

## American Family Insurance Championship (PGA TOUR Champions)

University Ridge • Madison, Wisc. • June 7-9, 2024

### Golf Course Superintendent

#### Phil Davidson, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 14

Years at University Ridge: 17

Years as a Superintendent: 10

Hometown: Decatur, Ga.

Education: Lawrence University and Horry Georgetown

Professional Tournaments Hosted: This is Davidson's 8<sup>th</sup> American Family Insurance tournament.

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### Other Key Golf Personnel

Trygve Ekern, Assistant Superintendent

Noah Nehmer, Second Assistant Superintendent

Ryan Weime, PGA Professional

Number of Employees: 30

Number of Tournament Volunteers: 25

### Course Architect

Architect (year): Robert Trent Jones Jr. (1991)

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

Course Owner: University of Wisconsin Athletics

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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 .105"

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

- Very mild winter and early spring have the course in excellent early-season condition.
- Course is named for the ridge formed by the terminal edge of glaciers in the last ice age. The property was settled in 1837 for farming. Large areas were left natural, and the property has been used for recreational use ever since.
- This is final American Family Insurance to be played at University Ridge.
- Davidson and his son Matthew won the 2019 Wisconsin State Golf Association Father-Son tournament. (more)

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## **GCSAA Notes (PGA TOUR Champions only)**

### **2024 Notable For Courses Played (thru Principal Charity, June 2) (this week's tournament in red)**

#### **2024 Yardage by Courses Played**

7,249 – Greystone (Regions Tradition)  
7,179 – TPC Sugarloaf (Mitsubishi)  
7,165 – Mission Hills (Galleri Classic)  
**7,083 – University Ridge (American Family)**  
7,002 – Woodlands (Insperity)  
6,909 – Tiburon (Chubb Classic)  
6,856 – La Paloma (Cologuard)  
6,852 – Harbor Shores (KitchenAid Sr. PGA)  
6,835 – Wakonda Club (Principal Charity)  
6,821 – Newport Beach (Hoag Classic)  
6,703 – Las Colinas (Invited Celebrity)

#### **2024 Greens by sq. ft. Played**

**7,000 – University Ridge (American Family)**  
6,983 – Mission Hills (Galleri Classic)  
6,700 – Wakonda Club (Principal Charity)  
6,400 – Greystone (Regions Tradition)  
6,340 – TPC Sugarloaf (Mitsubishi)  
6,200 – Las Colinas (Invited Celebrity)  
5,550 – Tiburon (Chubb Classic)  
5,486 – Harbor Shores (KitchenAid Sr. PGA)  
4,500 – Woodlands (Insperity)  
4,500 – La Paloma (Cologuard)  
4,200 – Newport Beach (Hoag Classic)

#### **2024 Courses by Greens Turf Type Played**

5 – Bermudagrass (Chubb, Invited Celebrity, Mitsubishi, Insperity, Regions Tradition)  
3 – Poa (Cologuard, Hoag, Galleri)  
**3 – Bentgrass (KitchenAid Sr. PGA, Principal Charity, American Family)**

#### **Tournaments by State Played**

2 – Texas (Invited Celebrity, Insperity)  
2 – California (Hoag, Galleri)  
1 – Florida (Chubb)  
1 – Arizona (Cologuard)  
1 – Georgia (Mitsubishi)  
1 – Alabama (Regions Tradition)  
1 – Michigan (KitchenAid Sr. PGA)  
1 – Iowa (Principal Charity)  
**1 – Wisconsin (American Family)**

#### **All 2024 Tournaments by State (multiple events)**

5 – California  
4 – Florida  
4 – Texas  
3 – North Carolina  
2 – Hawaii  
2 – Georgia  
2 – South Carolina

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**2023 Course Info**

**2023 Longest Courses (7,200+)**

7,350 – The Concession (World Champions)  
7,249 – Greystone (Regions Tradition)  
7,248 – Firestone (Kaulig Companies Champ)  
7,237 – Prestonwood (SAS Championship)  
7,218 – SentryWorld (US Senior Open)  
7,217 – The Club at Snoqualmie Ridge (Boeing)

**2023 Shortest Courses**

6,703 – Las Colinas (Invited Celebrity)  
6,729 – Minnehaha (Sanford)  
6,821 – Newport Beach (Hoag Classic)  
6,851 – Wakonda Club (Principal Charity)  
6,858 – Pebble Beach (PURE Insurance)

**2023 Largest Avg. Greens by sq. ft.**

8,000 – Norwood Hills (Ascension Charity)  
8,000 – En-Joie (DICK'S Sporting Goods)  
7,600 – Firestone (Kaulig Companies)  
7,300 – PGA Frisco (Sr. PGA Championship)  
7,253 – Ritz-Carlton (PNC Championship)

**2023 Smallest Avg. Greens by sq. ft.**

3,500 – Pebble Beach (PURE Insurance)  
4,200 – Newport Beach (Hoag Classic)  
4,500 – The Woodlands (Insperity)  
5,000 – Omni Tucson (Cologuard)  
5,500 – Tiburon (Chubb Classic)  
5,500 – Warwick Hills (Ally Challenge)  
5,500 – SentryWorld (US Senior Open)  
5,500 – The Concession (World Championship)

**2023 Course by Greens Turf Types**

12 – Bermudagrass  
6 – Bentgrass  
5 – Poa  
4 – Poa / Bentgrass

**GCSAA Superintendent Notes**  
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**Longest GCSAA Membership**

41 – Larry Napora, Firestone (Kaulig)  
40 – Mike Null, Norwood Hills (Ascension)  
35 – Michael Petty, Omni Tucson (Cologuard)  
33 – Christian Sain, CC of Virginia (Dominion)  
28 – Craig Werline, Phoenix CC (Charles Schwab)  
28 – Jonas Conlan, Mission Hills (Galleri)  
27 – Lee Hancock, Prestonwood (SAS Champ)  
27 – Roger Meier, PGA Frisco (Sr. PGA Champ)  
*Note: Avg. GCSAA membership years for host superintendents is 20.7.*

**Most Professional Events Hosted (if known)**

24 – Michael Petty, Omni Tucson (Cologuard)  
16 – Ryan Gordon, The Club at Snoqualmie Ridge (Boeing)  
15 – Christian Sain, CC of Virginia (Dominion Energy)  
13th – Chris Hartman, The Woodlands (Insperity)

**Superintendents by Alma Mater (if known)**

3 – Michigan State  
2 – Clemson  
2 – Horry-Georgetown  
2 – Penn State  
2 – Tennessee