

## Zurich Classic (PGA TOUR)

TPC Louisiana • Avondale, La. • April 25-28, 2024

### Director, Golf Course Operations

#### Tyler McCool, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 14

Years at TPC Louisiana: 7

Years as a Superintendent: 3

Previous Courses: The Preserve Golf Club (assistant)

Hometown: Noxapater, Miss.

Education: Mississippi State University

Professional Tournaments Hosted: This is McCool's 3<sup>rd</sup> event as superintendent. He was a part of 3 other Zurich Classics as an assistant superintendent.

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### Other Key Golf Personnel

Matthew Lambert, Assistant Superintendent

David Pons, Equipment Manager

Luke Farabaugh, General Manager

Alex Abbruzzo, PGA Professional

Number of Employees: 20

Number of Tournament Volunteers: 25

### Course Architect

Architect (year): Pete Dye (2004)

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Superintendent - @Tyler\_McCool

Course - @TPCLouisiana

Tournament - @Zurich\_Classic

GCSAA - @GCSAA

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### Tournament Set-up

Par: 36-36--72

Yardage: 7,435

Stimpmeter: 12

### Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 5,225 sq. ft.

Acres of Fairway: 23

Acres of Rough: 75

Number of Sand Bunkers: 106

Number of Water Hazards: 5

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 8

Soil Conditions: Pumped river sand

Water Sources: Well / city

Drainage Conditions: Good

### Turfgrass

Greens: Poa trivialis overseed .100"

Collars: Poa trivialis overseed .260"

Approaches: Celebration bermuda .400"

Tees: TifSport bermudagrass .400"

Fairways: Celebration bermudagrass .400"

Rough: TifSport bermudagrass 2"

### Additional Notes

- Area has seen 24" of rain, which is half of what was received all last year (this was after a drought in summer and fall of 2023 where course was 30" below normal rainfall).

- Large, wooded area left of No. 8 was cleared to allow patrons to see from the venues on No. 18. 15 Cypress trees were added to the area.

- TPC Louisiana is an Audubon International Certified.

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## GCSAA Notes

### (PGA TOUR - Primary Courses Only)

#### 2024 Notable For Courses Played

(thru RBC Heritage, April 22)

(does not include Mexico Open or Puerto Rico Open)

(this week's course in red)

#### 2024 Longest Courses Played

7,765 – Torrey Pines South (Farmers Insurance)

7,670 – Corales (Corales Puntacana)

7,596 – Kapalua Plantation (Sentry)

7,545 – Augusta National (Masters)

7,466 – Bay Hill (Arnold Palmer)

**7,435 – TPC Louisiana (Zurich Classic)**

7,412 – Memorial Park (Texas Children's)

7,340 – Innisbrook Copperhead (Valspar)

7,322 – Riviera (Genesis)

#### 2024 Shortest Courses Played

6,972 – Pebble Beach (AT&T PB Pro-Am)

7,044 – Waialae (Sony)

7,147 – PGA National Champion (Cognizant)

7,187 – PGA West Stadium (American Express)

7,213 – Harbour Town (RBC Heritage)

7,261 – TPC Scottsdale Stadium (WM Phoenix)

7,275 – TPC Sawgrass Stadium (The Players)

#### 2024 Largest Avg. Greens by sq. ft. Played

8,722 – Kapalua Plantation (Sentry)

7,500 – Bay Hill (Arnold Palmer)

7,500 – Riviera (Genesis)

7,100 – Waialae (Sony)

7,069 – TPC Scottsdale Stadium (WM Phoenix)

7,000 – Memorial Park (Texas Children's)

7,000 – PGA National Champion Cognizant)

#### 2024 Smallest Avg. Greens by sq. ft. Played

3,500 – Pebble Beach (AT&T PB Pro-Am)

3,700 – Harbour Town (RBC Heritage)

5,000 – PGA West Stadium (American Express)

5,000 – Torrey Pines South (Farmers Insurance)

**5,225 – TPC Louisiana (Zurich Classic)**

5,500 – TPC Sawgrass (The Players)

5,822 – Innisbrook Copperhead (Valspar)

#### 2024 Courses by Greens Turf Type Played

4 - Bermudagrass (Sentry, Sony, Cognizant, Arnold Palmer, )

**10 - Poa** (American Express, Farmers Insurance, Pebble Beach, WM Phoenix, Genesis, The Players, Valspar, Texas Children's, RBC, **Zurich**)

1 – Bentgrass (Masters)

1 – Supreme Paspalum (Corales Puntacana)

#### 2024 Tournaments by State Played

4 – Florida

4 – California

2 – Hawaii

1 – Arizona

1 – Texas

1 – Georgia

1 – South Carolina

**1 - Louisiana**

#### All 2024 Tournaments by State

(multiple events)

5 – California

4 – Florida

4 – Texas

3 – North Carolina

2 – Hawaii

2 – Georgia

2 – South Carolina

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

### **2023 Full Year**

*(this week's event in red)*

#### **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