

Kia Classic

Aviara Golf Club • Carlsbad, Calif. • March 25-28, 2021

Golf Course Superintendent

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Years as GCSAA Member: 24

Years at Aviara: 17

Years as a Superintendent: 28

Previous Courses: Pala Mesa Resort, Morgan Run Resort

Hometown: Bothell, Wash.

Education: Western Washington University

Professional Tournaments Hosted: This will be Kienast's 8th LPGA Kia Classic.

Other Key Golf Personnel

Franco De Jesus, Assistant Superintendent

Agustin Solis, 2nd Assistant Superintendent

Tereso Ventura, Equipment Manager

Johnny Walker, PGA Professional

Number of Employees: 24

Number of Tournament Volunteers: 0

Course Architect

Architect (year): Arnold Palmer (1991)

Tournament Fact Sheets for the PGA, LPGA, Champions and Korn Ferry Tours and USGA can be found all year at:

<https://www.gcsaa.org/media/tournament-fact-sheets>

Tournament Set-up

Par: 36-36--72

Yardage: 6,609

Stimpmeter: 11.5

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 10,500 sq. ft.

Acres of Fairway: 30

Acres of Rough: 65

Number of Sand Bunkers: 66

Number of Water Hazards: 7

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 7

Soil Conditions: Coastal sandstone/clay

Water Sources: Recycled

Drainage Conditions: Fair

Turfgrass

Greens: *Poa Annua* .105"

Tees: Bermuda os/w perennial rye .350"

Fairways: Hybrid bermudagrass .400"

Rough: Perennial rye/*Poa Annua* 3"

Additional Notes

- The fairways were not overseeded in the fall of 2020 in an effort to re-establish hybrid bermudagrass.

- A major renovation that was scheduled for 2020 was postponed due to Covid-19 just 15 days before it was supposed to start. The project was to include new irrigation, regrassing, rebuilding and repositioning bunkers, turf reduction, tree removal, add short game practice area.

- Aviara is the only coastal California course designed by Arnold Palmer.

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