

## The Honda Classic

PGA National (Champion) • Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.  
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Years as GCSAA Member: 3

Years at PGA National: 5

Years as a Superintendent: 7

Previous Courses: PGA National Squire Course (super),  
PGA National Fazio Course (assistant)

Education: Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College

Number of Employees: 100

Number of Tournament Volunteers: 6

### Other Key Golf Personnel

John Flynn, Champion Course Superintendent

Paul Lowe, Assistant Superintendent

Bryan Radtke, Equipment Manager

Jane Broderick, PGA Professional

### Course Architect

Architect (year): Tom and George Fazio (1981)

Renovation Architect (year): Jack Nicklaus (2002, 2014,  
2018)

Signature Holes: Bear Trap (No. 15-17). No. 15 is a 160-yard par 3, with water short and right, No. 16. Is a 443-yard par 4 dogleg over water and No. 17 is a 156-yard par 3 with water on the right and a bunker long and left.

*Tournament Fact Sheets for the PGA, LPGA, Champions and Korn Ferry Tours can be found all year at:*  
<https://www.gcsaa.org/media/tournament-fact-sheets>

### Tournament Set-up

Par: 70

Yardage: 7,125

### Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 7,000 sq. ft.

Average Tee Size: 750 sq. ft.

Acres of Fairway: 28

Acres of Rough: 65

Number of Sand Bunkers: 67

How many holes is water in play: 15

Soil Conditions: Loam

Drainage Conditions: Fair

### Turfgrass

Greens: TifEagle bermudagrass .115"

Tees: Celebration bermudagrass .400"

Fairways: Celebration bermudagrass .400"

Rough: TifSport bermudagrass overseeded  
With perennial ryegrass 2"

### Additional Notes

- Biggest challenge leading up to the tournament was extremely wet December with 11" of rain, including seven inches Friday and Saturday after Christmas.

- Last summer all tee boxes and driving range tees were laser leveled.

- During the tee and driving range renovation in August, the Champion course received 16" of rain.

- Environmental steps include an irrigation audit to better manage water usage and the use of organic fertilizer.

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