

PGA Championship

The Ocean Course at Kiawah Island • Kiawah Island, S.C. • May 20-23, 2021

Golf Course Superintendent

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Years as GCSAA Member: 26

Years at Ocean Course: 18 (32 years at Kiawah Island)

Years as a Superintendent: 29

Previous Courses: Turtle Point (1993-2003), Cougar Point (1992-93) at Kiawah Island Resort

Hometown: Edgewater, Fla.

Education: Lake City CC

Professional Tournaments Hosted by Stone: 2003 World Cup, Club Professional Champ., 2007 PGA Senior Champ., 2012 PGA Champ., 2021 PGA Champ.

GCSAA GCM Story on Stone and Tournament Prep:

<https://bit.ly/2SCGnt8>

Other Key Golf Personnel

Robert Polk, Assistant Superintendent

Connor Carlisle, Assistant Superintendent

Chris Sires, Equipment Manager

Number of Employees: 15

Number of Tournament Volunteers: 90

Course Architect

Architect (year): Pete and Alice Dye (1991)

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

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

Tournament Set-up

Par: 36-36--72

Yardage: 7,876 (unofficial)

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 6,000 sq. ft.

Acres of Fairway: 28

Acres of Rough: 53

Number of Sand Bunkers: 30 acres of sand, no bunkers

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 6

Soil Conditions: Native beach sand

Water Sources: Deep well and reclaimed irrigation runoff

Drainage Conditions: Excellent

Turfgrass

Greens: Seashore paspalum .090"

Tees: Seashore paspalum .250"

Fairways: Seashore paspalum .300"

Rough: 419 bermudagrass overseeded with ryegrass 3.5"

Additional Notes

- Some of the work done on the course includes: Hole #1 waste area front right of green, #2 waste area and oak tree front right of green, #3 oak tree in center of fairway, #4 oak tree at bridge cross over left of hole, #6 expanded tee, #7 waste area right of fairway, #8 oak tree back left of green, #9 expanded tee, #12 two new tees, #15 new tee, #17 bulkhead along green, #18 new tee.

- The 2012 PGA Championship here was in August as opposed to this year's May event. That tournament was the first major to be played on paspalum grass.

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