

Hoag Classic (PGA TOUR Champions)

Newport Beach CC • Newport Beach, Calif. • March 22-24, 2024

Golf Course Superintendent

Scot Dey, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 25

Years at Newport Beach: 6

Years as a Superintendent: 13

Previous Courses: Mission Viejo (superintendent), Shady Canyon (assistant)

Hometown: Los Angeles, Calif.

Education: Cal Poly San Luis Obispo

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Other Key Golf Personnel

Mike Novak, Assistant Superintendent

Fernando Sencion, Assistant Superintendent

Mark Ragole, Equipment Manager

John McCook, Director of Golf

Robin Shelton, CCM, PGA Master Professional / GM

Number of Employees: 33

Number of Tournament Volunteers: 10

Golf Course Dog: Scout, 3-year-old chocolate lab

Course Architect

Architect (year): Billy Bell (1954)

Renovation Architects (years): Harry Rainville (1973), Ted Robinson (1985, 98, 99), Casey O'Callaghan (2019, 22)

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Tournament - @HoagClassic

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Tournament Set-up

Par: 36-36—72

Yardage: 6,821

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 4,200 sq. ft.

Total Property Acres: 120

Acres of Fairway: 38

Acres of Rough: 68

Number of Sand Bunkers: 83

Number of Water Hazards: 2

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 3

Soil Conditions: Clay

Water Sources: Recycled

Drainage Conditions: Moderate

Turfgrass

Greens: *Poa annua* .115"

Collars: Kikuyu .400"

Approaches: Kikuyu .400"

Tees: Kikuyu .375"

Fairways: Kikuyu .400"

Rough: Kikuyu / ryegrass / *Poa annua* 2"

Additional Notes

- The 2022 renovation increased total bunkers from 65 to 83.
- The renovation also included all new tees and bunkers, three new greens (13, 15 and 17) and four green extensions (1, 5, 10 and 14) in addition to tree work.
- Rain events were spaced out perfectly in January and February allowing Dey to keep the irrigation system turned off.
- Course is a fun, walkable, parkland-style layout.

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GCSAA Notes (PGA TOUR Champions only)

2024 Tournaments by State (multiple events)

- 3 – Florida
- 2 – California (1st of 2 straight in the state)
- 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)
 - 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)

- 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