



Tournament Fact Sheet

Fortinet Founders Cup (LPGA)

Sharon Heights Golf and Country Club • Menlo Park, Calif. • March 19-22, 2026

Director of Agronomy

Chad Twaddle, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 21

Years at Sharon Heights: 4

Years as a Superintendent: 15

Previous Courses: Paako Ridge (director), Mauna Kea and Hapuna Golf Courses (director), Coyote Creek (director)

Hometown: Macomb, Ill.

Education: Western Illinois University

Professional Tournaments Hosted: This is his 1st pro event.

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Other Key Agronomy Personnel

Trenton Hoover, superintendent; Mark Corso, assistant superintendent; Evan Wallace, equipment manager; Nick Banks, PGA professional

Agronomy Employees: 28 / Tournament Volunteers: 8-12

Golf Course Dog: Bowie, 3-year-old husky mix

Course Architect

Jack Fleming (1963)

Renovation: Todd Eckenrode, ASGCA (2024)

Notable

- The recent renovation included changes to tees, fairways, bunkers and greens, as well as a significant tree management program, which allowed more sunlight and opened up playing corridors.
- Water-wise sustainability was improved with a new irrigation system, more drought-tolerant turf, and the removal of more than 20 acres of turf, which was replaced with drought-tolerant landscaping.
- Wildlife on the course includes coyotes, snakes, gophers, squirrels, ducks, turtles, fox

Tournament Setup

Par: 36-36--72

Yardage: 6,542 (unofficial)

Turfgrass

Greens: Bentgrass .110"

Collars: Bentgrass .275"

Approaches: Bentgrass .275"

Tees: Bentgrass .375"

Fairways: Bentgrass .375"

Rough: Ryegrass 2.5"

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 5,000 sq. ft.

Total Property Acres: 100

Acres of Fairway: 31

Acres of Rough: 29

Number of Sand Bunkers: (100,000 sq. ft.)

Number of Water Hazards: 1

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 2

Soil Conditions: Sand capped fairways, native clay loam roughs

Water Sources: Onsite reclaimed water treatment facility

Drainage: Average to poor in the roughs

High Elevation: 350'

Low Elevation: 100'

Average Fairway Widths: 28 yards

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