

# **Tournament Fact Sheet**

# **Ascension Charity Classic (PGA TOUR Champions)**

Norwood Hills Country Club (West) • St. Louis, Mo. • Sept. 8-10, 2023

# Golf Course Superintendent Mike Null, CGCS, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 40 Years at Norwood Hills: 22 Years as a Superintendent: 29

Previous Courses: Falls Golf Course (superintendent),

Norwood Hills (West Course superintendent)

Hometown: Rock Rapids, Iowa Education: Iowa State University

Professional Tournaments Hosted: This is the third

Professional event for Null in his career.

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# **Other Key Golf Personnel**

James Bucher, West Course Superintendent Zach Ellison, East Course Superintendent Logan Smith, Assistant Superintendent Pam Sparks, Horticulturist

Steve Wright, Equipment Manager

Number of Employees: 25

Number of Tournament Volunteers: 20

Dog: Woody, 5-year-old malamute/Australian shepherd

### **Course Architect**

Architect (year): Wayne Stiles (1922)

Renovation Architect (year): Roger Null (1992)

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# **Tournament Set-up**

Par: 36-35--71 Yardage: 6,992

### **Course Statistics**

Average Green Size: 8,000 sq. ft.

Total Property Acres: 416 Acres of Fairway: 25 Acres of Rough: 180

Number of Sand Bunkers: 68 Number of Water Hazards: 4

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 3

Soil Conditions: Clay Water Sources: City

# **Turfgrass**

Greens: Crenshaw bentgrass .136" Collars: Princeville bentgrass .375" Approaches: Princeville bentgrass .375"

Tees: Zoysiagrass .500" Fairways: Zoysiagrass .500" Rough: Mix of grasses 2.5"

#### **Additional Notes**

- Renovation architect Roger Null was the course superintendent and a three-time GCSAA National Tournament champion. His nephew Mike a certified golf course superintendent (CGCS) is the current superintendent.
- Two years ago a bunker renovation was completed and many dying Pin Oak trees were removed from the course.
- Ben Hogan won the 1948 PGA Championship at Norwood Hills.
- Norwood Hills is a 36-hole facility.

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