

## RBC Canadian Open (PGA TOUR)

Hamilton Golf and Country Club • Ancaster, Ontario • May 30-June 2, 2024

### Golf Course Superintendent

#### Jordan Kitchen, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 13

Years at Hamilton: 12

Years as a Superintendent: 5

Hometown: Hamilton, Ontario

Education: University of Guelph

Professional Tournaments Hosted: Kitchen was associate superintendent for the 2019 RBC and an intern for the 2012 RBC during his career.

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### Other Key Golf Personnel

Tracy Fowler, Assistant Superintendent

Chad Oberle, Assistant Superintendent

Corey Young, Assistant Superintendent

Wayne Shaw, Equipment Manager

Emerson Mahoney, PGA Professional

Alan Carter, Chief Operating Officer

Number of Employees: 42

Number of Tournament Volunteers: 65

Course Dog: Jada, 3-yr-old German short haired pointer

### Course Architect

Architect (year): Harry S. Colt (1916)

Renovation Architect (year): Martin Ebert (2019)

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Tournament - @RBCCanadianOpen

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### Tournament Set-up

Par: 35-35--70

Yardage: 7,084

Stimpmeter: 11-12

### Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 6,000 sq. ft.

Total Property Acres: 300

Acres of Fairway: 38

Acres of Rough: 110

Number of Sand Bunkers: 72

Water Hazards: Serpentine Creek

Soil Conditions: Loam

Water Sources: Wells/creek

### Turfgrass

Greens: V8 creeping bentgrass

Collars: L93-XD bentgrass

Approaches: L93-XD bentgrass

Tees: Native bentgrass / poa

Fairways: Native bentgrass / poa / seeded with L93-XD bentgrass

Rough: Poa annua / Kentucky bluegrass /

Turf Type tall fescue

### Additional Notes

- This is the only course Kitchen has worked at since interning in 2012.
- 2019 renovation included reconstruction of tees, bunkers and greens on all 27 holes, a new irrigation system, practice putting green and practice area.
- Course was named 2022 Golf Digest Best Renovation of the Year.
- Play will be on West and South courses.
- Area has benefited from a mild winter and early spring.

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

### 2024 Notable For Courses Played (thru Charles Schwab, May 26)

(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)  
7,609 – Valhalla (PGA Championship)  
7,596 – Kapalua Plantation (Sentry)  
7,558 – Quail Hollow (Wells Fargo)  
7,545 – Augusta National (Masters)  
7,466 – Bay Hill (Arnold Palmer)

### 2024 Shortest Courses Played

6,972 – Pebble Beach (AT&T PB Pro-Am)  
7,044 – Waialae (Sony)  
**7,084 – Hamilton (RBC Canadian)**  
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)  
7,289 – Colonial (Charles Schwab)

### 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 – Colonial (Charles Schwab)  
5,000 – Valhalla (PGA Championship)  
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

12 - Poa (American Express, Farmers Insurance, Pebble Beach, WM Phoenix, Genesis, The Players, Valspar, Texas Children's, RBC, Zurich, Wells Fargo)  
5 - Bermudagrass (Sentry, Sony, Cognizant, Arnold Palmer, Myrtle Beach)  
**5 – Bentgrass** (Masters, Byron Nelson, PGA Championship, Charles Schwab, **RBC Canadian**)  
1 – Supreme Paspalum (Corales Puntacana)

### 2024 Tournaments by State Played So Far

4 – Florida  
4 – California  
4 – Texas  
2 – Hawaii  
1 – Arizona  
1 – Georgia  
2 – South Carolina  
1 – Louisiana  
1 – North Carolina  
1 – Kentucky

### 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 events 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 Notes** **(PGA TOUR - Primary Courses 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