

Chubb Classic (PGA TOUR Champions)

Tiburon Golf Club (Black Course) • Naples, Fla. • February 16-18, 2024

Director of Agronomy

Grayson Grainger, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 20

Years at Tiburon: 4

Years as a Superintendent: 17

Previous Courses: The Clubs at St. James (super)

Hometown: Green Sea, S.C.

Education: Horry-Georgetown

Professional Tournaments Hosted: This will be the 12th professional event Grainger has hosted since starting at Tiburon in late 2020 (QBE, CME/Grant Thornton and Chubb four times each).

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Other Key Golf Personnel

Wesley Rowe, GCSAA Superintendent

Tyler Degen, Senior Assistant Superintendent

Lee Spotts, Equipment Manager

Chad Nigro, Director of Golf

Number of Employees: 45 (two courses)

Course Architect

Architect (year): Greg Norman (2001)

Twitter

Superintendent - @GraysonGrainger

Course - @TiburonNaples

Tournament - @ChubbClassic

GCSAA - @GCSAA

Tournament Fact Sheets for the PGA TOUR, LPGA, PGA 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: 35-37—72

Yardage: 6,909

Stimpmeter: 12-13

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 5,500 sq. ft.

Acres of Fairway: 35

Acres of Rough: 15

Number of Sand Bunkers: 36

Number of Waste Areas: 21

Number of Water Hazards: 14

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 6

Soil Conditions: Sandy

Water Sources: Well

Drainage Conditions: Good

Turfgrass

Greens: TifEagle ultradwarf Bermuda .120"

Tees: Zorro and Trinity zoysiagrass .275"

Fairways: Celebration bermudagrass .400"

Rough: Celebration bermudagrass 1.75"

Additional Notes

- Grainger has a unique role of hosting events for the PGA TOUR, LPGA and PGA TOUR Champions every year.
- Some maintenance staff members have worked more than 30 tour events.
- This summer a multi-year bunker renovation will begin, and an irrigation replacement project is scheduled for 2024.
- Average fairway widths are 35 yards.
- Staff member Steve Guasco is known as the "Director of Divots."

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• **From Grainger:** “The past eight months of weather have been extremely challenging. 2023 ended up 24” below average rainfall for the year, the driest year on record for Naples. Since early December we have been in an El Nino weather pattern with mostly cool, cloudy days with more rain than normal. December 2023 was the cloudiest December in southwest Florida since 1940. We went from December 11 to January 25 without consecutive sunny days. The first three weeks of January consisted of only two days of full sun. Though this we have batted saturated soils, high disease pressure, thinning turf and algae growth. The agronomy team has been forced to focus more on turf health than performance.”

GCSAA Notes (PGA TOUR Champions events only)

2024 Tournaments by State (multiple events)

- 3 – Florida
- 2 – California
- 2 – Texas
- 2 – Michigan

2023 Longest Courses (7,200+)

- 7,350 – The Concession (World Champions)
- 7,249 – Greystone (Regions Tradition)
- 7,248 – Firestone (Kaulig Companies Champ)
- 7,237 – Prestonwood (SAS Championship)
- 7,218 – SentryWorld (US Senior Open)
- 7,217 – The Club at Snoqualmie Ridge (Boeing)

2023 Shortest Courses

- 6,703 – Las Colinas (Invited Celebrity)
- 6,729 – Minnehaha (Sanford)
- 6,821 – Newport Beach (Hoag Classic)
- 6,851 – Wakonda Club (Principal Charity)
- 6,858 – Pebble Beach (PURE Insurance)

2023 Largest Avg. Greens by sq. ft.

- 8,000 – Norwood Hills (Ascension Charity)
- 8,000 – En-Joie (DICK’S Sporting Goods)
- 7,600 – Firestone (Kaulig Companies)
- 7,300 – PGA Frisco (Sr. PGA Championship)
- 7,253 – Ritz-Carlton (PNC Championship)

2023 Smallest Avg. Greens by sq. ft.

- 3,500 – Pebble Beach (PURE Insurance)
- 4,200 – Newport Beach (Hoag Classic)
- 4,500 – The Woodlands (Insperity)
- 5,000 – Omni Tucson (Cologuard)
- 5,500 – Tiburon (Chubb Classic)
- 5,500 – Warwick Hills (Ally Challenge)
- 5,500 – SentryWorld (US Senior Open)
- 5,500 – The Concession (World Championship)

2023 Course by Greens Turf Types

- 12 – Bermudagrass
- 6 – Bentgrass
- 5 – Poa
- 4 – Poa / Bentgrass

GCSAA Superintendent Notes (PGA TOUR Champions events only)

Longest GCSAA Membership

- 41 – Larry Napora, Firestone (Kaulig)
 - 40 – Mike Null, Norwood Hills (Ascension)
 - 35 – Michael Petty, Omni Tucson (Cologuard)
 - 33 – Christian Sain, CC of Virginia (Dominion)
 - 28 – Craig Werline, Phoenix CC (Charles Schwab)
 - 28 – Jonas Conlan, Mission Hills (Galleri)
 - 27 – Lee Hancock, Prestonwood (SAS Champ)
 - 27 – Roger Meier, PGA Frisco (Sr. PGA Champ)
- Note: Avg. GCSAA membership years for host superintendents is 20.7.*

Most Professional Events Hosted (if known)

- 24 – Michael Petty, Omni Tucson (Cologuard)
- 16 – Ryan Gordon, The Club at Snoqualmie Ridge (Boeing)
- 15 – Christian Sain, CC of Virginia (Dominion Energy)
- 12 – Grayson Grainger, Tiburon Golf Club
- 11 – Chris Hartman, The Woodlands (Insperity)

Superintendents by Alma Mater (if known)

- 3 – Michigan State
- 2 – Clemson
- 2 – Horry-Georgetown
- 2 – Penn State
- 2 – Tennessee