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Tournament Fact Sheet

Champions Tour
Tucson Conquistadores Classic
March 16 - 22, 2015

Omni Tucson National Golf Resort & Spa
Tucson, Ariz.

Golf Course Management Information

GCSAA Class A Area Director of Agronomy:
Michael Petty

Availability to media:

Contact Michael Petty by phone 520-2973161;
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Age: 53

Native hometown:

Bisbee, Ariz.

Years as a GCSAA member: 27

GCSAA affiliated chapter:

Cactus & Pine Golf Course
Superintendents Association

Years at this course: 28

Number of employees: 45

Previous tournament preparation:

1991-2006 Tucson Open, Omni Tucson
National Golf Resort & Spa, Tucson,
Ariz.

Previous tournaments hosted by facility:

1991-2006 Tucson Open

How Michael got involved in golf course management:

Michael started in the industry with a
summer job.

Course statistics

Average tee size: 3,000 sq. ft.

Tournament Stimpmeter: 11 ft.

Average green size: 5,000 sq. ft.

Soil conditions on the course: Sand/clay

Green construction soil mix: Sand

Rounds per year: 30,000

Acres of fairway: 39

Source of water: Well

Acres of rough: 100

Drainage conditions: Fair

Sand bunkers: 85

Water hazards: 7

Course characteristics

	Primary Grasses	Height of Cut
Tees	Bermudagrass; ryegrass; overseeded	0.375"
Fairways	Bermudagrass; ryegrass; overseeded	0.375"
Greens	Bermudagrass; overseeded w/ <i>Poa</i> <i>trivialis</i>	0.105"
Rough	Bermudagrass (dormant)	n/a

Environmental management/features

Omni Tucson National Golf Resort & Spa does not overseed the rough on either course to help reduce water demand. Omni Tucson National also converted a nine hole, 67 acre course to an 18 hole, 57 acre course.

Unusual wildlife on the course

Ducks; Coots; Widgeons; Bobcats; Javelina

Predominate species of trees on course:

Allepo pines; Eucalyptus

Interesting notes about the course:

Nestled in the foothills of the Santa Catalina Mountains, the Omni Tucson National Resort has been the home to countless PGA Tour and NCAA events, including the prestigious Chrysler Classic of Tucson.

Selected as one of *Golf Digest's* "75 Best Golf Resorts in North America" and a *Conde' Nast* Silver award winner, this destination retreat boasts two distinctly different 18 hole courses. You will also find excellent long and short game practice areas just steps from the golf shop.

Omni Tucson National Resort includes the parkland-style tournament course, as well as the desert golf Sonoran course. Very few, if any, other resorts in Arizona offer both types of courses.

Course architect/date:

Robert Bruce Harris, 1961

Most recent redesign or renovation/date:

Tom Lehman, 2005

Renovation builder/date:

Von Hagge/Devlin, 1980

Other key course management personnel

Greg Geiselhart, Assistant Superintendent
Wayne Fraijo, Assistant Superintendent
Benjamin Orozco, Assistant Superintendent
Jamie Braden, Equipment Manager
Tom Kermabon, Resort General Manager
Justin Bubser, PGA Professional
Omni Hotels, Club Owner
Danny Medina, Director of Golf

Golf Course Superintendents Association of America

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 nearly 18,000 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. Find GCSAA on [Facebook](#), follow GCSAA on [Twitter](#), and visit

GCSAA at www.gcsaa.org. The Environmental Institute for Golf is the philanthropic organization of the GCSAA, and has as its mission to foster sustainability through research, awareness, education, programs and scholarships for the benefit of golf course management professionals, golf facilities and the game. Visit www.eifg.org.

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Media story ideas to consider

- Water: Golf's biggest challenge
- The benefits of a golf course to the community and the environment
- What's new in turfgrass research
- Superintendents doing more with less
- Get to know an interesting superintendent
- Who's in charge? A visit with the CEO