



Tournament Fact Sheet

Kia Classic

Aviara Golf Club • Carlsbad, Calif. • March 28-31, 2019

Golf Course Superintendent

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Years as GCSAA Member: 22

Certified Golf Course Superintendent: 2004

Years at Aviara Golf Club: 15

Years as a Superintendent: 26

Previous Courses: Pala Mesa Resort, Morgan Run Resort

Hometown: Bothell, Wash.

Education: Business Management

Hobbies: Golf, skiing

Number of full-time staff members: 24

Number of tournament volunteers: 0

Other Key Golf Personnel

Franco De Jesus, Assistant Superintendent

Salomon Gomez, Equipment Manager

Johnny Walker, PGA Professional

Geoff Gray, General Manager

Renny Brown, Director of Golf

Course Architect

Architect (year): Arnold Palmer (1991)

Course Owner: Xenia Hotels and Resorts

Signature Holes: #3 (a picturesque par three with water on three sides), #11 (a par three with cascading pools of water on the right side of the green) and #14 (a breathtaking downhill par three with water on the right side).

Tournament Set-up

Par: 72

Yardage: 6,680

Stimpmeter: 11.5

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 10,500 sq. ft.

Average Tee Size: 3,000 sq. ft.

Acres of Fairway: 30

Acres of Rough: 65

Number of sand bunkers: 66

Number of water hazards: 7

Soil conditions: Coastal sandstone/clay

Water sources: Recycled

Drainage conditions: Fair

Turfgrass

Greens: *Poa Annua* .105"

Tees: Hybrid bermudagrass overseeded with perennial ryegrass .350"

Fairways: Hybrid bermudagrass overseeded with perennial ryegrass .400"

Rough: Perennial ryegrass/*Poa Annua* 3"

Additional Notes

- Aviara is the only coastal California course designed by Arnold Palmer.
- Course received above average rainfall and cooler temperatures this winter.
- Wildlife on the course include egret, blue heron, sand pipers.

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