

## The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at Baha Mar

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### Director of Golf

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Years as GCSAA Member: 25

Years at Royal Blue Golf Club: 3

Years as a Superintendent: 15

Previous Courses: CordeValle (superintendent), Teton Springs Resort (superintendent)

Hometown: Hattiesburg, Miss.

Education: Mississippi State University

Number of Employees: 28

Number of Tournament Volunteers: 8

### Other Key Golf Personnel

Alton McDonald, Assistant Superintendent

Carson Mitchell, Assistant Superintendent

Perry "Tiger" Hepburn, Equipment Manager

Andy Deiro, PGA Professional

Matt Balcik, Manager

Graeme Davis, President

### Course Architect

Architect (year): Jack Nicklaus (2017)

Course Owner: Chow Tai Fook Enterprises

Rounds Per Year: 23,000

*Tournament Fact Sheets for the PGA, LPGA, Champions and Korn Ferry Tours can be found all year at:*

<https://www.gcsaa.org/media/tournament-fact-sheets>

### Tournament Set-up

Par: 71

Yardage: 7,123 (unofficial)

Stimpmeter: 10.5

### Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 7,250 sq. ft.

Average Tee Size: 10,000 sq. ft.

Acres of Fairway: 70

Acres of Rough: 15

Number of Sand Bunkers: 72

Number of Water Hazards: 7

How many holes is water in play: 10

Soil Conditions: Dredge sand

Water Sources: Brackish lagoons

Drainage Conditions: Excellent

### Turfgrass

Greens: Platinum TE Paspalum .075"

Tees: Platinum TE Paspalum .375"

Fairways: Platinum TE Paspalum .375"

Rough: Platinum TE Paspalum 2"

### Additional Notes

- Royal Blue Golf Club is hosting this event due to the impact of Hurricane Dorian on the Abaco Club at Winding Bay.

- The club only learned it would be hosting 90 days in advance of the tournament. Fortunately the course is generally in nice enough condition that getting it ready for tournament play was not a huge task for the maintenance crew.

- The course recently switched irrigation sources from potable water to brackish water out of on-course lagoons.

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