

Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions (LPGA)

Lake Nona G&CC • Orlando, Fla. • January 18-21, 2023

Director of Golf Course Maint. and Grounds

Nick Dolimpio, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 8

Years at Lake Nona: 8

Years as a Superintendent: 4

Previous Courses: Card Sound (assistant)

Hometown: Souderton, Pa.

Education: Delaware Valley University

Professional Tournaments Hosted: This is Dolimpio's 4th LPGA event.

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Other Key Golf Personnel

Taylor Allbut, GCSAA Superintendent

Corey Edwards, Sr. Assistant Superintendent

Armando Franco, Assistant Superintendent

Sean Bakley, Horticulturist

Alex Lopez, Equipment Manager

X, PGA Professional

Number of Employees: 30

Number of Tournament Volunteers: 6

Golf Course Dogs: Colt, 8-year-old Catahoula and Karli, 5-year-old Staffordshire terrier/bulldog mix

Course Architect

Architect (year): Tom Fazio (1986)

Twitter

Superintendent - @ndolimpio

Course - @LakeNonaGCC

Tournament - @HiltonGrandVac

Tournament Fact Sheets for the PGA TOUR, LPGA, PGA TOUR Champions, Korn Ferry and Epson Tours and USGA and PGA of America championships can be found at: <https://www.gcsaa.org/media/tournament-fact-sheets>

Tournament Set-up

Par: 36-36--72

Yardage: 6,608 (unofficial)

Stimpmeter: 11-12

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 5,900 sq. ft.

Total Property Acres: 100 maintained

Acres of Fairway: 24

Acres of Rough: 60

Number of Sand Bunkers: 58

Number of Water Hazards: 12

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 9

Soil Conditions: Sandy loam

Water Sources: Well and reclaimed

Drainage Conditions: Moderate

Turfgrass

Greens: *Poa trivialis* overseed .100"

Collars: *Poa trivialis* overseed .225"

Approaches: *Poa trivialis* overseed .225"

Tees: *Poa trivialis* overseed .225"

Fairways: *Poa trivialis* overseed .375"

Rough: Perennial ryegrass 2.5"

Additional Notes

- Average fairway widths in landing areas are 30-40 yards.

- Winter has been wet and cold.

- The well pump had to be replaced during overseeding so there was limited water while getting the seed germinated.

- Maintenance team has 3 winter interns from Ohio State's program and 3 tournament volunteers are also Ohio State students.

- The 6,608-yard course is in top 10 longest on tour (see next page).

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GCSAA Notes

(LPGA Tour – USA/Canada events only)

2024 Tournaments by State (multiple events)

5 – Florida

3 – New Jersey

2 – California

2 – Michigan

2 – Ohio

2023 Longest Courses (6,600+)

6,824 – Club at Carlton Woods (Chevron Champ)

6,765 – Shadow Creek (Bank of Hope)

6,690 – Superstition Mountain (LPGA Drive On)

6,685 – Columbia Edgewater (Portland Classic)

6,685 – Shaughnessy (CPKC Open)

6,671 – Liberty National (Mizuho)

6,642 – Highland Meadows (Dana Open)

6,621 – Baltusrol (KPMG PGA Champ)

6,608 – Lake Nona (Hilton Grand Lake)

2023 Shortest Courses

6,197 – Seaview Golf Club (ShopRite)

6,258 – Palos Verdes (DIO Implant)

6,277 – Midland (Dow Great Lakes)

6,349 – Pelican Golf Club (The Annika)

6,438 – Pinnacle (Walmart NW Arkansas)

2023 Largest Avg. Greens by sq. ft.

8,300 – Baltusrol (KPMG PGA Champ)

8,000 – Pelican (The Annika)

7,500 – Hoakalei (LOTTE)

7,000 – TPC Harding Park (Hanwha)

7,000 – Upper Montclair (Cognizant)

2023 Smallest Avg. Greens by sq. ft.

3,500 – Pebble Beach (U.S. Open)

3,952 – Palos Verdes (DIO Implant)

4,285 – Shaughnessy (CPKC Open)

4,500 – Blythefield (Meijer)

4,653 – Liberty National (Mizuho)

2023 Courses by Greens Turf Types

8 – Poa / bentgrass

6 – Poa

4 – Bentgrass

4 – Bermudagrass

1 – Paspalum

GCSAA Superintendent Notes

(LPGA Tour – USA/Canada events only)

Longest GCSAA Membership

37 – Gregory James, Liberty National (Mizuho)

37 – Brian Sullivan, CGCS, MG, Wilshire (JM Eagle LA)

33 – Kevin Welp, CGCS, Midland (Dow Great Lakes)

31 – Jim Myers, CGCS, Columbia Edgewater (Portland Classic)

30 – Scott Krout, Superstition Mountain (Drive On)

30 – Terry Kennelly, Pelican Golf Club (The Annika)

Note: Avg. GCSAA membership years for host superintendents is 20.6.

Most Professional Events Hosted (if known)

16 – Chase Turpin, Pinnacle (Walmart NW Arkansas)

10 – Collin Romanick, Blythefield (Meijer)

Superintendents by Alma Mater (if known)

6 – Penn State

4 – Michigan State

2 – UMass

2 – Ohio State