

Fir Hills Seri Pak LA Open (LPGA)

Palos Verdes Golf Club • Palos Verde • March 21-24, 2024

Golf Course Superintendent

Steve Manriquez, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 9

Years at Palos Verdes: 7

Years as a Superintendent: 2

Previous Courses: L.A. Country Club (assistant in training)

Hometown: Whittier, Calif.

Education: San Diego State University / Mt. San Antonio

Professional Tournaments Hosted: This is the 3rd pro event hosted by Manriquez. He was the assistant for four years.

Did You Know? Manriquez has played blues guitar for 25 years.

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Other Key Golf Personnel

Jon Greenwall, First Assistant Superintendent

Tom Carbajal, Second Assistant Superintendent

Jose Ramirez, Interim Equipment Manager

Jim Gormley, PGA Professional

Number of Employees: 25

Number of Tournament Volunteers: None

Course Architect

Architect (year): William Bell (1924)

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Tournament - @seripakchamp

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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: 36-35--71

Yardage: 6,528

Stimpmeter: 11

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 3,952 sq. ft.

Total Property Acres: 108

Acres of Fairway: 20.6

Acres of Rough: 53

Number of Sand Bunkers: 76

Number of Water Hazards: 2

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 1

Soil Conditions: Loamy clay

Water Sources: Potable

Turfgrass

Greens: Poa / bentgrass .125"

Collars: Bermuda / bent / poa .325"

Approaches: Bermuda / bent .325"

Tees: Bermudagrass / bentgrass .325"

Fairways: Kikuyu .500"

Rough: Kikuyu / ryegrass 2.5"

Step Cut in Rough: 1"

Additional Notes

- The front and back nines are switched for the tournament.
- These are the 2nd smallest greens on tour.
- Changes before the 2023 event included renovation of No. 2 tee for different yardages; expansion of front left corner of No. 5 green for more pin placements; new tee on No. 14 for an additional 15-20 yards.
- Martin Lomeli has been on the maintenance crew for 54 years.

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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 (1st in the state this year)

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)

6,277 – 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 (Fir Hills Seri Pak Champ)

4,285 – Shaughnessy (CPKC Open)

4,500 – Blythefield (Meijer)

4,653 – Liberty National (Mizuho)

2023 Courses by Greens Turf Types

8 – Poa / bentgrass mix

6 – Poa

4 – Bentgrass

4 – Bermudagrass

1 – Paspalum

GCSAA Superintendent Notes

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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