

## **Tournament Fact Sheet**

## U.S. Open (USGA)

Pinehurst No. 2 • Pinehurst, N.C. • June 13-16, 2024

## Director, Golf Course Management Bob Farren, CGCS, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 45

Years at Pinehurst: 42

Hometown: St. Albans, West Va. Education: Marshall University

### **Course No. 2 Superintendent**

John Jeffreys, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 12

Years at Pinehurst: 25 (intern, assistant, superintendent) Years as No. 2 Superintendent: 10 (after Opens in 2014)

Hometown: Wendell, N.C.

Education: North Carolina State University

#### **Other Key Golf Personnel**

Kevin Robinson, CGCS, Operations Manager

Eric Mabie, David Chroback, Andrea Salzman, Assistants

Rob Vaughn, Equipment Manager Matt Barksdale, PGA Professional

Number of Employees: 40

Number of Tournament Volunteers: 60 (includes 30 from other Pinehurst courses and 20 women from the industry)

#### **Course Architect**

Architect (year): Donald Ross (1907) Restoration Architects (year): Rees Jones (1999), Bill

Coore and Ben Crenshaw (2009-11)



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#### **Tournament Set-up**

Par: 35-35--70 Yardage: 7,543

#### **Course Statistics**

Average Green Size: 6,500 sq. ft.

Total Property Acres: 220 Acres of Fairway: 50

Acres of Rough: 40 native sandscapes

Number of Sand Bunkers: 117 Number of Water Hazards: 1 Number of Holes Water is in Play: 1

Soil Conditions: Sandy loam Water Sources: Spring-fed lake Drainage Conditions: Excellent

#### **Turfgrass**

Greens: Champion ultradwarf bermuda Collars: Tifway 419 bermudagrass Approaches: Common and 419 bermuda Tees: Common and 419 bermuda Fairways: Common and 419 bermuda Rough: Sandy native areas with wiregrass

#### **Additional Notes**

- Average fairway widths in landing areas are between 35-45 yards.
- In 2014 Pinehurst No. 2 became the first facility to host the U.S. Open and U.S. Women's Open the same year (and in consecutive weeks).
- This will mark the 1<sup>st</sup> U.S. Open played on Champion ultradwarf bermudagrass greens. Pinehurst No. 2 switched from bentgrass immediately after the 2014 events.
- PGA TOUR events on bermudagrass greens so far this year are on next page.
- Pinehurst is a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Safe Harbor for Red Cockaded Woodpeckers.
- Learn more about John Jeffreys and tournament prep here: <a href="https://rb.gy/ta5xqi">https://rb.gy/ta5xqi</a> (more on next pages)

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## GCSAA Notes (PGA TOUR - Primary Courses Only)

## 2024 Notable For Courses Played

(thru The Memorial, June 9)

(does not include Mexico Open or Puerto Rico Open) (this week's course in red)

#### 2024 Longest Courses Played

7,765 – Torrey Pines South (Farmers Insurance)

7,670 – Corales (Corales Puntacana)

7,609 – Valhalla (PGA Championship)

7,596 - Kapalua Plantation (Sentry)

7,569 – Muirfield Village (Memorial)

7,558 – Quail Hollow (Wells Fargo)

7,545 – Augusta National (Masters)

7,543 – Pinehurst (U.S. Open)

7,466 - Bay Hill (Arnold Palmer)

#### 2024 Shortest Courses Played

6,972 - Pebble Beach (AT&T PB Pro-Am)

7,044 - Waialae (Sony)

7,084 – Hamilton (RBC Canadian)

7,147 – PGA National Champion (Cognizant)

7,187 – PGA West Stadium (American Express)

7,213 – Harbour Town (RBC Heritage)

7,261 – TPC Scottsdale Stadium (WM Phoenix)

7,275 - TPC Sawgrass Stadium (The Players)

7,289 - Colonial (Charles Schwab)

#### 2024 Largest Avg. Greens by sq. ft. Played

8,722 – Kapalua Plantation (Sentry)

7,500 – Bay Hill (Arnold Palmer)

7,500 – Riviera (Genesis)

7,100 - Waialae (Sony)

7,069 – TPC Scottsdale Stadium (WM Phoenix)

7,000 – Memorial Park (Texas Children's)

7,000 – PGA National Champion Cognizant)

#### 2024 Smallest Avg. Greens by sq. ft. Played

3,500 - Pebble Beach (AT&T PB Pro-Am)

3,700 – Harbour Town (RBC Heritage)

5,000 - Muirfield Village (Memorial)

5,000 - Colonial (Charles Schwab)

5,000 - Valhalla (PGA Championship)

5,000 – PGA West Stadium (American Express)

5,000 - Torrey Pines South (Farmers Insurance)

#### 2024 Courses by Greens Turf Type Played

12 - Poa (American Express, Farmers Insurance, Pebble Beach, WM Phoenix, Genesis, The Players, Valspar, Texas Children's, RBC, Zurich, Wells Fargo)

6 - Bermudagrass (Sentry, Sony, Cognizant, Arnold Palmer, Myrtle Beach, U.S. Open)

6 – Bentgrass (Masters, Byron Nelson, PGA Championship, Charles Schwab, RBC Canadian, Memorial)

1 – Supreme Paspalum (Corales Puntacana)

#### 2024 Tournaments by State Played So Far

4 - Florida

4 - California

4 - Texas

2 - Hawaii

2 - South Carolina

2 - North Carolina (Wells Fargo, U.S. Open)

1 – Arizona

1 - Georgia

1 - Louisiana

1 - Kentucky

1 - Ohio

# All 2024 Tournaments by State (multiple events)

5 - California

4 - Florida

4 - Texas

3 – North Carolina (Wells Fargo, U.S. Open,

Wyndham)

2 – Hawaii

2 - Georgia

2 - South Carolina

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## GCSAA Notes (PGA TOUR - Primary Courses Only)

#### 2023 Full Year

(this week's events in red)

#### 2023 Longest Courses (7,500+)

- 7,765 Torrey Pines (Farmers Insurance)
- 7,670 Puntacana Resort (Corales Puntacana)
- 7,596 Plantation Course (Sentry TOC)
- 7,571 Muirfield Village (the Memorial)
- 7,545 Augusta National (The Masters)
- 7,538 Quail Hollow (Wells Fargo)

#### **2023 Shortest Courses**

- 6,828 Port Royal (Butterfield Bermuda)
- 6,852 TPC River Highlands (Travelers)
- 6,972 Pebble Beach (AT&T Pebble Beach)
- 7,005 Sea Island (The RSM Classic)
- 7,044 Waialae CC (Sony Open)

#### 2023 Largest Avg. Greens by sq. ft.

- 8,722 Plantation Course (Sentry TOC)
- 8,300 El Cardonal (World Wide Tech)
- 8,000 Port Royal (Butterfield Bermuda)
- 7,500 Riviera (Genesis Inv.)
- 7,500 Bay Hill (Arnold Palmer)
- 7,400 TPC Summerlin (Shriners)

#### 2023 Smallest Avg. Greens by sq. ft.

- 3,500 Pebble Beach (AT&T Pebble Beach)
- 3,700 Harbour Town (RBC Heritage)
- 4,300 TPC Southwind (FedEx St. Jude)
- 4,500 Albany (Hero World Challenge)
- 4,500 Oak Hill (PGA Championship)
- 5,000 PGA West Stadium (American Express)
- 5,000 Torrey Pines (Farmers Insurance)
- 5,000 Muirfield Village (the Memorial)
- 5,000 Colonial CC (Charles Schwab)
- 5,000 TPC River Highlands (Travelers)

#### 2023 Course by Greens Turf Types

- 16 Bentgrass
- 13 Bermudagrass
- 11 Poa
- 2 Paspalum

## GCSAA Notes (PGA TOUR - Primary Courses Only)

#### **Longest GCSAA Membership**

- 44 Stanley Reedy, CGCS (Sanderson)
- 41 Sam MacKenzie, CGCS (BMW Champ)
- 38 Brian Sullivan, CGCS, MG (Am. Express)
- 37 William B. Owen III (Masters)
- 35 Roby Robertson, CGCS (Valero Texas)
- 35 Kevin Welker, CGCS (World Wide Tech)
- 34 Dale Hahn, CGCS (Shriners)

Note: Avg. GCSAA membership years for host superintendents is 19.5.

#### Superintendents by Alma Mater (if known)

- 3 Mississippi State
- 3 Ohio State
- 3 Penn State
- 3 Rutgers
- 2 University of Guelph (Canada)
- 2 Michigan State