

Texas Children's Houston Open (PGA TOUR)

Memorial Park • Houston, Texas • March 28-31, 2024

Golf Course Superintendent

Parker Henry, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 12

Years at Memorial Park: 2

Years as a Superintendent: 2

Previous Courses: Quail Hollow Club (assistant),
Sedgefield Country Club (assistant)

Hometown: Liberty, N.C.

Education: North Carolina State University

Professional Tournaments Hosted: Henry hosted the Cadence Bank Houston Open in Nov. 2022 and was involved with a number of pro events at Quail Hollow and Sedgefield.

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Other Key Golf Personnel

Kyle Neal, Assistant Superintendent

Derrick Ross, Assistant Superintendent

Jose Palma, Equipment Manager

Glen Childers, PGA Professional

Number of Employees: 29

Number of Tournament Volunteers: 50

Golf Course Dog: Zeke, 6-year-old English lab

Course Architect

Architect (year): John Bredemus (1936)

Renovation Architect (year): Tom Doak (2019)

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Superintendent - @parkerhenry20

Tournament - @TCHouOpen

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: 35-35—70

Yardage: 7,412

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 7,000 sq. ft.

Acres of Fairway: 28

Acres of Rough: 120

Number of Sand Bunkers: 21

Number of Water Hazards: 2

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 4

Soil Conditions: Sand capped fairways
and tees; Native soil rough

Water Sources: Irrigation pond

Drainage Conditions: Fast draining

Turfgrass

Greens: Poa trivialis overseed .110"

Collars: Poa and ryegrass overseed .325"

Approaches: Poa and rye overseed .325"

Tees: Perennial ryegrass overseed .325"

Fairways: Perennial rye overseed .400"

Rough: Perennial ryegrass overseed 1.25"

Additional Notes

- Course hosted the Houston Open in November 2022. The overseed now will provide a much tighter playing surface than the bermudagrass did in 2022. This will highlight the penal green surrounds, while shorter rough gives opportunity for aggressive approach shots to the green.
- No. 17 green was moved 30 yards further back and two bunkers were added to the left of the green.
- Warm, dry spring has been great for both the ryegrass and underlying bermudagrass.
- Average fairway widths in landing areas are 30-40 yards.

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

2024 Tournaments by State (multiple events)

- 5 – California
- 4 – Florida
- 4 – Texas (1st of back-to-back in the state)
- 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