

The Huntsville Championship

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Golf Course Superintendent

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Years as GCSAA Member: 38

Years at The Ledges: 23

Years as a Superintendent: 35

Previous Courses: St. Albans (Dir. Agronomy), Green Valley (super)

Hometown: Fontana, Wisc.

Education: Horry Georgetown

Other Key Golf Personnel

Sloan Finnerty, Assistant Superintendent

Colin Fulks, Assistant Superintendent

Glenn Riley, Equipment Manager

Number of Employees: 20

Number of Tournament Volunteers: 12

Course Architect

Architect (year): Dr. Michael Hurdzan & Dana Fray (2000)

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

Tournament Set-up

Par: 35-36--71

Yardage: 7,280 (unofficial)

Stimpmeter: 11.5

Course Statistics

Acres of Fairway: 27

Acres of Rough: 50

Number of Sand Bunkers: 45

Number of Water Hazards: 6

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 3

Soil Conditions: Sandy loam

Water Sources: City

Drainage Conditions: Good

Turfgrass

Greens: A-1 bentgrass .112"

Tees: Meyers and Zorro zoysiagrass .450"

Fairways: Meyers zoysiagrass .450"

Rough: 419 bermudagrass 1.5"

Additional Notes

- All bunkers have been renovated.

- The course is located on the top of Huntsville Mountain with an elevation of 1,582 feet, offering some of the best views of Huntsville and the Tennessee River.

- Environmental steps made include creating buffer areas around wetlands and adding blue bird houses to improve wetland habitats.

- Play has increased on the course over the past several years so agronomy practices have increased to maintain health of the course.

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