

NCAA Division I Women's and Men's Championships

Blessings Golf Club • Fayetteville, Ark. • May 16-22 (women) / 23-29 (men)

Director of Agronomy

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Years as GCSAA Member: 23

Certified Golf Course Superintendent: Yes (2005)

Years at Blessings Golf Club: 3

Years as a Superintendent: 19

Previous Courses: The Country Club of Virginia,
Kingsmill Resort

Hometown: Cary, N.C.

Education: North Carolina State

Number of Full-Time Staff Members: 31

Number of Tournament Volunteers: 15

Other Key Golf Personnel

Nic Brouwer, Superintendent

Andy Thompson, Senior Assistant Superintendent

Jordan Bakkum, Second Assistant Superintendent

Will Welch, Assistant-in-Training

Gilbert Uribe, Equipment Manager

Justin Sellin, PGA Professional

Richard Cromwell, General Manager

Course Architect

Architect (year): Robert Trent Jones (2004)

Renovation Architect (year): Kyle Phillips (2017)

Course Owner: John Tyson

Tournament Set-up

Par: 73 (women) / 72 (men)

Yardage: 6,400 (women) / 7,501 (men)

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: x5,675 sq. ft.

Acres of Fairway: 60

Number of Sand Bunkers: 63

Number of Water Hazards: Water is in play
on 12 holes (mainly Clear Creek)

Soil Conditions: Imported sand cap
(fairways), USGA (greens)

Water Sources: Runoff, supplemented by
water from Clear Creek

Drainage Conditions: Drains very well

Turfgrass

Greens: A1/A4 creeping bentgrass .115"

Tees: Cavalier zoysiagrass .450"

Fairways: Cavalier zoysiagrass .450"

Rough: 2" (women) / 3" (men)

Additional Notes

- 2017 renovation included creating partial or complete new holes (1,9,15), changing pars (5, 6, 14), rebuilding/removing/adding bunkers, reducing walking distance by a mile with new bridges, shortening walks from green to tee, reducing severity of elevation changes. In all, 15 holes were changed (exceptions 2, 3 and 10).

- Frequent winter rainfalls hurt turfgrass in shaded areas on the course.

- Wildlife on course include deer, snakes, coyotes, frogs, bobcat, fox, birds, fish.