

## Cologuard Classic (PGA TOUR Champions)

La Paloma Country Club • Tucson, Ariz. • March 8-10, 2024

### Director of Agronomy

#### Daniel Mayfield

Years at La Paloma: 12

Years as a Superintendent: 6

Previous Courses: Ventana Canyon (assistant)

Hometown: Ash Fork, Ariz.

Education: University of Arizona

Professional Tournaments Hosted: This is the 1<sup>st</sup> pro event for Mayfield.

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### Other Key Golf Personnel

Neal Mathews, Assistant Superintendent

Jesus Gonzalez, Assistant Superintendent

David Brady, Equipment Manager

Carolyn Skurich, Head of Landscaping

Glenn Hollick, PGA Professional

Nick Latta, PGA Professional

Number of Employees: 25

Number of Tournament Volunteers: 5-10

### Course Architect

Architect (year): Jack Nicklaus (1984)

### Twitter

Course - @lapaloma\_cc

Tournament - @CologuardGolf

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: 36-35--71

Yardage: 6,856

### Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 4,500 sq. ft.

Total Property Acres: 200

Acres of Fairway: 35

Acres of Rough: 55

Number of Sand Bunkers: 65

Number of Water Hazards: 0

Water Sources: Reclaimed

### Turfgrass

Greens: Poa Trivialis overseed .105"

Collars: Perennial ryegrass overseed .400"

Approaches: Perennial rye overseed .400"

Tees: Perennial ryegrass overseed .400"

Fairways: Perennial rye overseed .400"

Rough: Perennial ryegrass overseed 2"

(Specific Bermuda roughs are not overseeded)

### Additional Notes

- Tournament routing includes Ridge 1-9, Canyon 1-4, 8-9 and Hill 3-4, 9.
- Average fairway widths in landing areas are 30-50 yards.
- Course had a rainy January and February.
- A microburst in July uprooted more than 80 trees and damaged 100s more. The cleanup was completed in December.
- Course is Audubon certified.
- Wildlife on course include bobcats, coyotes, javelina, roadrunners, rattlesnakes, cardinals and vermilion flycatchers.
- Three maintenance staff members have worked at La Paloma for 40-plus years (James Dearing, Tony Campos and Carolyn Skurich). – more on next page -

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## GCSAA Notes (PGA TOUR Champions 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 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)
- 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

**This new venue would rank as 5<sup>th</sup> shortest and tie for 3<sup>rd</sup> smallest greens of courses from last year.**