

## TOUR Championship (PGA TOUR)

East Lake Golf Club • Atlanta, Ga. • August 29-September 1, 2024

### Director of Agronomy

#### Charlie Aubry, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 17

Years at East Lake: 9.5 (2<sup>nd</sup> as director of agronomy)

Years as a Superintendent: 6.5

Previous Courses: Atlanta CC (asst), Ventana Canyon (asst), Coeur D'Alene Resort (intern)

Hometown: Rochester, Mich.

Education: Michigan State University

Professional Tournaments Hosted: This will be the 10<sup>th</sup> TOUR Championship for Aubry (2015-present) and his 2<sup>nd</sup> as the director of agronomy)

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### Other Key Golf Personnel

**Ralph Kepple, CGCS, GCSAA** Senior Advisor, Golf Course Renovations (42-years GCSAA, 32 years ELGC)

Davis Watts, Superintendent

Banks Woodrick, Lead Assistant Superintendent

Taylor Luckado, Second Assistant Superintendent

Chris Lewis, Equipment Manager

Mandy Rowell, Tournament Coordinator

No. of Employees: 36 / No. of Tourn. Volunteers: 70

Golf Course Dogs: George (Great Dane), Lady Bird (Vizsla)

### Course Architect

Architect (year): Tom Bendelow (1904)

Renovation Architects (year): Donald Ross (1913), Rees Jones (1994, 2008, 2016), Andrew Green (2023-24)

### Twitter

Superintendent – @aubry\_charles

Course - @eastlakegc

Tournament - @TOURChamp

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

### Tournament Set-up

Par: 35-36—71 (was 35-35-70 in 2023)

Yardage: 7,490 (was 7,346 in 2023)

### Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 6,238 sq. ft.

Acres of Fairway: 29 (up from 24)

Acres of Rough: 70 (down from 90)

Number of Sand Bunkers: 78 (up from 74)

Number of Water Hazards: 5

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 8 (up from 6)

Soil Conditions: Red Georgia Clay

Water Sources: 25-acre pond

Drainage Conditions: Good

### Turfgrass

Greens: TifEagle bermudagrass

Collars: Prizm zoysiagrass .200"

Approaches: Prizm zoysiagrass .200"

Tees: Zorro zoysia/Tahoma 31 bermuda

Fairways: Zorro zoysia .325"

Rough: Tifway 419 bermudagrass 2.5"

### Additional Notes

• This past year the course was completely rebuilt from the ground up in 10 months and had a 13-week grow-in period. The restoration was committed to environmental stewardship.

• Restoration highlights include: using a 1949 aerial photograph for guidance of shaping; reshaping fairways and green complexes; fairway conversion from Meyer zoysia to Zorro zoysia; greens conversion from Mini-Verde bermuda to TifEagle bermuda; bunker placement in fairways and around greens; stream reclamation between No. 6 and 7; converting No. 14 to a par 5; adding a variety of tees for members.

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