Greens: TifEagle bermudagrass 0.125"

Tees: Tifway 419 bermudagrass 0.400"

Fairways: Tifway 419 bermudagrass mix 0.400"

Rough: Tifway 419 bermudagrass 2"

### Additional Notes

- Wildlife on course include deer, red tail hawks, egrets, herons, armadillo, coyote, beaver, bobcat, and turkey.
- Implemented Nutrient BMPs for Louisiana and Mississippi.
- Water conservation efforts include bio-basin capturing before water leaves the property and utilizing a black and grey water treatment plant.
- Course recognitions include *Golf Digest* No. 38 Public Golf Course; *Golf Magazine* No. 1 Public Course in Mississippi; *Golf Week* No. 2 Casino Course; *Golf Week* No. 20 Resort Course

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