

## JM Eagle LA Championship (LPGA)

El Caballero Country Club • Tarzana, Calif. • April 17-20, 2025

### Golf Course Superintendent

#### Zach Stephens, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 19

Years at El Caballero Country Club: 1.5

Years as Superintendent: 14

Previous Courses: Los Robles Golf Course (super), Canyon Gate CC (super), Red Rock CC (super), Red Rock CC (assistant), Cedar Knob Golf Course (assistant)

Hometown: Somers, Conn.

Education: University of Massachusetts

Professional Tournaments Hosted: This is Stephens' 1<sup>st</sup> professional event.

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### Other Key Agronomy Personnel

Alex Velazquez, assistant superintendent; Justin Vasquez, assistant superintendent; Jorge Contreras, equipment manager

Agronomy Employees: 29 / Tournament Volunteers: 3

### Course Architect

Robert Trent Jones, ASGCA, 1960

Renovation: Rees Jones (2021)

### Notable

- This is the 5<sup>th</sup> tournament the tour will play in the United States this season and El Caballero's 86 bunkers are the most of any course to date.
- The average green size of 6,300 sq. ft. is the largest of the U.S. courses to date.
- Zach Stephens is the 4<sup>th</sup> superintendent this year hosting a professional event for the first time in his or her career (see list on next page).

### Tournament Setup

Par: 36-36--72

Yardage: 6,679

### Turfgrass

Greens: Pure Distinction bentgrass .105"

Collars: Santa Ana bermudagrass .375"

Approaches: Santa Ana bermudagrass .400"

Tees: Tahoma 31 bermudagrass .400"

Fairways: Santa Ana bermudagrass .400"

Rough: Bandera bermudagrass 1.75"

### Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 6,300 sq. ft.

Total Property Acres: 131

Acres of Fairway: 28

Acres of Rough: 43

Number of Sand Bunkers: 86

Number of Water Hazards: 4

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 4

Soil Conditions: Native

Water Sources: Municipal

Drainage: Good

### Links

GCSAA Tournament Fact Sheet Home:

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

GCSAA Website: <https://www.gcsaa.org/>

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# Tournament Fact Sheet

## 2025 GCSAA Course and Superintendent Notes For Courses Played (LPGA Only) (U.S. Courses Only, *but includes HSBC in Singapore*) (This Week's Course in Red)

### Tournaments by State

- 2 – Florida
- 1 – Arizona
- 1 – Nevada
- 1 - California

### Yardage (par)

- 6,775 (72) – Sentosa (HSBC) in Singapore
- 6,765 (72) – Shadow Creek (T-Mobile Match Play)
- 6,679 (72) – El Caballero (JM Eagle)
- 6,661 (72) – Whirlwind (Ford)
- 6,642 (72) – Lake Nona (Hilton Grand TOC)
- 6,557 (71) – Bradenton CC (Founders Cup)

### Average Green Size

- 10,600 – Sentosa (HSBC) in Singapore
- 6,300 – El Caballero (JM Eagle)
- 5,900 – Whirlwind (Ford)
- 5,900 – Lake Nona (Hilton Grand TOC)
- 5,800 – Bradenton CC (Founders Cup)
- 5,500 – Shadow Creek (T-Mobile Match Play)

### Number of Bunkers

- 86 – El Caballero (JM Eagle)
- 74 – Shadow Creek (T-Mobile Match Play)
- 58 - Lake Nona (Hilton Grand TOC)
- 54 – Sentosa (HSBC) in Singapore
- 53 – Whirlwind (Ford)
- 53 – Bradenton CC (Founders Cup)

### Green Turf Type

- 2 – Bermudagrass
- 2 - Bentgrass
- 1 - Poa Trivialis overseed
- 1 – Poa / bermudagrass

### Rough Turf Type

- 3 - Bermudagrass
- 1 – Zoysiagrass
- 1 – Poa trivialis overseed
- 1 – Ryegrass overseed

### Superintendents Tournaments Hosted (includes 2025)

- 12 – Andrew Johnston – Sentosa (HSBC) in Singapore
- 5 – Nick Dolimpio - Lake Nona (Hilton Grand TOC)
- 1 – Matt Bachmann – Whirlwind (Ford)
- 1 – Jamie McCrosky – Bradenton CC (Founders Cup)
- 1 – Scott Delpiere – Shadow Creek (T-Mobile Match Play)
- 1 – Zach Stephens – El Caballero (JM Eagle)

### Superintendents GCSAA Membership Years

- 25 – Jamie McCrosky – Bradenton CC (Founders Cup)
- 23 – Andrew Johnston – Sentosa (HSBC) in Singapore
- 19 – Zach Stephens – El Caballero (JM Eagle)
- 14 – Matt Bachman – Whirlwind (Ford)
- 10 – Scott Delpiere (Shadow Creek (T-Mobile Match Play)
- 9 – Nick Dolimpio - Lake Nona (Hilton Grand TOC)

### Superintendents Alma Maters

- 2 – Michigan State University
- 1 – Delaware State University
- 1 – Rhode Island University
- 1 – University of Arizona
- 1 – University of Massachusetts

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