



# Tournament Fact Sheet

## The American Express (PGA TOUR)

PGA West (Dye Stadium and Nicklaus Courses / La Quinta Country Club  
La Quinta, Calif. • January 16-19, 2025

### PGA West Director of Agronomy

**Brian Sullivan, CGCS, MG, GCSAA**

Years as GCSAA Member: 39

Education: Michigan State (bachelors), Penn State (Masters)

### PGA West Resort Courses Superintendent

**Denver Hart, GCSAA**

Years as GCSAA Member: 8

Years at PGA West: 4

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### Other Key Agronomy Personnel

Michael Martic, Greg Norman course superintendent, Nick Hoisington, Mountain and Dunes superintendent, Justin Beck, private courses superintendent, Gerry Tarsitano, Palmer course superintendent, Cameron Broadhead, Citrus course superintendent, Artemio Fierro, equipment manager  
Other staffers: Justin Hop, Grace Allen, Andy Solorio, Jerry Rodriguez  
Agronomy Employees: 55 / Tournament Volunteers: 24

### Notable

- This is the third year of the facility's American Express tournament volunteer program with volunteers from three different countries (U.S., Canada and the UK).

### Links

GCSAA Tournament Fact Sheet Home:

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### Pete Dye Stadium Course

#### Superintendent

**Denver Hart, GCSAA**

#### Course Architect

Pete Dye (1986)

#### Tournament Setup

Par: 36-36--72

Yardage: 7,210

#### Turfgrass

Greens: Poa overseed .115"

Collars: Poa overseed .250"

Approaches: Ryegrass overseed .375"

Tees: Ryegrass overseed .375"

Fairways: Ryegrass overseed .375"

Overseeded Rough: 1.5"

Non-overseeded Rough: TifGreen 328 bermudagrass 2"

#### Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 7,000 sq. ft.

Acres of Fairway: 30

Acres of Rough: 134

Number of Sand Bunkers: 90-plus (6.3 acres)

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 8

Soil Conditions: Native

Water Sources: Canal

Average Fairway Widths: 33.3 yards

(Nicklaus Course and La Quinta Country Club on next pages)

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## Jack Nicklaus Tournament Course

### Superintendent

**Kellen Whaley, GCSAA**

Years as GCSAA Member: 13

Years at PGA West: 3

### Course Architect

Jack Nicklaus (1987)

### Tournament Setup

Par: 36-36--72

Yardage: 7,147 (unofficial)

### Turfgrass

Greens: Poa overseed .115"

Collars: Ryegrass overseed .375"

Approaches: Ryegrass overseed .375"

Tees: Ryegrass overseed .375"

Fairways: Ryegrass overseed .375"

Overseeded Rough: 1.5"

Non-overseeded Rough: TifGreen 328 bermudagrass 2"

### Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 5,500 sq. ft.

Acres of Fairway: 30

Acres of Rough: 116

Number of Sand Bunkers: 90-plus (8.8 acres)

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 6

Soil Conditions: Native

Water Sources: Canal

Average Fairway Widths: 33.3 yards

## La Quinta Country Club

### Director of Agronomy

**Tim Putnam, GCSAA**

Years as GCSAA Member: 29

Years at La Quinta: 22

Years as Superintendent: 22

Previous Courses: Ironwood CC (super)

Hometown: Corvallis, Ore.

Education: Oregon State University

### Other Key Agronomy Personnel

Jose Vargas, assistant superintendent, Mark Grotewohl, assistant superintendent, Manual Tapia, equipment manager, Chris Gilley, PGA Professional

Agronomy Employees: 21 / Tournament Volunteers: 4

Golf Course Dog: Ace, Australian Sheep Dog

### Course Architect

Lawrence Hughes (1959)

Renovation: Damian Pascuzzo (1999)

### Notable

- New sand has been added to all greenside bunkers since last year.
- Since last year's tournament the fairway bunker on the left side of #1 was removed, but two bunkers were added further down the fairway.
- A master tree plan has removed more than 70 older trees and 132 date palms and added 90 new trees.
- The main lake between #9 and #18 will be re-shaped and re-lined in the future.

### Tournament Setup

Par: 36-36--72

Yardage: 7,060 (unofficial)

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## La Quinta CC Continued

### Turfgrass

Greens: Poa trivialis/ryegrass overseed .105"

Collars: Poa trivialis /ryegrass overseed .105"

Approaches: Ryegrass overseed .375"

Tees: Ryegrass overseed .375"

Fairways: Ryegrass overseed .400"

Rough: Ryegrass overseed 1.75"

### Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 4,773 sq. ft.

Acres of Fairway: 28

Acres of Rough: 80

Number of Sand Bunkers: 82 (92,000 sq. ft / 2.13 acres)

Number of Water Hazards: 5 lakes

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 7

Soil Conditions: Fine sand/silt

Water Sources: Colorado River / wells

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## 2025 GCSAA Course and Superintendent Notes For Courses Played (PGA TOUR Only) (Primary Courses Only) (This Week's Course in Red)

### Tournaments by State

2 – Hawaii

1 – California

### Yardage (par)

7,596 (73) – Kapalua Resort (The Sentry)

7,210 (72) – PGA West Pete Dye Stadium (American Express)

7,044 (70) – Waialae (Sony Open)

### Average Green Size

8,722 – Kapalua Resort (The Sentry)

7,100 – Waialae (Sony Open)

7,000 – PGA West Pete Dye Stadium (American Express)

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### Number of Bunkers

93 – Kapalua Resort (The Sentry)

90 – PGA West Pete Dye Stadium (American Express)

83 – Waialae (Sony Open)

### Green Turf Type

2 – Bermudagrass

1 – Poa overseed

### Rough Turf Type

2 – Bermudagrass

1 – Ryegrass overseed

### Superintendents Tournaments Hosted (includes 2025)

24 – Dave Nakama, CGCS (Sony Open)

7 – Andrew Rebman (The Sentry)

### Superintendents GCSAA Membership Years

39 – Brian Sullivan, CGCS, MG (American Express)

20 – Dave Nakama, CGCS (Sony Open)

6 – Andrew Rebman (Kapalua Resort – The Sentry)

### Superintendents Alma Maters

1 - Arizona

1 – Hawaii

1 – Michigan State