

## Farmers Insurance Open (PGA TOUR)

Torrey Pines (**South Course**) • La Jolla, Calif. • January 25-28, 2023

### Director of Agronomy

#### Devin Cullen, GCSAA

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Years as GCSAA Member: 11

Years at Torrey Pines: 6

Years as a Superintendent: 1

Previous Courses: Torrey Pines (assistant)

Hometown: La Crescenta-Montrose, Calif

Education: Penn State University

Professional Tournaments Hosted: This is Cullen's 2<sup>nd</sup> Farmers in charge after 5 as an assistant. He was also involved in the 2021 U.S. Open as an assistant.

### Other Key Golf Personnel

Travis Rebeschke, Superintendent

Assistant Superintendents: Ivan Trujillo, Joshua Watchous, Mitchell Arnold

Equipment Managers: Agustin Cisneros, Miguel Anaya, Roberto Mercado Castro

Number of Employees: 40 (10 new this year)

Number of Tournament Volunteers: 26 (4 from Canada and one from France)

### Course Architect

Architect (year): William P. Bell and William F. Bell (1957)

Renovation Architect (year): Rees Jones (2001, 2019)

Rounds Per Year: 80,000 in 2022

Course eliminates afternoon tee times in January and closes the course to outside play eight days before event.

Fairway Widths: Between 24-27 yards except No. 4 & 13. No. 4 averages 37 yards down to 24 yards at 325 yards from the tee. No. 13 averages 35 yards at 250-300 yards from tee, then 23 yards after that.

### Tournament Set-up

Par: 36-36--72

Yardage: 7,765

### Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 5,000 sq. ft.

Total Property Acres: South Course (147)

Acres of Fairway: 20

Acres of Rough: 120

Number of Sand Bunkers: 82

Number of Water Hazards: 1

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 1

Soil Conditions: Clay

Water Sources: Potable (greens), reclaimed

Drainage: About 4,000 feet of drainage was added to low areas in 2019 renovation.

### Turfgrass

Greens: *Poa annua* .095"

Collars: Bentgrass / *Poa annua* .300"

Approaches: Ryegrass overseed .350"

Tees: Ryegrass overseed .350"

Fairways: Ryegrass overseed .425"

Rough: Ryegrass overseed 3.5"

### Additional Notes

• Devin Cullen led the agronomy crew for the 2022 Farmers after then director of agronomy Rich McIntosh left for a job six weeks before last year's event.

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Torrey Pines (**North Course**) • La Jolla, Calif. • January 25-28, 2023

### Course Architect

Architect (year): William P. Bell and William F. Bell (1957)  
Renovation Architect (year): Tom Weiskopf (2016)  
Rounds Per Year: 91,000 in 2022

### Tournament Set-up

Par: 36-36--72  
Yardage: 7,258

### Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 6,000 sq. ft.  
Total Property Acres: North Course (131)  
Acres of Fairway: 18  
Acres of Rough: 100  
Number of Sand Bunkers: 42  
Number of Water Hazards: 0  
Number of Holes Water is in Play: 1  
Soil Conditions: Clay  
Water Sources: Potable (greens), reclaimed

### Turfgrass

Greens: Bentgrass .100"  
Collars: Ryegrass .350"  
Approaches: Ryegrass overseed .350"  
Tees: Ryegrass overseed .350"  
Fairways: Ryegrass overseed .425"  
Rough: Ryegrass overseed 3.5"

Fairway Widths: Between 24-27 yards

*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>*

### Additional Notes

• Torrey Pines is hosting a GCSAA First Green event on the North Course with seventh-grade students from Millennial Tech on Monday, Jan. 23. The program will run from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. near the 14<sup>th</sup> hole of the North Course. Media are invited to attend. To learn more about the event contact Mike Strauss at [mstrauss@gcsaa.org](mailto:mstrauss@gcsaa.org) or 785-865-8444. Learn more about First Green here: <https://www.thefirstgreen.org/>

• After a mild and dry summer, temperatures dropped to lows in the lower 40s and highs in the upper 50s to lower 60s following overseeding in October.

• "Following the holiday season, frequent rain events hit the property," said Devin Cullen, director of agronomy on Jan. 9. "We have seen years with precipitation totals much higher than what we are seeing, but it is the frequency and consistency that these storms have hit that has given the property little time to dry down. With a few rain events still projected between now and tournament, I'm expecting the course to play longer and thicker than it already does. Should be fun."

• This is the second straight year the tournament is scheduled for Wednesday through Saturday.

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