

Bahamas Golf Classic at Atlantis Paradise Island (Korn Ferry) Ocean Club Golf Course at the Atlantis • Nassau, Bahamas • January 12-15, 2025

Golf Course Superintendent

Jeff Hood

Years at Course: 24

Years as Superintendent: 28

Previous Courses: Sandy Lane (super), Bonita Bay Sabel and Cypress (IPM manager), Colliers Reserve (intern), Augusta National, Legends Club of Tennessee, Atlanta Country Club
Hometown: Marietta, Ga.

Education: University of Tennessee

Professional Tournaments Hosted: Office Depot Father-Son Challenge (3 times), LPGA Pure Silk Bahamas Classic (6 times)

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Other Key Agronomy Personnel

Bradford Hart, Equipment Manager

Robbie Leming, PGA Professional and General Manager

Agronomy Employees: 22 / Tournament Volunteers: 2

Course Architect

Tom Weiskopf (2001)

Notable

- There are views of the Atlantic Ocean on 15 of 18 holes.
- Course annually hosts the White Sands Invitational, a men's and women's NCAA event in October.
- Superintendent Jeff Hood is an avid fisherman and a self-described rabid Tennessee Volunteers fan.
- Hood says that cold fronts coming off the southeast coast of the United States can turn a light trade wind into a 40-mph gale in less than an hour.
- Salt from the Atlantic Ocean can severely discolor the turf and make greens unmanageable and un-puttable.

Tournament Setup

Par: 34-36--70

Yardage: 7,118

Turfgrass

Greens: TifEagle bermudagrass .100-.110"

Collars: Salam paspalum .325"

Approaches: Salam paspalum .325"

Tees: Salam paspalum .325"

Fairways: Salam paspalum .450"

Rough: Salam paspalum 1.5"

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 6,500 sq. ft.

Total Property Acres: 120

Acres of Fairway: 40

Acres of Rough: 70

Number of Sand Bunkers: 81

Number of Water Hazards: 6

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 11

Soil Conditions: Sandy

Water Sources: Blend of reverse osmosis, reclaimed and sea water

Drainage: Fair

High Elevation: 12 feet above sea level

Low Elevation: Sea level

Average Fairway Widths: 50 yards

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