



# Tournament Fact Sheet

## Kaulig Companies Championship (PGA TOUR Champions)

Firestone Country Club • Akron, Ohio • June 19-22, 2025

### Director of Golf Course Operations

#### Larry Napora, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 43 (longest of superintendents hosting PGA TOUR Champion tournaments)

Years at Firestone: 18

Years as Superintendent: 40

Education: Penn State University

### South Course Superintendent

#### Tim Gruber, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 24

Years at Firestone: 8

Years as Superintendent: 25

Education: Ohio State University

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### Other Key Agronomy Personnel

Jonathan Manis, South Course assistant super.; Jonah Cline, South Course irrigation technician; Joe Dillon, equipment mgr.

Agronomy Employees: 75 / Tournament Volunteers: 6

Golf Course Dog: Bentley, 8-month, black lab

### Course Architect

Burt Way (1929)

Renovation: Robert Trent Jones, ASGCA (1960)

### Notable

- The “Keebler Tree” at the right dogleg on No. 13 was lost. Club is waiting to see how the hole plays this year without it before deciding to plant another tree there.
- Area had one of the wettest Mays in recent years.
- Straight line 60-plus mph winds on May 16 resulted in the loss of 8 large trees and multiple branches on other trees.
- The golf courses were originally built for employees of the Firestone Rubber Company.
- Colonel John Morley, who founded the GCSAA in 1926, was based at the Youngstown (Ohio) Country Club).

### Tournament Setup

Par: 35-35--70

Yardage: 7,248

### Turfgrass

Greens: Pennncross bentgrass / Poa annua .100”

Collars: Pennncross bentgrass / Poa annua .300”

Approaches: Pennncross bentgrass / Poa annua .300”

Tees: Pennncross bentgrass / Poa annua .250”

Fairways: Pennncross bentgrass / Poa annua .300”

Rough: Bluegrass /ryegrass / fescue 2.5-4”

### Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 7,600 sq. ft.

Total Property Acres: 600

Acres of Fairway: 20

Acres of Rough: 70

Number of Sand Bunkers: 82 (88,000 sq. ft.)

Number of Water Hazards: 3

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 3

Soil Conditions: Good

Water Sources: Lake

Drainage: Great

Average Fairway Widths: 25-30 yards

### Links

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## 2025 GCSAA Course and Superintendent Notes For Courses Played to Date (PGA TOUR Champions Only) (Primary Courses and U.S. Courses Only) (This Week's Course in Red)

### Tournaments by State

2 – California / Florida

1 – Hawaii / Ariz. / Ga. / Texas / Ala. / Wash. D.C. / Iowa / Wis. /  
Ohio

### Yardage (par)

7,249 (72) – Greystone (Regions Tradition)

**7,248 (70) – Firestone (Kaulig Companies)**

7,179 (72) – TPC Sugarloaf (Mitsubishi Electric)

7,165 (72) – Mission Hills (Galleri Classic)

7,152 (72) – Congressional (Sr. PGA Championship)

7,107 (72) – Hualalai (Mitsubishi Electric)

7,031 (71) – TPC Wisconsin (American Family Insurance)

7,008 (72) – The Old Course at Broken Sound (James Hardie)

7,002 (72) – The Woodlands (Insperity)

6,897 (72) – Tiburon (Chubb Classic)

6,856 (71) – La Paloma (Cologuard)

6,835 (72) – Wakonda Club (Principal Charity)

6,725 (71) – Newport Beach (Hoag)

### Average Green Size

**7,600 – Firestone (Kaulig Companies)**

7,417 – Hualalai (Mitsubishi Electric)

7,219 – Congressional (Sr. PGA Championship)

6,963 – Mission Hills (Galleri Classic)

6,700 – Wakonda Club (Principal Charity)

6,500 – The Old Course at Broken Sound (James Hardie)

6,400 – Greystone (Regions Tradition)

6,340 – TPC Sugarloaf (Mitsubishi Electric)

6,000 – TPC Wisconsin (American Family Insurance)

5,500 – Tiburon (Chubb Classic)

4,500 – The Woodlands (Insperity)

4,500 – La Paloma (Cologuard)

4,200 – Newport Beach (Hoag)

### Number of Bunkers

144 – Congressional (Sr. PGA Championship)

84 – Hualalai (Mitsubishi Electric)

83 – Newport Beach (Hoag)

**82 – Firestone (Kaulig Companies)**

82 – The Old Course at Broken Sound (James Hardie)

73 – TPC Wisconsin (American Family Insurance)

71 – Mission Hills (Galleri Classic)

65 – La Paloma (Cologuard)

59 – The Woodlands (Insperity)

59 – Wakonda Club (Principal Charity)

54 – TPC Sugarloaf (Mitsubishi Electric)

41 – Greystone (Regions Tradition)

36 – (also 21 waste areas) – Tiburon (Chubb Classic)

### Green Turf Type

5 – Bermudagrass

3 – Bentgrass

2 – Poa Trivialis overseed

1 – Paspalum

1 – Poa annua

**1 – Bentgrass / poa annua**

### Rough Turf Type

5 – Bermudagrass

2 – Perennial ryegrass overseed

2 – Kentucky bluegrass

1 – Paspalum

1 – Kikuyu / Poa annua

1 – Fescue / Kentucky bluegrass

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## **Superintendents Tournaments Hosted (includes 2025)**

- 20 – Dan Husek, Hualalai (Mitsubishi Electric)
- 18 – Larry Napora, Firestone (Kaulig Companies)
- 15 – Grayson Grainger, Tiburon (Chubb Classic)
- 14 – Chris Hartman, The Woodlands (Insperity)
- 9 – Jason Miller, Greystone (Regions Tradition)
- 7 – Kyle Asbury, Old Course at Broken Sound (James Hardie)
- 6 – Kyle Worthy, TPC Sugarloaf
- 5 – Dane Wilson, Wakonda Club (Principal Charity)
- 3 – Jonas Conlan, Mission Hills (Galleri Classic)
- 2 – Daniel Mayfield, La Paloma (Cologuard)
- 2 – Pete Wendt, Congressional (Sr. PGA Championship)
- 1 – Eric Leonard, TPC Wisconsin (American Family)

## **Superintendents GCSAA Membership Years**

- 43 – Larry Napora, Firestone (Kaulig Companies)
- 31 – Pete Wendt, Congressional (Sr. PGA Championship)
- 31 – Dan Husek, Hualalai (Mitsubishi Electric)
- 30 – Jonas Conlan, Mission Hills (Galleri Classic)
- 26 – Jason Miller, Greystone (Regions Tradition)
- 26 – Scot Dey, Newport Beach (Hoag)
- 25 – Chris Hartman, The Woodlands (Insperity)
- 20 – Grayson Grainger, Tiburon (Chubb Classic)
- 16 – Eric Leonard, TPC Wisconsin (American Family)
- 14 – Dane Wilson, Wakonda Club (Principal Charity)
- 12 – Kyle Worthy, TPC Sugarloaf
- 11 – Kyle Asbury, Old Course at Broken Sound (James Hardie)

## **Superintendents Alma Maters**

### **2 – Penn State**

- 1 – Southern Illinois-Carbondale / Horry-Georgetown Technical College / Arizona / Cal Poly San Luis Obispo / Michigan State / Clemson / Sam Houston State / Tennessee / Western Kentucky / Kishwaukee

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