

Myrtle Beach Classic (PGA TOUR)

The Dunes Golf and Beach Club • Myrtle Beach, S.C. • May 9-12, 2024

Director of Agronomy/Facilities

Steve Hamilton, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 28

Years at The Dunes: 22

Years as a Superintendent: 22

Previous Courses: CC of North Carolina (super, 1997-01)

Hometown: Richmond, Va.

Education: Virginia Tech University

Professional Tournaments Hosted: Hamilton hosted the 2014 PGA Professional National Championship

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Other Key Golf Personnel

Josh Taylor, GCSAA, Superintendent

Boston Cook, Assistant Superintendent

Chad Kintzer, Equipment Manager

Dennis Nicholl, Director of Golf

Holden Patterson, PGA Professional

Number of Employees: 25

Number of Tournament Volunteers: 35

Course Architect

Architect (year): Robert Trent Jones, Sr. (1948)

Renovation Architect (year): Rees Jones (2003, 13, 18, 23)

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Course - @thedunesclub_MB

Tournament - @MyrtleBeachCl

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Tournament Set-up

Par: 35-36--71

Yardage: 7,347

Stimpmeter: 11.5-12

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 6,000 sq. ft.

Total Property Acres: 234

Acres of Fairway: 30

Acres of Rough: 80

Number of Sand Bunkers: 72

Number of Water Hazards: Numerous small ponds on front 9, #10-13 is Alligator

Alley, #13 runs along Singleton Lake

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 6

Soil Conditions: Mostly sand

Water Sources: Singleton Lake

Drainage Conditions: Extremely well

Turfgrass

Greens: Champion ultradwarf bermuda .100"

Collars: 419 bermudagrass .250"

Approaches: 419 bermudagrass .350"

Tees: Zeon zoysiagrass .350"

Fairways: Ryegrass overseed .400"

Rough: Ryegrass overseed 2"

Additional Notes

- Avg. landing areas are 20-25 yards wide.
- Hole #8 will play as a par 4 (usually par 5).
- Last year renovation included leveling and re-grassing all championship tees; building new championship tees on #1, 2, 6, 8 and 14; rebuilt lake edges on #1, 10 and 18; rebuilt practice green and built new chipping green and bunker.
- The Dunes celebrated its 75th year anniversary last year and was the 2nd course built along the Grand Strand.

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GCSAA Notes (PGA TOUR - Primary Courses Only)

2024 Notable For Courses Played (thru CJ Cup Byron Nelson, May 5)

(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)
7,414 – TPC Craig Ranch (Byron Nelson)

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

10 - Poa (American Express, Farmers Insurance, Pebble Beach, WM Phoenix, Genesis, The Players, Valspar, Texas Children's, RBC, Zurich)
5 - Bermudagrass (Sentry, Sony, Cognizant, Arnold Palmer, Myrtle Beach)
2 – Bentgrass (Masters, Byron Nelson)
1 – Supreme Paspalum (Corales Puntacana)

2024 Tournaments by State Played So Far

4 – Florida
4 – California
2 – Texas
2 – Hawaii
1 – Arizona
1 – Georgia
2 – South Carolina (RBC Heritage, Myrtle Beach)
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 (RBC Heritage, Myrtle Beach)

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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