

Cognizant Classic in the Palm Beaches (PGA TOUR)

PGA National (The Champion) • Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. • Feb. 27-March 2, 2025

Director of Agronomy

Keith Einwag, CGCS, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 34

Years at PGA National: 1 (started Feb. 6, 2024)

Years as Superintendent: 39

Previous Courses: Belfair (director), Classic Club (director),
Laurel Oak (director), Innisbrook (director), Lone Palm (super)

Education: Lake City

Professional Tournaments Hosted: Einwag hosted 12 Valspar
Championships and a PGA Professional Championship.

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Other Key Agronomy Personnel

Andrew Wilson, GCSAA, Champion superintendent

Derrick Wells, Fazio and Palmer superintendent, Edgar Perez,
Match and Staple superintendent, Bill Diorio, Estate
superintendent, Nathan Leach, equipment manager
Agronomy Employees: 19 (Champions) / Tourn. Volunteers: 12
Golf Course Dogs: Bentley, 9-year-old yellow lab and Quinn, 3-
year-old chocolate lab

Course Architect

Tom Fazio, ASGCA and George Fazio, ASGCA (1981)

Renovation: Jack Nicklaus, ASGCA (2002, 2014 (redesign), 2018)

Notable

- Fairways and tees have been overseeded for the first time since 2014. In previous years only the rough was overseeded. The underlying turf is bermudagrass.
- Fairway lines were narrowed in July 2024. In all, 4 acres of fairway and approach turf was reduced since last year.
- Hole No. 6 is a par 5 for regular play, but is a par 4 for the tournament.

Tournament Setup

Par: 35-36--71

Yardage: 7,167

Stimpmeter: 12

Turfgrass

Greens: TifEagle bermudagrass .080"

Collars: Perennial ryegrass overseed 275"

Approaches: Perennial ryegrass overseed .350"

Tees: Perennial ryegrass overseed .350"

Fairways: Perennial ryegrass overseed .350"

Rough: Perennial ryegrass overseed 2.5"

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 7,000 sq. ft.

Total Property Acres: 500 (120 for Champion)

Acres of Fairway: 25

Acres of Rough: 65

Number of Sand Bunkers: 60

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 15

Soil Conditions: Loam

Water Sources: Canal

Drainage: Fair

Average Fairway Widths: 28 yards

Links

GCSAA Tournament Fact Sheet Home:

<https://www.gcsaa.org/media/tournament-fact-sheets>

GCSAA Website: <https://www.gcsaa.org/>

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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/Country

- 4 – California
- 2 – Hawaii
- 1 – Florida, Arizona, Mexico

Yardage (par)

- 7,765 (72) – Torrey Pines South (Genesis)
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- 7,596 (73) – Kapalua Resort (The Sentry)
- 7,436 (71) – Vidanta Vallarta (Mexico Open)
- 7,261 (71) – TPC Scottsdale (WM Phoenix Open)
- 7,210 (72) – PGA West Pete Dye Stadium (American Express)
- 7,167 (71) – PGA National (Cognizant)
- 7,044 (70) – Waialae (Sony Open)
- 6,972 (72) – Pebble Beach Golf Links (AT&T Pro Am)

Average Green Size

- 8,722 – Kapalua Resort (The Sentry)
- 7,100 – Waialae (Sony Open)
- 7,069 – TPC Scottsdale (WM Phoenix Open)
- 7,000 – PGA National (Cognizant)
- 7,000 – PGA West Pete Dye Stadium (American Express)
- 5,000 – Torrey Pines South (Genesis)
- 5,000 – Torrey Pines South (Farmers Insurance)
- 3,500 – Pebble Beach Golf Links (AT&T Pro Am)

Number of Bunkers

- 116 – Pebble Beach Golf Links (AT&T Pro Am)
- 93 – Kapalua Resort (The Sentry)
- 90 – PGA West Pete Dye Stadium (American Express)
- 83 – Waialae (Sony Open)
- 82 – Torrey Pines South (Genesis)
- 82 – Torrey Pines South (Farmers Insurance)
- 67 – TPC Scottsdale (WM Phoenix Open)

65 – PGA National (Cognizant)

55 - Vidanta Vallarta (Mexico Open)

Green Turf Type

- 4 – Poa annua
- 3 – Bermudagrass
- 1 – Poa / bentgrass / ryegrass overseed
- 1 – Paspalum

Rough Turf Type

- 4 – Ryegrass overseed
- 2 – Bermudagrass
- 1 – Ryegrass / Poa annua mix
- 1 – Ryegrass / fine fescue overseed
- 1 – Paspalum

Superintendents Tournaments Hosted (includes 2025)

- 24 – Dave Nakama, CGCS (Sony Open)
- 13 – Ken Einwig (1st Cognizant and 12 Valspar)
- 7 – Andrew Rebman (The Sentry)
- 5 – Devin Cullen (Farmers Insurance and Genesis)
- 4 – Brandon Reese (WM Phoenix Open)
- 2 – Pete Bachman (AT&T Pro Am)

Superintendents GCSAA Membership Years

- 39 – Brian Sullivan, CGCS, MG (PGA West)
- 34 – Ken Einwig (PGA National)
- 20 – Dave Nakama, CGCS (Waialae)
- 17 – Pete Bachman (Pebble Beach)
- 13 – Devin Cullen (Torrey Pines and Genesis)
- 13 – Brandon Reese (TPC Scottsdale)
- 6 – Andrew Rebman (Kapalua Resort)

Superintendents Alma Maters

- 2 – Penn State
- 1 – Arizona, Hawaii, Michigan State, Texas Tech, Lake City

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