



# Tournament Fact Sheet

## Hoag Classic (PGA TOUR Champions)

Newport Beach Country Club • Newport Beach, Calif. • March 27-29, 2026

### Golf Course Superintendent

#### Scot Dey, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 27

Years at Newport Beach: 8

Years as a Superintendent: 15

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

Hometown: Los Angeles, Calif.

Education: Cal Poly San Luis Obispo

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### Other Key Agronomy Personnel

Mike Novak, assistant superintendent; Fernando Sencion, assistant superintendent; Mark Ragole, equipment manager; John McCook, director of golf; Robin Shelton, CCM, CCE, PGA Master professional, general manager

Agronomy Employees: 33 / Tournament Volunteers: 8

Golf Course Dog: Scout, 5-year-old chocolate lab

### Course Architect

Billy Bell (1954)

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

### Notable

- At the end of February, the course had reached its annual average yearly rainfall total of 13 inches.
- The land was known as Irvine Ranch in the 1950s and hosted the national Boy Scouts Jamboree. In 1953 there were more than 51,000 boys scouts, including President Richard Nixon, who was camping out with his old boy scout troop. The original flagpole from the jamboree is flying the courses' flags today.
- The course has connected on fairways on holes 1, 9 / 3, 5, 12 / 6, 7, 11, 14 / 10, 18, 15, 16.

### Tournament Setup

Par: 35-36--71

Yardage: 6,756

### Turfgrass

Greens: Poa annua .105"

Collars: Kikuyu .350"

Approaches: Kikuyu .350"

Tees: Kikuyu .350"

Fairways: Kikuyu .400"

Rough: Kikuyu / Poa annua 2"

### 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: Moderate

High Elevation: No. 2 green

Low Elevation: No. 17 green

Average Fairway Widths: 35 yards

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## 2026 GCSAA Course and Superintendent Notes For Courses Played (PGA TOUR Champions Only)

(This Week's Course in Red)

### 2026 Season Averages

Courses Played to Date (5 tournaments, includes this week)

Average Yardage – 6,925

Average Green Size – 5,623 sq. ft.

Average Sand Bunkers – 70.4

Average Holes with Water in Play – 4.2

### Tournaments by State

2 – Florida

1 - Arizona

1 – Hawaii

1 - California

### Yardage (par)

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

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

6,897 (72) – Tiburon (Chubb Classic)

6,856 (71) – La Paloma (Cologuard)

6,756 (71) – Newport Beach (Hoag Classic)

### Average Green Size

7,417 – Hualalai (Mitsubishi Electric)

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

5,500 – Tiburon (Chubb Classic)

4,500 – La Paloma (Cologuard)

4,200 – Newport Beach (Hoag Classic)

### Number of Bunkers

84 – Old Course at Broken Sound (James Hardie)

84 – Hualalai (Mitsubishi Electric)

83 – Newport Beach (Hoag Classic)

65 – La Paloma (Cologuard)

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

### Green Turf Type

2 – Bermudagrass

2 – Poa

1 – Paspalum

### Rough Turf Type

2 – Bermudagrass

1 - Ryegrass

1 – Paspalum

1 – Kikuyu / Poa

### Superintendents Tournaments Hosted (includes 2026)

21 – Dan Husek, Hualalai (Mitsubishi Electric)

18 – Grayson Grainger, Tiburon (Chubb Classic)

3 – Daniel Mayfield, La Paloma (Cologuard)

1 – Justin Gille, Old Course at Broken Sound (James Hardie)

### Superintendents GCSAA Membership Years

32 – Dan Husek, Hualalai (Mitsubishi Electric)

27 – Scot Dey, Newport Beach (Hoag Classic)

21 – Grayson Grainger, Tiburon (Chubb Classic)

12 – Justin Gille, Old Course at Broken Sound (James Hardie)

### Superintendents Alma Maters

1 – University of Arizona

1 – Southern Illinois-Carbondale

1 – Horry-Georgetown Technical College

1 – Lake City

1 - Cal Poly San Luis Obispo

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## 2025 Season Statistics for PGA TOUR Champions

*(26 courses and does not include international courses)*

Average Yardage – 7,045

Average Green Size – 6,172 sq. ft.

Average Sand Bunkers – 73.3

Average Holes with Water in Play – 6.3

### Greens Turf Type

Bentgrass – 10; Bermudagrass – 9; Poa – 6; Paspalum – 1

### Rough Turf Type

Bluegrass and mixes – 11; Bermudagrass – 9; Ryegrass – 4;

Paspalum – 1; Kikuyu – 1

### Par

Par 70 Courses – 4

Par 71 Courses – 4

Par 72 Courses – 18

## Newport Beach (Hoag Classic) in 2025 Season Statistics (26 courses)

- 1<sup>st</sup> shortest yardage course on tour in 2025 (6,725). Minnehaha Country Club, which hosted the Sanford International, was 6,747.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> smallest greens behind only Pebble Beach (3,500 sq. ft.).
- 7<sup>th</sup> most bunkers.
- T5th fewest holes with water in play.
- The only course that had kikuyu fairways and only course with kikuyu rough.

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