



Tournament Fact Sheet

Founders Cup (LPGA)

Bradenton Country Club • Bradenton, Fla. • February 6-9, 2025

Director of Agronomy

Jamie McCrosky, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 25

Years at Bradenton Country Club: 1st

Years as Superintendent: 20

Previous Courses: Miakka golf club (director of agronomy),

Lakewood National (director of agronomy)

Hometown: Bloomington, Ind.

Education: University of Rhode Island

Professional Tournaments Hosted:

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Other Key Agronomy Personnel

Daniel Farley, superintendent, Jared Edwards, assistant, Evin Houveinen, second assistant, Tony Ruotolo, equipment manager

Agronomy Employees: 17

Golf Course Dogs: Merlin, 7-year-old Aussie, Salomon, 2-year-old English Mastiff and Maddie, 6-year-old Weimaraner

Course Architect

Donald Ross (1924)

Renovation: Ron Garl (1999) and Tony Jacklin (2018)

Renovation Details

- In 2018 the course was restored to its original layout. Recently greenside bunkers were renovated to shape faces more like many other Donald Ross courses.
- Upcoming projects include pond bank restoration, fairway bunkers renovation, irrigation system additions and a new maintenance building.

Notable

- Cooler than average temperatures have ceased growth and recovery of the bermudagrass. Turf conditions will be tight yet dense enough to not provide thin lies.
- Many trees were lost during the 2024 hurricane season.

- Area had flooding for hurricane season with quite a bit of attrition of turf in low drain basin areas on fairways. There are many areas of freshly laid sod that are still mending in.
- Last year the maintenance crew only had 150 days to prepare for the tournament for the first time.
- The nines are flipped for the tournament.
- Monk parakeets flock to the course this time of year and are loud and fun to watch.
- McCrosky hosted the Korn Ferry Tour's LECOM Suncoast Classic when he was at Lakewood National.
- World Golf Hall of Famer Hollis Stacy is a member of the club.

Tournament Setup

Par: 36-35--71

Yardage: 6,465

Turfgrass

Greens: TifEagle bermudagrass .110"

Collars: TifGrand bermudagrass .400"

Approaches: TifGrand bermudagrass .400"

Tees: Celebration bermudagrass .400"

Fairways: Celebration / 419 bermudagrass .400"

Rough: Celebration / 419 / common bermudagrass 2"

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 5,800 sq. ft.

Total Property Acres: 113

Acres of Fairway: 44

Acres of Rough: 36

Number of Sand Bunkers: 53 (80,000 sq. ft)

Number of Water Hazards: 9

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 12

Soil Conditions: Sand

Water Sources: Reclaimed

Drainage: Well

High Elevation: 28 feet (#16 green)

Low Elevation: 22 feet (#3 fairway)

Average Fairway Widths: 30 yards

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2025 GCSAA Course and Superintendent Notes For Courses Played (LPGA Only)

Tournaments by State

2 - Florida

Yardage (par)

6,642 (72) – Lake Nona (Hilton Grand TOC)

6,557 (71) – Bradenton CC (Founders Cup)

Average Green Size

5,900 – Lake Nona (Hilton Grand TOC)

5,800 – Bradenton CC (Founders Cup)

Number of Bunkers

58 - Lake Nona (Hilton Grand TOC)

53 – Bradenton CC (Founders Cup)

Green Turf Type

1 - Poa Trivialis overseed

1 – Bermudagrass – Bradenton CC

Rough Turf Type

1 – Poa trivialis overseed

1 - Bermudagrass

Superintendents Tournaments Hosted (includes 2025)

5 – Nick Dolimpio - Lake Nona (Hilton Grand TOC)

1 – Jamie McCrosky – Bradenton CC (Founders Cup)

Superintendents GCSAA Membership Years

25 – Jamie McCrosky – Bradenton CC (Founders Cup)

9 – Nick Dolimpio - Lake Nona (Hilton Grand TOC)

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1 – Delaware State University

1 – Rhode Island University

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