

## Insperty Invitational (PGA TOUR Champions)

The Woodlands Country Club (Tournament Course)

The Woodlands, Texas • May 3-5, 2024

### Director of Golf Course Maintenance

#### Chris Hartman, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 24

Years at The Woodlands: 13 consecutive

Years as a Superintendent: 22

Previous Courses: The Woodlands Palmer (super),  
Magnolia Creek (super), South Shore Harbour (super)

Hometown: Pearland, Texas

Education: Sam Houston State University

Professional Tournaments Hosted: This is Hartman's 13<sup>th</sup>  
pro event as he was also directly involved with 6 Shell  
Houston Opens.

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### Other Key Golf Personnel

#### Connor Jordan, GCSAA, Tournament Course Super.

Josh Stich, Assistant Superintendent

Fidel Gallaga, Equipment Manager

Number of Employees: 25

Number of Tournament Volunteers: 4

### Course Architect

Architect (year): Bruce Devlin / Robert von Hagge (1982)

Renovation Architect (year): Carlton Gipson (1996)

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### Tournament Set-up

Par: 36-36--72

Yardage: 7,002

Stimpmeter: 11.5

### Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 4,500 sq. ft.

Acres of Fairway: 26

Acres of Rough: 116

Number of Sand Bunkers: 59

Number of Water Hazards: 12

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 11

Soil Conditions: Sandy loam

Water Sources: Well

Drainage Conditions: Fair

### Turfgrass

Greens: MiniVerde bermudagrass .100"

Collars: 419 bermudagrass .400"

Approaches: 419 bermudagrass .400"

Tees: 419 bermudagrass .300"

Fairways: 419 bermudagrass .425"

Rough: 419 bermudagrass 2"

### Additional Notes

- This will be 3<sup>rd</sup>-longest course played and 3<sup>rd</sup>-smallest greens of a course played this year on the tour (details on next page).
- Average fairway widths in landing areas are 28 yards.
- Weather has been routine in early 2024. Early spring date creates a challenge for growing bermudagrass.
- A handful of staff members have been at The Woodlands CC for 25-plus years.

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## **GCSAA Notes (PGA TOUR Champions only)**

### **2024 Notable For Courses Played (thru Mitsubishi Electric Classic, April 28) (this week's tournament in red)**

#### **2024 Yardage by Courses Played**

7,179 – TPC Sugarloaf (Mitsubishi)  
7,165 – Mission Hills (Galleri Classic)  
**7,002 – Woodlands (Insperity)**  
6,909 – Tiburon (Chubb Classic)  
6,856 – La Paloma (Cologuard)  
6,821 – Newport Beach (Hoag Classic)  
6,703 – Las Colinas (Invited Celebrity)

#### **2024 Greens by sq. ft. Played**

6,983 – Mission Hills (Galleri Classic)  
6,340 – TPC Sugarloaf (Mitsubishi)  
6,200 – Las Colinas (Invited Celebrity)  
5,550 – Tiburon (Chubb Classic)  
**4,500 – Woodlands (Insperity)**  
4,500 – La Paloma (Cologuard)  
4,200 – Newport Beach (Hoag Classic)

#### **2024 Courses by Greens Turf Type Played**

**4 – Bermudagrass** (Chubb, Invited Celebrity, Mitsubishi, **Insperity**)  
3 – Poa (Cologuard, Hoag, Galleri)

#### **Tournaments by State Played**

**2 – Texas** (Invited Celebrity, **Insperity**)  
2 – California (Hoag, Galleri)  
1 – Florida (Chubb)  
1 – Arizona (Cologuard)  
1 – Georgia

#### **All 2024 Tournaments by State (multiple events)**

5 – California  
4 – Florida  
**4 – Texas**  
3 – North Carolina  
2 – Hawaii  
2 – Georgia  
2 – South Carolina

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## **GCSAA Notes** **(PGA TOUR Champions only)**

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### **2023 Course Info**

#### **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 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)  
**13th – Chris Hartman, The Woodlands (Insperity)**

#### **Superintendents by Alma Mater (if known)**

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