

Valspar Championship (PGA TOUR)

Innisbrook Resort (Copperhead) • Palm Harbor, Fla. • March 21-24, 2024

Golf Course Superintendent

Ryan Stewart, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 21

Years at Innisbrook: 22

Years as a Superintendent: 17

Previous Courses: Monifieth, Merion, Shadow Wood

Hometown: Carnoustie, Scotland

Professional Tournaments Hosted: This is Stewart's 16th PGA TOUR event.

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Other Key Golf Personnel

Andriy Maksymiv, Superintendent Copperhead and North

Bobby Van Natter, Superintendent Island Course

Scott Robinson, Assistant Superintendent

Milan Vlasisavijevic, Equipment Manager

Andrew Corry, Director of Golf

Number of Employees: 14 (copperhead), 55 (all courses)

Number of Tournament Volunteers: 15

Golf Course Dogs: Whiskey and Nessie (both 1-year-old border collies)

Course Architect

Architect (year): Larry Packard (1971)

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Superintendent - @rardoryan80

Course - @Innisbrook

Tournament - @ValsparChamp

GCSAA - @GCSAA

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: 36-35—71

Yardage: 7,340

Stimpmeter: 12

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 5,822 sq. ft.

Total Property Acres: 950

Acres of Fairway: 25

Acres of Rough: 75

Number of Sand Bunkers: 74

Number of Water Hazards: 8

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 9

Water Sources: Effluent

Drainage Conditions: Good

Turfgrass

Greens: Poa trivialis overseed .115"

Collars: Ryegrass overseed .350"

Approaches: Ryegrass overseed .350"

Tees: Ryegrass overseed .350"

Fairways: Ryegrass overseed .450"

Rough: Ryegrass overseed 3.75"

Additional Notes

- Cool, wet weather has been great for ryegrass growth, including thicker rough.
- Last year the rough height was increased to 3.75" from 3" in previous years
- Also last year the intermediate cut width around the greens was decreased from 72" to 21" to bring the rough closer to the greens.
- Stewart plays soccer and has been involved in national championship teams at the amateur 30 and over and 40 and over levels.

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GCSAA Notes (PGA TOUR Only) (Primary Courses Only)

2024 Tournaments by State (multiple events)

- 5 – California
- 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
- 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 (Am. 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