

Sony Open (PGA TOUR)

Waialae Country Club • Honolulu, Hawaii • January 12-15, 2023

Golf Course Superintendent

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Years as GCSAA Member: 18

Years at Waialae: 22

Years as a Superintendent: 20

Previous Courses: Koolau (superintendent)

Education: University of Hawaii

Professional Tournaments Hosted: Nakama has hosted 22 professional events in his career.

Other Key Golf Personnel

Marvin Teruya, Assistant Superintendent

Brett Mau, Equipment Manager

Kevin Carll, PGA Professional

Number of Employees: 30

Number of Tournament Volunteers: 10

Rounds Per Year: 65,000

Course does not close to outside play before tournament.

Course Architect

Architect (year): Seth Raynor (1927)

Renovation Architects: Robert Trent Jones, Desmond Muirhead, Rick Smith, Tom Doak

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Tournament Set-up

Par: 35-35--70

Yardage: 7,044

Stimpmeter: 11-12

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 7,100 sq. ft.

Acres of Fairway: 50

Acres of Rough: 100

Number of Sand Bunkers: 83

Number of Water Hazards: 4

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 5

Soil Conditions: Various

Water Sources: Well

Drainage Conditions: Fair/Good

Turfgrass

Greens: Bermudagrass .120"

Collars: Bermudagrass .325"

Approaches: Bermudagrass .325"

Tees: Bermudagrass .350"

Fairways: Bermudagrass .400"

Rough: Bermudagrass 3"

Additional Notes

- Waialae Country Club has been the only host of this event since its inception in 1965.

- The front and back nines are switched for the tournament and par is changed from 72 to 70.

- There have been no changes to the course since last year's event.

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