

## LECOM Suncoast Classic (Korn Ferry Tour)

Lakewood National • Lakewood Ranch, Fla. • April 20-23, 2023

### Golf Course Superintendent

#### Joel Ehrhart, GCSAA

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Years as GCSAA Member: 11

Years at Course: Second month

Years as a Superintendent: 10

Previous Courses: The Oaks Club (super), Coral Creek (super), Plantation (super), Sarasota National (super)

Hometown: Pittsburgh, Pa.

Education: Edison State College

Professional Tournaments Hosted: LPGA Q-School

**Did You Know?** Ehrhart was the 2018 North Florida PGA Southwest chapter superintendent of the year... Tourn volunteer Nick Kearns was Ehrhart's mentor and boss.

### Other Key Golf Personnel

Martin Harris, Assistant Superintendent

Tyler Bennett, Assistant Superintendent

Mark Ketchen, Equipment Manager

Nick Campbell, PGA Professional

Number of Employees: 36 for both courses and grounds

Number of Tournament Volunteers: 15

### Course Architect

Architect (year): Arnold Palmer Design (2017)

### Twitter

Superintendent - @EhrhartJoel

Tournament - @KornFerryTour

GCSAA - @GCSAA

*Tournament Fact Sheets for the PGA TOUR, LPGA, PGA TOUR Champions, Korn Ferry and Epson Tours and USGA and PGA of America championships can be found at: <https://www.gcsaa.org/media/tournament-fact-sheets>*

### Tournament Set-up

Par: 36-25--71

Yardage: 7,113

Stimpmeter: 12

### Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 8,200 sq. ft.

Acres of Fairway: 45

Acres of Rough: 55

Number of Sand Bunkers: 57

Number of Water Hazards: 21

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 14

Soil Conditions: 3% silt

Water Sources: Effluent

Drainage Conditions: Good

### Turfgrass

Greens: TifEagle bermudagrass .110"

Collars: TifGrand bermudagrass .275"

Approaches: TifGrand / Celebration bermuda .275"

Tees: Celebration bermudagrass .350"

Fairways: Celebration bermudagrass .425"

Rough: Celebration bermudagrass 2"

### Additional Notes

- This event was played in February last year. This year's rough should be more penal as the bermudagrass is waking up and growing more this time of year.

- Area has had a lack of rainfall and is closely monitoring the reclaimed water both courses and the community irrigate with.

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