

## American Family Insurance Champ. (PGA TOUR Champions)

University Ridge • Madison, Wis. • June 9-11, 2023

### Golf Course Superintendent

#### Phil Davidson, GCSAA

Email: [pnd@athletics.wisc.edu](mailto:pnd@athletics.wisc.edu)

Years as GCSAA Member: 13

Years at University Ridge: 16

Years as a Superintendent: 9

Hometown: Decatur, Ga.

Education: Lawrence University & Horry Georgetown

Professional Tournaments Hosted: This is Davidson's 7<sup>th</sup> American Family Insurance tournament.

### Other Key Golf Personnel

Trygve Ekern, Assistant Superintendent

Noah Nehmer, Assistant Superintendent

Stuart Wolf, Equipment Manager

Ryan Weime, PGA Professional

Number of Employees: 30

Number of Tournament Volunteers: 25

Golf Course Dog: Ruth, a German shepherd mix

### Course Architect

Architect (year): Robert Trent Jones, Jr. (19910)

Renovation Architect (year): Jones, Jr. (2018)

Course Owner: University of Wisconsin Athletics

### Twitter

Superintendent - @philnari

Course - @URidgeGolf

Tournament - @amfamchamp

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*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: 36-36--72

Yardage: 7,083

Stimpmeter: 12

### Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 7,000 sq. ft.

Total Property Acres: 450

Acres of Fairway: 32

Acres of Rough: 60

Number of Sand Bunkers: 74

Number of Water Hazards: 5

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 7

Soil Conditions: Silt loam

Water Sources: Pond / well

Drainage Conditions: Good

### Turfgrass

Greens: 007 bentgrass .110"

Collars: 007 bentgrass .300'

Approaches: Bentgrass / *Poa annua* .300'

Tees: Bentgrass / *Poa annua* .300'

Fairways: Bentgrass / *Poa annua* .375"

Rough: Bluegrass / tall fescue 2.5"

### Additional Notes

- Colder than normal temperatures and little rainfall have caused a slow start to the growing season, especially for the bentgrass.

- Davidson and his son Matthew won the Wisconsin State Golf Association father-son tournament in 2019 and their names are now on the trophy with Jerry Kelly.

- Assistant superintendent Trygve Ekern returned to the course this year after 20 years as superintendent for the City of Madison. He started at University Ridge as an intern in the 1990s.

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