

## Arnold Palmer Invitational

Bay Hill Club and Lodge • Orlando, Fla. • March 5-8, 2020

### Director of Grounds

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Years as GCSAA Member: 23

Years at Bay Hill: 6

Years as a Superintendent: 18

Previous Courses: Marriott's Grande Vista Resort (dir),  
Links at Spanish Bay (super), Spyglass Hill (asst),  
TPC Four Seasons Las Colinas (asst)

Hometown: Orlando, Fla.

Education: SUNY Cobleskill

Number of Employees: 45

Number of Tournament Volunteers: 20

### Other Key Golf Personnel

Alex Hills, Assistant Superintendent

John Owens, Assistant Superintendent

Angus Vos, 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.

Rounds Per Year: 50,000

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

### Tournament Set-up

Par: 72

Yardage: 7,454

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

How many holes is water in play: 9

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.

- 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 2015.

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