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## Tournament Fact Sheet

Champions Tour  
Insperity Invitational  
May 1 - 3, 2015

The Woodlands Country Club  
(Tournament Course)  
The Woodlands, Texas

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## Golf Course Management Information

**GCSAA Class A  
Golf Course  
Superintendent:**



Chris W. Hartman

### Availability to media:

Contact Chris Hartman by phone 281-770-1326; cell phone 281-770-1326; or email [chartman@thewoodlandscs.com](mailto:chartman@thewoodlandscs.com)

### Education:

B.S., Agriculture, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas, 1996

**Age:** 40

### Native hometown:

Sugar Land, Texas

**Years as a GCSAA member:** 15

### GCSAA affiliated chapter:

South Texas Golf Course Superintendents Association

**Years at this course:** 4

**Number of employees:** 15

**Number of tournament volunteers:** 15

### Previous positions:

2008-2011, Golf Course Superintendent, Canongate at Magnolia Creek, League City, Texas; 2004-2008, Golf Course Superintendent, The Woodlands Country Club (Palmer Course), The Woodlands, Texas; 2002-2004, Golf Course Superintendent, The Woodlands Country Club (Oaks Course), The Woodlands, Texas

### Previous tournament preparation:

2011-2014 Insperity Championship, The Woodlands Country Club, The Woodlands, Texas; 2003 Ladies World Samsung Championship, The Woodlands Country Club, The Woodlands, Texas; 1997-2002 Shell Houston Open, The Woodlands Country Club, The Woodlands, Texas

### Previous tournaments hosted by facility:

1975-2002 Shell Houston Open; 2008-2010 Administaff Small Business Classic; 2003 Samsung World Championship

### Get to know the superintendent:

"[I am a] proud father of three children and heavily involved in their activities."

### How Chris got involved in golf course management:

"I was an avid golfer when I started in the business and I enjoy providing top-quality playing conditions for our members."

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## Course statistics

**Average tee size:** 3,000 sq. ft.

**Tournament Stimpmeter:** 11.5 ft.

**Average green size:** 5,500 sq. ft.

**Soil conditions on the course:** Sandy loam

**Green construction soil mix:**

USGA (sand 80%, peat 20%)

**Rounds per year:** 38,500

**Acres of fairway:** 27

**Source of water:** Well

**Acres of rough:** 93

**Drainage conditions:** Fair

**Sand bunkers:** 53

**Water hazards:** 12

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## Championship ratings

	Yardage	Par	Rating	Slope
<b>Black</b>	7018	72	74.4	138

## Course characteristics

	Primary Grasses	Height of Cut
<b>Tees</b>	Bermudagrass	0.350"
<b>Fairways</b>	Bermudagrass	0.450"
<b>Greens</b>	Bermudagrass	0.110"
<b>Rough</b>	Bermudagrass	2"

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## Environmental management/features

### Water conservation, management and/or controls:

The Woodlands Country Club installed rain sensors and implemented more hand watering during summer months.

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### Predominate species of trees on course:

Pine tree

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### Interesting notes about the course:

Winding through the village of Grogan's Mill, the overall design of the Tournament Course promotes the feeling of tranquility, with well-integrated ponds, lakes, natural trees and pristine landscaping.

Robert von Hagge, renowned golf course designer, has created some of the world's most outstanding and award-winning golf courses. After basically growing up on the links due to his father's profession as a golf course architect, becoming a designer was natural fit for von Hagge, whose career began in 1955. Until his death in 2010, von Hagge was a resident of The Woodlands, with his firm still very active in the community, as well as with worldwide design projects.

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### Course architect/date:

Robert von Hagge, 1982

**Most recent redesign or renovation/date:**  
Carlton Gipson, 1996

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## Other key course management personnel

Wade Thompson, GCSAA Member Assistant  
Superintendent

Dylan Combs, Assistant Superintendent

Fidel Gallaga, Equipment Manager

Bob Palmer, Green Committee Chairman

Club Corp of America, Club Owner

Jim Dickson, Director of Golf

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## 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](http://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](http://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