

WM Phoenix Open (PGA TOUR)

TPC Scottsdale (Stadium Course) • Scottsdale, Ariz. • February 9-12, 2023

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Years as GCSAA Member: 14

Years at TPC Scottsdale: 2nd as director (6 total)

Years as a Superintendent: 11

Previous Courses: TPC Louisiana (director), TPC Scottsdale (super), TPC San Antonio (super)

Hometown: Lubbock, Texas

Education: Texas Tech University

Professional Tournaments Hosted: Reese has hosted a Tournament every year since 2008, including 6 Zurich Classics in New Orleans.

Other Key Golf Personnel

Superintendent Staff: Scott Herbert, Aric Runge, Doug Hamman, Avery Brandt, Will Maier, Rylan Hulse

Randy Waymire, Equipment Manager

Christian Herzhoff, Agronomy Administrator

Number of Employees: 65

Number of Tournament Volunteers: 32

Course Architect

Architect (year): Tom Weiskopf and Jay Morris (1986)

Renovation Architect (year): Tom Weiskopf (2014)

Rounds Per Year: 43,00 (Stadium), 57,000 (Champions)

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Superintendent - [@brandonreese](https://twitter.com/brandonreese)

Course - [@tpcscottsdale](https://twitter.com/tpcscottsdale)

Tournament - [@WMPhoenixOpen](https://twitter.com/WMPhoenixOpen)

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Tournament Set-up

Par: 35-36--71

Yardage: 7,261

Stimpmeter: 12

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 7,069 sq. ft.

Acres of Fairway: 27.55

Acres of Rough: 70

Number of Sand Bunkers: 67

Number of Water Hazards: 3

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 6

Soil Conditions: Decomposed granite/lluvial clay

Water Sources: Reclaimed

Drainage Conditions: Good

Turfgrass

Greens: *Poa trivialis* / perennial ryegrass overseed .100'

Collars: Bentgrass / *Poa trivialis* overseed .300"

Approaches: Ryegrass / fine fescue / *Poa trivialis* overseed .325'

Tees: Perennial ryegrass / fine fescue overseed .325"

Fairways: Perennial ryegrass / fine fescue overseed .400'

Rough: Perennial ryegrass / fine fescue overseed 2"

Additional Notes

- The Scottsdale Police Department escorts the maintenance team onto the golf course each night via officers on motorcycle and horseback due to crowd sizes.

- Architect Tom Weiskopf passed away last August.

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- The WM is generally considered to be the largest attended sporting event in the world outside of the Olympic Games.
- The winter was cold and rainy which led to a slow overseed establishment.
- Thanks to generous support of the Harrell's company the volunteer program is back to normal for the maintenance team. Many typical volunteers will be assisting with the Super Bowl in town.
- The course is closed for play Thursday of advance week to allow Concert in the Coliseum to complete their build for the Maroon 5 concert on Saturday of advance week.
- A five-acre area on interior of property had to be worked to accommodate a new 30,000 sq. ft. merchandise tent and food and beverage outlet.
- The course lies within a flood retention basin controlled by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation.
- The course is both Audubon and GEO certified.
- There are long-range plans for turf reductions.
- Wildlife on the course include rattle snake, quail, bobcat, raccoons, coyote, duck.
- Brandon Reese met his wife at Texas Tech and they have four children.