



# Tournament Fact Sheet

## Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard

Bay Hill Club & Lodge • Orlando, Fla. • March 7-10, 2019

### Director of Grounds

#### Chris Flynn, CGCS

Phone: 407-876-2402

Email: cflynn@bayhill.com

Years as GCSAA Member: 22

Years at Bay Hill Club & Lodge: 5

Years as a Superintendent: 17

Previous Courses (Titles): Marriott's Grande Vista Resort (Director of Grounds, 10 years), Links at Spanish Bay (Superintendent, 3 years), Spyglass Hill Golf Course (Assistant, 2 years), TPC Four Seasons Las Colinas (Assistant, 2 years)

Hometown: Orlando, Fla.

Education: SUNY Cobleskill

Number of full-time staff members: 45

Number of tournament volunteers: 20

### Other Key Golf Personnel

Nick Flynn, Assistant Superintendent

Alex Hills, Assistant Superintendent

John Owens, Assistant Superintendent

Albert Sizemore, Equipment Manager

JT Berry, Horticulturist

### Course Architect

Architect (year): Dick Wilson (1961)

Renovation Architect (year): Arnold Palmer (2009)

Course Owner: Amy Saunders

Signature Hole: No. 18 The approach is to a large green fronted by water and backed by bunkers and is typically one of the most difficult holes on the course.

### Tournament Set-up

Par: 72

Yardage: 7,381

Stimpmeter: 12

### Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 7,500 sq. ft.

Acres of Fairway: 31

Acres of Rough: 100

Number of sand bunkers: 84

Number of water hazards: 8

Water sources: Reclaimed

### Turfgrass

Greens: TifEagle bermudagrass .110"

Tees: Celebration bermudagrass overseeded with perennial ryegrass .350"

Fairways: Celebration bermudagrass overseeded with perennial ryegrass .350"

Rough: 419 bermudagrass overseeded with perennial ryegrass 3"

### Additional Notes

- Bay Hill was the first golf course planted with Tifway bermudagrass.
- Arnold Palmer took ownership of the course in 1975.
- Arnold Palmer's 2009 renovation focused on agronomic/maintenance (redesign of all 18 greens), playability and aesthetics, which included reworking all of the bunkering, major changes to alter the yardage and a move from a par 71 to par 72.
- The greens were re-grassed in the summer of 2015.

Mike Strauss • Media Relations Manager • (O) 785-312-5164 • (C) 785-865-8444 • [mstrauss@gcsaa.org](mailto:mstrauss@gcsaa.org) • [www.gcsaa.org](http://www.gcsaa.org)

Since 1926 the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) has been the top professional association for the men and women who manage golf courses in the United States and worldwide. From its headquarters in Lawrence, Kan., the association provides education, information and representation to 18,400-plus members in more than 75 countries. GCSAA's mission is to serve its members, advance their profession and enhance the enjoyment, growth and vitality of the game of golf.