

## Sentry Tournament of Champions (PGA TOUR)

Kapalua Resort (Plantation) • Lahaina, Hawaii • January 5-8, 2023

### Director of Agronomy

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Years as GCSAA Member: 4

Years at Kapalua: 4 ½ years

Years as a Superintendent: 18

Previous Courses: The Classic Club (director), The Golf Club at Lansdowne (director), The Address Montgomerie Dubai (super), Monte Rei (super), Escena (super) Shadow Lakes (Super)

Hometown: Menomonee Falls, Wisc.

Education: University of Arizona

Professional Tournaments Hosted: This is 5<sup>th</sup> Sentry for Rebman, who was an assistant for 3 Nationwide events at Whirlwind and intern for 1999 PGA Champ at Medinah.

### Other Key Golf Personnel

#### Bryan Pierce, Plantation Course Superintendent

Kirk Bender, Bay Course Superintendent

Tyler Krim, Plantation Course Assistant Superintendent

Jack McHesic, Bay Course Assistant Superintendent

Eric Fernandez, Equipment Manager

Alex Nakajima, General Manager

Michael Castillo, PGA Professional

Maintenance Employees: 37

Tournament Volunteers: 26

Rounds Per Year: 36,000

Course Closure Before Tournament: Sat., Dec. 31

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

### Course Architect

Architect (year): Bill Coore and Ben Crenshaw (1991)

Renovation Architect (year): Coore and Crenshaw (2019)

### Tournament Set-up

Par: 36-37--73

Yardage: 7,596

Stimpmeter: 11

### Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 8,722 sq. ft.

Total Property Acres: 496

Acres of Fairway: 44.5

Acres of Rough: 52.1

Number of Sand Bunkers: 93

Number of Water Hazards: 0

Soil Conditions: Highly weathered clay soils

Water Sources: West Maui Mountains

Drainage Conditions: Good

### Turfgrass

Greens: TifEagle bermudagrass .105"

Collars: Celebration bermudagrass .300"

Approaches: Celebration bermuda .300"

Tees: Celebration bermudagrass .325"

Fairways: Celebration bermudagrass .375"

### Twitter

Course: @GolfatKapalua

Tournament: @Sentry\_TOC

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### **Additional Notes:**

- The 2019 renovation included rebuilding all greens. New bunkers were added on No. 3, 5, 15, 16 and new tees were added on No. 3, 7, 9, 10 and 15.
- The course is constructed on a former pineapple plantation.
- Kapalua means “arms embracing the sea.”
- The leeward waters of Maui have the densest humpback whale population in the world during the winter months.

### **Q&A with Andrew Rebman, director of agronomy (from Dec. 23)**

Q: Any changes to the course since last year's event?

A: No changes

Q: How has the growing season/weather been and what is the result for course conditions and playability for the tournament?

A: We have had a very dry year overall, receiving half of our normal rainfall. This allowed us to accomplish many cultural practices on a very rigid schedule which leads to overall consistency and great playability. If this dry trend continues, we will have firm and fast conditions for the tournament.

However, it is the rainy season and things can change quite rapidly. This week (just before Christmas) a slow-moving Kona low moved through and dropped nearly 4” of rain in a two-day period.

Low light conditions always play a factor at this time of year and affect overall turfgrass health. We work very hard all year to enter the Fall/Winter as strong and healthy as possible, which creates resiliency under adverse conditions.

Q: Any notes about assistants or volunteers?

A: Plantation Course superintendent Bryan Pierce played college golf at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.

We are fortunate to have a very diverse group of volunteers. Includes corporate officers from Troon, account managers from leading industry vendors, fellow superintendents and assistant superintendents, turfgrass students and participants from women in golf.

Q: Any interesting facts about the golf course or area around the course?

Kapalua is located adjacent to the Pu'u Kukui Watershed Preserve, which is the largest private nature preserve in Hawaii. It encompasses more than 9,000 acres.

Q: Environmental steps you have made?

We installed 3 new weather stations this year, which collect data on a minute-by-minute basis. This data is then placed into a complex equation and determines the run time of each individual irrigation sprinkler head. This allows us to manage our water resources in a very precise and efficient manner.

Q: What wildlife are on the course?

A: Nene goose, cattle egret, myna bird, owls, spotted dove, java sparrow, house sparrow, red-crested cardinal, grey francolin.