

Arnold Palmer Invitational (PGA TOUR)

Bay Hill Club and Lodge • Orlando, Fla. • March 2-5, 2023

Director of Grounds

Chris Flynn, CGCS, GCSAA

Phone: 407-876-2402

Email: cflynn@bayhill.com

Years as GCSAA Member: 25

Years at Bay Hill: 9

Years as a Superintendent: 21

Previous Courses: Marriott Grande Vista (director), Links at Spanish Bay (super), Spyglass (asst), TPC Four Seasons

Education: SUNY Cobleskill

Professional Tournaments Hosted: This is Flynn's 15th pro event (10th API, 3 AT&T National Pro Am's and 2 Byron Nelson Classics)

Other Key Golf Personnel

Alexandra Hills, Senior Assistant Superintendent

John Owens, Assistant Superintendent

BJ Swanberg, Equipment Manager

JT Berry, Horticulturist

Number of Employees: 45

Number of Tournament Volunteers: 20

Course Architect

Architect (year): Dick Wilson (1961)

Renovation Architect (year): (Arnold Palmer (2009)

Rounds Per Year: 45,000-plus

Twitter

Superintendent - @The_CFlynn

Course - @APBayHill / Tournament - @APInv

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>

Tournament Set-up

Par: 36-36--72

Yardage: 7,466

Stimpmeter: 12

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 7,500 sq. ft.

Total Property Acres: 250

Acres of Fairway: 31

Acres of Rough: 100

Number of Sand Bunkers: 84

Number of Water Hazards: 8

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 9

Soil Conditions: Sandy loam

Water Sources: Reclaimed

Drainage Conditions: Minimal issues

Turfgrass

Greens: TifEagle bermudagrass .110"

Collars: Celebration bermudagrass .225"

Approaches: Ryegrass overseed .350"

Tees: Perennial ryegrass overseed .350'

Fairways: Perennial rye overseed .375"

Rough: Perennial ryegrass overseed 3"

Additional Notes

- Course closes to play the Wednesday before tournament week.

- Average fairway widths are 30 yards.

- The bermudagrass fairways were not overseeded for the 2022 tournament.

- Senior assistant Alexandra Hills has volunteered on the past two U.S. Women's Open maintenance teams.

More

Mike Strauss • Media Relations Manager • (O) 785-312-5164 • (C) 785-865-8444 • mstrauss@gcsaa.org • www.gcsaa.org

Since 1926 the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) has been the top professional association for the men and women who manage golf courses in the United States and worldwide. From its headquarters in Lawrence, Kan., the association provides education, information and representation to 19,000 members in more than 78 countries. GCSAA's mission is to serve its members, advance their profession and improve communities through enjoyment, growth and vitality of the game of golf.

- Arnold Palmer was the first recipient of GCSAA's Old Tom Morris Award in 1983 for a continuing lifetime commitment to the game of golf.

- Quote from Arnold Palmer, whose father, Deacon, and younger brother, Jerry, were both superintendents at Latrobe (Pa.) Country Club:

"The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America and all golf course superintendents are probably the most important entity that we have in golf. ... The conditions and the golf course's beauty, the environment, the wetlands, everything depends on their perseverance and their knowledge and the work they do to maintain the golf courses."

- The quote is on the wall of the multi-purpose room at GCSAA's headquarters in Lawrence, Kan.



- Below the most recent GCSAA Old Tom Morris Award recipient, Johnny Morris (2023), founder of Bass Pro Shops and Big Cedar Lodge, pictured with the first honoree, Arnold Palmer (1983) in 2014.



- Learn more about GCSAA's Old Tom Morris Award here:

<https://www.gcsaa.org/about-gcsaa/awards/old-tom-morris-award>

- On February 7, Director of Grounds Chris Flynn, CGCS and his staff hosted 300 golf course superintendents on a facility learning tour about professional golf tournament preparation. The seminar was part of the annual GCSAA Conference and Trade Show in Orlando from Feb. 6-9.