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GCSAA Tournament Fact Sheet

GCSAA National Championship & Golf Classic
February 24 - 26, 2012

PGA West (Nicklaus Tournament Course)
La Quinta, Calif.

Golf Course Management Information

GCSAA Golf Course Superintendent:

Gregory K. Hrycyk

Availability to media:

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Education:

Turfgrass Management, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N.J., 1995; A.A., Liberal Arts, Wright University, Chicago, Ill., 1990

Years as a GCSAA member: 13

GCSAA affiliated chapter:

Hi-Lo Golf Course Superintendents Association

Years at this course: 4

Number of maintenance employees: 28

Number of tournament volunteers: 50

Previous positions:

2003-2006, Golf Course Superintendent, Vistoso Golf Club, Oro Valley, Ariz.; 2003, Golf Course Superintendent, Dove Canyon Country Club, Dove Canyon, Calif.

Previous tournament preparation:

2007-2008 Bob Hope Chrysler Classic, PGA West, La Quinta, Calif.

Previous tournaments hosted by facility:

1986, 1988-1989, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008 PGA Tour Q-School Finals; 1986-1991 Skins Game; 1987 Bob Hope Chrysler Classic

Course statistics

Average tee size: 9,300 sq. ft.

Tournament Stimpmeter: 11 ft.

Average green size: 6,500 sq. ft.

Soil condition: Sand

Green construction soil mix:

USGA (sand 90%, peat 10%)

Rounds per year: 35,000

Acres of fairway: 32

Source of water: Well, river

Acres of rough: 123

Drainage conditions: Excellent

Sand bunkers: 79

Water hazards: 5

Course ratings

	Yardage	Par	Rating	Slope
Black	7204	72	75.3	143
Blue	6522	72	72.2	134
White	6061	72	70.0	128
Gold	5627	72	72.8	133
Red	5023	72	69.4	124

Course characteristics

	Primary Grasses	Height of Cut
Tees	Bermudagrass; ryegrass	0.44"
Fairways	Bermudagrass; ryegrass	0.44"
Greens	Bermudagrass; <i>Poa trivialis</i>	0.13"
Rough	Bermudagrass; ryegrass	1.5"

Environmental management/features



Syngenta Professional products is proud to support GCSAA and the efforts of GCSAA golf course superintendents to produce the finest quality tournament playing conditions.

The Nicklaus Tournament Course at PGA West is an Audubon Certified Sanctuary. The ACSP is an education and certification program that helps golf courses protect the environment and preserve the natural heritage of the game of golf.

Wildlife on the course

Canada goose; Coyote; Fish; Mole; Rabbit; Snakes; Several different species of birds

Interesting and historical course-related facts

At 7,204 yards long, The Nicklaus Tournament Course has a stroke rating of 75.3 and a slope rating of 143.

A true ball strikers' golf course, The Nicklaus Tournament along with The Stadium Course is the bi-annual host of the PGA TOUR's final round of Q-School, which is attended by some of the best players in the world. Nicknamed by Members as the Nick Tourney, it is both very forgiving off the tee and extremely demanding around the greens. Without a doubt, a "must play" for not only a great test of golf, but for its magnificent desert setting.

Course architect/date:

Jack Nicklaus, 1996

Other key course personnel

Scott Haynes, Assistant Superintendent
Ramon Fregoso, Equipment Manager
Michael Kelly, Club Manager
Michael Ferguson, PGA Professional

Golf course management facts

For additional information please visit the GCSAA [association news](#) section or contact the Communications Department at 800-472-7878.

GCSAA is a leading golf organization and has as its focus golf course management. Since 1926, GCSAA has been the top professional association for the men and women who

manage golf courses in the United States and worldwide. From its headquarters in Lawrence, Kan., the association provides education, information and representation to more than 19,000 members in more than 72 countries. GCSAA's mission is to serve its members, advance their profession and enhance the enjoyment, growth and vitality of the game of golf. The association's philanthropic organization, [The Environmental Institute for Golf](#), works to strengthen the compatibility of golf with the natural environment through research grants, support for education programs and outreach efforts. Visit GCSAA at www.gcsaa.org.