

## **Golf Course Profile- What's Your Course Saying?**

**Event:** CCAA NATIONALS

**Superintendent:** Robert D'Ippolito

**Golf Course Name, Number of Holes:** Desert Blume Golf Club, 18 holes

**Where (Address, Directions, Email, Website):** 107 Clubhouse Drive SW Medicine Hat Alberta T1B 0A4, [turfcare@desertblume.com](mailto:turfcare@desertblume.com), [www.desertblume.com](http://www.desertblume.com), twitter @dbturfcare

**Superintendent, Designations, Awards, Years of Experience:** Robert D'Ippolito, 8 years @ Superintendent

**Annual Rounds Played:** 25,000

**Average Season Length:** 7 month's

**Front Nine Yardage:** 3633 (Black), 3450 (Green), 3172 (Maroon), 2617 (Tan)

**Back Nine Yardage:** 3235 (Black), 2975 (Green), 2723 (Maroon), 2288 (Tan)

**Total Yardage:** 6868 (Black), 6425 (Green), 5895 (Maroon), 4905 (Tan)

**Total Area of Greens, Number of Greens, Predominant Type of Turfgrass:** 160,000 sq ft, 18 Greens + 1 Putting Green and 1 chipping green, 100% A4 Bentgrass

**Total Area of Fairways, Predominant Type of Turfgrass:** 50 acres (40 fairways, 10 rough), Kentucky bluegrass

**Total area of Tees, Predominant Type of Turfgrass:** 130,000, Kentucky Blue Grass

**Predominant Soil Type on Course:** Clay/loam

**Irrigation System Type, Water Supply and Age:** Toro Osmac/SitePro, St Mary's Irrigation District, 13 years old

**Number of Bunkers and Sand Type:** 58 Bunkers, Baha Tan

**Number and Type of Water Features:** Seven Persons Creek comes into play on 11 Holes. 4 Ponds

**Construction and Original Architect:** Warren Randomsky, Harold Pasechnik

**Renovations and Architects:** N/A

**Maintenance Shop Construction Year:** 2005

**Number, Type and Make of Equipment:** 30 pieces of Equipment, Mostly Toro

**Does Your Course Have a Separate Chemical and/or Fertilizer Storage Facility (Size, Age):**

*Chemical Storage, 13 years old*

**Number of Staff (Year-Round, Seasonal, Mechanics, etc.):** *Year Round: Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, and Mechanic. 2<sup>nd</sup> assistant 8 monthes. Seasonal: 14 staff ( 8 full time, 6 part time)*

**Assistant Superintendent:** *Matt Hall*

**Club President:** *Brent Dennison*

**CPGA Professional:** *Wade Waters*

**Club Manager:** *Chris Paskin*

**Club Owner:** *Privately Owned*

**Other Key Course Personnel:** *Dennis Schellenberg (Mechanic)*

**Current Course Projects:** *N/A*

**Long Range Plans:** *Drainage, Bunkers, Re-Sod Collars*

**Challenges:** *Extreme Variations in weather on a daily bases (Temperature, Winds), Ground Water Springs. Erosion/slumping of Coulee Walls.*

**Success Stories:** *Hosted 2009 and 2013 Alberta Men's Mid-Amateur Championship, 2014 Alberta Men's Amateur, 2011, 2012 and 2015 ACAC Championships, 2015 Canadian SR Men's Amateur.*

**Unique Features of the Course:** *18 hole links style golf course nestled into rolling coulees with lots of elevated tee shots into large undulating greens with the fairways being surrounded by long fescue native areas.*

**Photos:**









