

Farmers Insurance Open (PGA TOUR)

Torrey Pines (South Course) • La Jolla, Calif. • January 24-27, 2024

Director of Agronomy

Devin Cullen, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 12

Years at Torrey Pines: 7

Years as a Superintendent: 2

Previous Courses: Torrey Pines (assistant)

Hometown: La Crescenta-Montrose, Calif.

Education: Penn State University

Professional Tournaments Hosted: This is Cullen's 3rd Farmers as superintendent after 5 as an assistant. He was also an assistant for the 2021 U.S. Open.

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Other Key Golf Personnel

Travis Rebeschke, Superintendent

Assistant Superintendents: Joshua Watchous, Jeffrey Bley
Gary Bley, Mitchell Arnold

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

Number of Employees: 40

Number of Tournament Volunteers: 26

Golf Course Dog: Callaway, 11-year-old boxer mix

Course Architect

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

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

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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 Conditions: 4,000 ft. of drainage
was added to low areas in 2019.

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 4"

Additional Notes

- Fairway widths are 24-27 yards.

- Torrey Pines and Muirfield Village (the Memorial) are the only two courses on tour that are longer than 7,500 yards and have greens of 5,000 sq. ft. or smaller.

- This is the third straight year the tournament is being held Wednesday-Saturday.

North Course info and More on next 2 pages

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Course Architect

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

Renovation Architect (year): Tom Weiskopf (2016)

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

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: 4"

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Additional Notes

- Torrey Pines' South Course was the longest on tour last year at 7,765 yards.
- The course also features some of the smaller greens on tour at just 5,000 sq. ft to tie for 6th among primary courses on the tour.
- Last week's PGA West Stadium Course also featured an average of 5,000 sq. ft. greens, while the secondary course at La Quinta Country Club's greens were just 4,773 sq. ft.
- Assistant superintendent brothers Jeffrey and Gary Bley started at Torrey Pines in November and are working together for the first time in their careers.
- The land at Torrey Pines was home to Camp Callan and was used as an anti-aircraft artillery replacement training center from 1941-45 before becoming a golf course in 1957.
- For the second straight year a GCSAA First Green event is being held on the North Course Monday, Jan. 21.
- [See more information on next page](#)

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GCSAA Notes (PGA TOUR only) (primary courses only)

2024 Tournaments by State (multiple events)

5 – California (2nd straight)

- 4 – Florida
- 4 – Texas
- 3 – North Carolina
- 2 – Hawaii
- 2 – Georgia
- 2 – South Carolina

2023 Longest Courses (7,500+)

- 7,765 – Torrey Pines (Farmers Insurance)**
- 7,670 – Puntacana Resort (Corales Puntacana)
- 7,596 – Plantation Course (Sentry TOC)
- 7,571 – Muirfield Village (the Memorial)
- 7,545 – Augusta National (The Masters)
- 7,538 – Quail Hollow (Wells Fargo)

2023 Shortest Courses

- 6,828 – Port Royal (Butterfield Bermuda)
- 6,852 – TPC River Highlands (Travelers)
- 6,972 – Pebble Beach (AT&T Pebble Beach)
- 7,005 – Sea Island (The RSM Classic)
- 7,044 – Waialae CC (Sony Open)

2023 Largest Avg. Greens by sq. ft.

- 8,722 – Plantation Course (Sentry TOC)
- 8,300 – El Cardonal (World Wide Tech)
- 8,000 – Port Royal (Butterfield Bermuda)
- 7,500 – Riviera (Genesis Inv.)
- 7,500 – Bay Hill (Arnold Palmer)
- 7,400 – TPC Summerlin (Shriners)

2023 Smallest Avg. Greens by sq. ft.

- 3,500 – Pebble Beach (AT&T Pebble Beach)
- 3,700 – Harbour Town (RBC Heritage)
- 4,300 – TPC Southwind (FedEx St. Jude)
- 4,500 – Albany (Hero World Challenge)
- 4,500 – Oak Hill (PGA Championship)
- 5,000 – PGA West Stadium (American Express)
- 5,000 – Torrey Pines (Farmers Insurance)**
- 5,000 – Muirfield Village (the Memorial)
- 5,000 – Colonial CC (Charles Schwab)
- 5,000 – TPC River Highlands (Travelers)

2023 Course by Greens Turf Types

- 16 – Bentgrass
- 13 – Bermudagrass
- 11 – Poa (this is 2nd straight on this surface)**
- 2 – Paspalum

GCSAA Superintendent Notes (PGA TOUR only)

Longest GCSAA Membership

- 44 – Stanley Reedy, CGCS (Sanderson)
 - 41 – Sam MacKenzie, CGCS (BMW Champ)
 - 38 – Brian Sullivan, CGCS, MG (The American Express)
 - 37 – William B. Owen III (Masters)
 - 35 – Roby Robertson, CGCS (Valero Texas)
 - 35 – Kevin Welker, CGCS (World Wide Tech)
 - 34 – Dale Hahn, CGCS (Shriners)
- Note: Avg. GCSAA membership years for host superintendents is 19.5.*

Superintendents by Alma Mater (if known)

- 3 – Mississippi State
- 3 – Ohio State
- 3 – Penn State**
- 3 – Rutgers
- 2 – University of Guelph (Canada)
- 2 – Michigan State