

## PGA Cup Matches

Sept. 18 – 20, 2015  
CordeValle Golf Club  
San Martin, Calif.

### GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT

Thomas J. Gray, CGCS, GCSAA Certified Golf Course Superintendent  
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Years as a GCSAA member: 37 / Years at this course: 9  
Previous events hosted by facility: 2005-2014 The Gifford Collegiate Championship; 2010-2013 Frys.com Open; 2013 U.S. Senior Women's Amateur

### COURSE STATISTICS

Average tee size: 1,100 sq. ft.  
Average green size: 7,200 sq. ft.  
Soil conditions on the course: Clay  
Green construction soil mix: USGA (sand 100%)  
Acres of fairway: 30.5  
Source of water: Well  
Acres of rough: 75  
Drainage conditions: Fair  
Sand bunkers: 63  
Water hazards: 2


### TOURNAMENT SET-UP

Par: 72  
Yardage: 7,360

### TURFGRASS

Tees: Ryegrass; *Poa annua* at 0.400"  
Fairways: Ryegrass; *Poa annua* at 0.400"  
Greens: Bentgrass; *Poa annua* at 0.100"  
Rough: Kentucky bluegrass; ryegrass at 2"

### GOLF COURSE PERSONNEL



Golf Course Superintendent:  
Tom Gray, CGCS  
Assistant Superintendent:  
Ken Converse  
Equipment Manager: Cliff Mota  
Club Manager: Luca Rutigliano  
Head PGA professional: Ray Otis  
Course architect:  
Robert Trent Jones II, 1999

### INTERESTING NOTES ABOUT THE COURSE

The crown jewel of CordeValle is the 7,360-yard, award-winning golf course, designed by architect Robert Trent Jones Jr. in 1999. PGA Tour-quality challenges were brought to the par 72 course design, offering excitement and enjoyment to both the passionate and novice golfer.

Defined by Jones as his finest creation, the course envelopes CordeValle's Northern California landscape of meandering creeks, sycamore trees, canyons, and broad meadows.

### GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

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.

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### STORY IDEAS TO CONSIDER

- Water: Golf's biggest challenge
- The benefits of a golf course to a community and environment
- Get to know an interesting superintendent