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Tournament Fact Sheet

LPGA Tour
LPGA Founders Cup
March 19 - 22, 2015

JW Marriott Wildfire Golf Club
Phoenix, Ariz.

Golf Course Management Information

GCSAA Member Golf Course Superintendent:
G. Todd Norton

Years as a GCSAA member: 26
GCSAA affiliated chapter:
Cactus and Pine Golf Course
Superintendents Association

Years at this course: 15
Number of employees: 36
Previous tournaments hosted by facility:
2012-2014 LPGA Founders Cup

Course statistics

Average tee size: 2,500 sq. ft.
Tournament Stimpmer: 11.5 ft.
Average green size: 6,000 sq. ft.
Green construction soil mix:
USGA (sand 90%, peat 10%)
Rounds per year: 32,500
Acres of fairway: 30
Source of water: City water
Acres of rough: 40
Drainage conditions: Good
Sand bunkers: 79
Water hazards: 1

Championship ratings

Tee	Yardage	Par	Rating	Slope
Tournament	6846	71	72.3	132

Course characteristics

	Primary Grasses	Height of Cut
Tees	Bermudagrass; ryegrass	0.43"
Fairways	Bermudagrass; ryegrass	0.43"
Greens	Bermudagrass; Poa annua	0.109"
Rough	Bermudagrass	1.5"

Predominate species of trees on course:

Palo Verde

Interesting notes about the course:

JW Marriott Wildfire Golf Club has two championship courses, the Palmer Course and the Faldo Course, with the ability to combine the two courses. The LPGA Founders Cup will be played on both courses.

Course architect/date:

Arnold Palmer, 1997
Nick Faldo, 2002

Most recent redesign or renovation/date:

Arnold Palmer (greens), 2008
Nick Faldo (greens), 2009

Other key course management personnel

Alfredo Hernandez, Assistant Superintendent
Steve Henegar, Equipment Manager
Jeff Johnston, PGA Professional
John Wright, Director of Golf

Golf Course Superintendents Association of America

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- Water: Golf's biggest challenge
- The benefits of a golf course to the community and the environment
- What's new in turfgrass research
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- Who's in charge? A visit with the CEO