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## GCSAA Tournament Fact Sheet

Kraft Nabisco Championship  
April 3 - 6, 2014

Mission Hills Country Club  
(Dinah Shore Tournament Course)  
Rancho Mirage, Calif.

Toledo, Ohio; 1980 JCPenney Classic,  
Bardmoor Golf Club, Pinellas, Fla.

### Previous events hosted by facility:

2010-2013 Kraft Nabisco  
Championship; National Club Pro; U.S.  
Open Qualifying; AJGA Desert  
Championship; 2007 GCSAA National  
Championship

## Golf Course Management Information

GCSAA Director of Golf  
Course Operations:

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### Education:

A.S., Turfgrass Management, Michigan  
State University, East Lansing, Mich.,  
1985

Years as a GCSAA member: 26

### GCSAA affiliated chapter:

Hi-Lo Desert Golf Course  
Superintendents Association

Years at this course: 27

### Previous positions:

1984-1988, Assistant Golf Course  
Superintendent, The Inverness Club,  
Toledo, Ohio

### Previous tournament preparation:

2010-2013 Kraft Nabisco  
Championship, Mission Hills Country  
Club, Rancho Mirage, Calif.; 1988-2005  
Dinah Shore/Nabisco Championship,  
Mission Hills Country Club, Rancho  
Mirage, Calif.; 1986 PGA  
Championship, The Inverness Club,

## Course statistics

Average tee size: 2,000 sq. ft.

Tournament Stimpmeter: 13 ft.

Average green size: 10,000 sq. ft.

Soil conditions: Blow sand

Rounds per year: 50,000

Green construction soil mix: Blow sand

Acres of fairway: 22

Source of water: Well

Acres of rough: 150

Drainage conditions: Excellent

Sand bunkers: 66

Water hazards: 6

## Course ratings

	Yardage	Par	Rating	Slope
<b>Red</b>	5679	72	73.5	134
<b>Silver</b>	5990	72	75.2	138
<b>White</b>	6355	72	69.2	124
<b>Kraft</b>	6799	72	71.7	130
<b>Blue</b>	6906	72	73.6	133
<b>Gold</b>	7250	72	75.1	139

## Course characteristics

	Primary Grasses	Height of Cut
<b>Tees</b>	Bermudagrass	0.31"
<b>Fairways</b>	Bermudagrass; Kentucky bluegrass	0.44"
<b>Greens</b>	Bermudagrass; perennial ryegrass; <i>Poa trivialis</i>	0.110"
<b>Rough</b>	Bermudagrass; perennial ryegrass	4-6"

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## Wildlife on the course

Canada goose; Coyote; Eagle; Fish; Hawk; Mole; Quail; Rabbit; Raccoon; Several different species of birds; Snakes; Squirrel; Turkey; Woodpecker

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## Interesting and historical course-related facts

The Kraft Nabisco Championship is one of two tournaments (Masters) that has been played on the same golf course (Dinah Shore Tournament Course) since its inception in 1972. The Kraft Nabisco Championship, formerly the Colgate-Dinah Shore and the Nabisco Dinah Shore, celebrated its 40th anniversary in 2011. Designated a "major" tournament by the LPGA in 1983, the traditional victory leap into Champions Lake at the 18th hole has evolved into one of the most thrilling finishes in all of professional golf.

Dinah Shore was the recipient of the 1993 Old Tom Morris Award. The annual award is GCSAA's highest award, recognizing an individual for their lifetime contributions to golf.

In 2007, Mission Hills Country Club was the host of the GCSAA National Championship, with Jason Regan, golf course superintendent at Pine Ocala Country Club in Ocala, Fla., winning the title.

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## Course architect/date:

Desmond Muirhead, 1970

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## Other key course personnel

Joe M. Lua, Assistant Superintendent  
Martin Rivera, Assistant Superintendent  
Luis Bravo, Equipment Manager  
Garret Kriske, Club Manager  
Marsha Coolidge, Board of Governors  
President  
Jim Robinson, PGA Professional  
Club Corp, Club Owner  
Ben Dobbs, Director of Golf

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