

Walker Cup (USGA)

Old Course, St. Andrews • St. Andrews, Fife, Scotland • Sept. 2-3, 2023

Director of Greenkeeping

Sandy Reid, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 5

Years at the Old Course: 4.5

Previous Courses: Carnoustie (21 years, including super from 2012-18).

Hometown: Blair Atholl, Scotland

Education: Elmwood College

Professional Tournaments Hosted: Reid has been a part of 29 major events, including 4 Opens, 21 Dunhill Links Championships, 2 Senior Opens, 1 Women's Open and 1 British Amateur.

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Other Key Golf Personnel

Gordon McKie, GCSAA Old Course Manager

Lani Togi, Equipment Manager

Number of Employees: 19 on Old Course (75 total for 7 courses)

Course Architect

Architect (year): Unknown

Renovation Architects (year): Daw Anderson (1850s), Old Tom Morris (1965-1908)

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Tournament Set-up

Par: 36-26--72

Yardage: 7,297

Course Statistics

Acres of Fairway: 30

Acres of Rough: 25

Number of Sand Bunkers: 110

Number of Water Hazards: 1

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 2

Soil Conditions: Sand

Water Sources: Groundwater boreholes

Drainage Conditions: Good

Turfgrass

Greens: Fescue / Browntop bentgrass / *Poa annua* 3.5mm (.138")

Tees: Fescue / Browntop bentgrass / dwarf ryegrass 8mm (.315")

Fairways: Fescue / Browntop bentgrass 10mm (.394")

Semi-Rough: Fescue / Browntop bentgrass 44mm (1.75")

Natural Rough: Fescue / Browntop bentgrass / Sweet vernal / Crested Dog's Tail

Additional Notes

- Course hosted The Open in 2022 (won by Cameron Smith).

- This is the 9th time the Old Course at St. Andrews has hosted the Walker Cup and first time since 1975 when USA won (the U.S. is 6-2 in Walker Cup play at the Old Course)

- Course was very dry until mid-June. Since then, area has seen regular rainfall.

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