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
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, sandpipers.

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