

PNC Championship (PGA TOUR Champions)

The Ritz-Carlton Golf Club • Orlando, Fla. • December 14-17, 2023

Director of Grounds

Joshua Kelley, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 18

Years at The Ritz-Carlton: 2

Years as a Superintendent: 12

Previous Courses: Marriott's Grande Pines (asst / super),
The Ritz Carlton (asst), Marriott Hotels (dir. of grounds)

Hometown: Chatham, Ill.

Education: Illinois State University

Professional Tournaments Hosted: This is Kelly's 3rd as
director (he was assistant for 2012 and 13 events).

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Other Key Golf Personnel

Andrew Willis (asst. super), Flaviano Chambo (golf
grounds upper), Manuel Perez (golf grounds super),
Adrian Oprisor (resort grounds super), Giovannie Ramos
(asst. resort grounds super), Sam DeJesus (equip. mgr.)
Ben Huizinga (PGA professional)

Maintenance Staff Employees: 31

Tournament Volunteers: 4

Golf Course Dog: Ash, 7-year-old, Pit Bull Terrier

Course Architect

Renovation Architect (year): Greg Norman (2002)

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Superintendent - @Joshua_E_Kelley

Tournament - @PNCchampionship

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TOUR Champions, Korn Ferry and Epson Tours and
USGA and PGA of America championships can be found
at: <https://www.gcsaa.org/media/tournament-fact-sheets>

Tournament Set-up

Par: 36-36--72

Yardage: 7,106

Stimpmeter:

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 7,253 sq. ft.

Acres of Fairway: 76

Acres of Rough: 10

Number of Sand Bunkers: 55

Number of Water Hazards: 19

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 16

Soil Conditions: Sandy loam

Water Sources: Reclaimed

Drainage Conditions: Fair

Turfgrass

Greens: TifEagle bermudagrass .125"

Collars: TifGrand bermudagrass .300"

Approaches: Perennial rye overseed .450"

Tees: Perennial ryegrass overseed .450"

Fairways: Perennial rye overseed .450"

Rough: Perennial ryegrass overseed 1.5"

Additional Notes

- Upcoming projects include an irrigation controller upgrade (2024) and a greens renovation (2025).

- In 2022 Hurricane Ian (Sept. 28) caused tree damage, lake bank erosion and extensive flooding with some holes under water for seven days. Sand bunkers were devastated and required immediate repair to be ready for the winter golf season and the 2022 tournament.

- Six weeks after Ian, Hurricane Nicole hit on Nov. 10 and brought additional rain and minor wind damage.

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