

Barracuda Championship (PGA TOUR)

Tahoe Mountain Club (Old Greenwood) • Truckee, Calif. • July 18-21, 2024

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Years as GCSAA Member: 10

Years at Tahoe Mountain Club: 13 years (2nd as director)

Years as a Superintendent: 6

Previous Courses: The Golf Club at Gray's Crossing

Hometown: Franklin, Mass.

Education: St. Joseph's of Maine / UMass Amherst

Professional Tournaments Hosted: 2nd pro event as head superintendent.

Other Key Golf Personnel

Brad Luttrell, Old Greenwood Assistant Superintendent

Dave Martin, Gray's Crossing Superintendent

Colin Lee, Gray's Crossing Assistant Superintendent

Eli Fraser, Head Mechanic

Travis Alley, Director of Golf

Number of Employees: 17

Number of Tournament Volunteers: 26

Golf Course Dog: Louis, 5-year-old Vizsla

Course Architect

Architect (year): Jack Nicklaus (2004)

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Superintendent - @JoeValente12

Tournament - @CudaChamp

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Tournament Set-up

Par: 35-36--71

Yardage: 7,480

Stimpmeter: 11

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 5,300 sq. ft.

Acres of Fairway: 32

Acres of Rough: 55

Number of Sand Bunkers: 95

Number of Water Hazards: 6

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 6

Soil Conditions: Native mountain soils, rocky

Water Sources: Well, aquifer

Drainage Conditions: Good

Turfgrass

Greens: Bentgrass / *Poa annua* .100"

Collars: Bentgrass / *Poa annua* .350"

Approaches: Bentgrass / *Poa annua* .350"

Tees: Bentgrass / *Poa annua* .360

Fairways: Bentgrass / *Poa annua* .360

Rough: Bluegrass 2.5"

Additional Notes

- New sand has been added to almost every bunker.
- Ice was removed from greens twice this year (photos on next page) just before Christmas and Feb. 1.
- Course is just below 6,000 feet and it is not uncommon to have frost every month of the summer and 50-degree temperature swings.
- Course gets little to no rain in the summers so wetting agents are key.
- Pocket gophers, voles and moles are a huge problem.
- In 2020 banks on water edges on No. 10, 11, 14, 15 were shaved to primary cut.
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GCSAA Notes (PGA TOUR - Primary Courses Only)

2024 Notable For Courses Played (thru Rocket Mortgage, June 14)

*(does not include Mexico Open, Puerto Rico Open
Genesis Scottish Open or ISCO)
(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)
7,569 – Muirfield Village (Memorial)
7,558 – Quail Hollow (Wells Fargo)
7,545 – Augusta National (Masters)
7,543 – Pinehurst (U.S. Open)
7,480 – Tahoe Mountain Club (Barracuda)

2024 Shortest Courses Played

6,835 – TPC River Highlands (Travelers)
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)

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 – TPC River Highlands (Travelers)
5,000 – Muirfield Village (Memorial)
5,000 – Colonial (Charles Schwab)
5,000 – Valhalla (PGA Championship)
5,000 – PGA West Stadium (American Express)
5,000 – Torrey Pines South (Farmers Insurance)

2024 Courses by Greens Turf Type Played

12 - Poa
7 – Bentgrass
6 - Bermudagrass
3 – Bentgrass/Poa annua mix (Barracuda)
1 – Supreme Paspalum (Corales Puntacana)

2024 Tournaments by State Played So Far

4 – Florida
4 – California
4 – Texas
2 – Hawaii
2 – South Carolina
2 – North Carolina
2 – Kentucky
1 – Arizona
1 – Georgia
1 – Louisiana
1 – Ohio
1 – Connecticut
1 – Michigan
1 – Illinois
1 – Nevada

All 2024 Tournaments by State (multiple events only)

5 – California
4 – Florida
4 – Texas
3 – North Carolina
2 – Hawaii
2 – Georgia
2 – South Carolina
2 – Kentucky

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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