



Tournament Fact Sheet

Black Desert Championship (PGA TOUR)

Black Desert Resort • Ivins, Utah • October 23-26, 2025

Golf Course Superintendent

Ken Yates, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 14

Years at Black Desert: 3

Years as a Superintendent: 21

Previous Courses: Lagoon Park (superintendent), Aliante GC (superintendent), La Cantera Resort (superintendent), Badlands (superintendent), Sunset Hills (assistant / superintendent)

Hometown: Sandoval, Ill.

Education: Iowa State University

Professional Tournaments Hosted: This is Yates' 3rd pro tournament as he hosted last year's PGA Tour event and this spring's LPGA event.

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Other Key Agronomy Personnel

Tyler Jolley, assistant superintendent; Juan Lopez, assistant superintendent; Jeron Affleck, equipment manager; Zach Kelly, PGA professional; Colby Cowen, general manager

Agronomy Employees: 26 / Tournament Volunteers: 42

Course Architect

Tom Weiskopf / Phil Smith (2023)

(Front 9 opened Nov. 2022 / Back 9 opened May 2023)

Notable

- Last year's mowing patterns were due north and south regardless of hole direction. This year, fairways will be mowed in a diamond pattern.
- For the 2nd year in a row and the 2nd time in PGA TOUR history a course will use robotic fairway mowers.
- Changes to the course since last year include a fairway bunker addition on No. 1 and new back tees on No. 1, 3, 10 and 18, which increased yardage by more than 50 yards.
- Golf course is in the midst of a lava field.
- Last year's event was the first PGA TOUR event in Utah since the 1963 Utah Open Invitational.

- The course hosted the LPGA Tour's Black Desert Championship, May 1-4, 2025.

- Black Desert Resort and Tiburon Golf Club are the only two courses hosting PGA TOUR and LPGA Tour events in the same year (Tiburon also hosts the PGA TOUR Champions).

- Yates is former volunteer fireman and once performed CPR on a member of his crew for 13 minutes and received recognition from the North Las Vegas Fire Department.

Tournament Setup

Par: 36-35--71

Yardage: 7,421

Turfgrass

Greens: 007XL bentgrass .120"

Collars: Dominator bentgrass .350"

Approaches: Dominator bentgrass .350"

Tees: Dominator bentgrass .350"

Fairways: Dominator bentgrass .350"

Rough: Kentucky bluegrass 2"

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 7,000 sq. ft.

Total Property Acres: 600

Acres of Fairway: 51

Acres of Rough: 25

Number of Sand Bunkers: 44 (1.7 acres)

Number of Water Hazards: 3

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 2

Soil Conditions: Sand based

Water Sources: Effluent, grey

Drainage: Good

High Elevation: No. 1 green (3,000 ft. above sea level)

Low Elevation: No. 5 green

Average Fairway Widths: 30 yards

(more on next pages)

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2025 GCSAA Course and Superintendent Notes For Courses Played to Date (PGA TOUR Only) (Primary Courses Only) (U.S./Canada Courses Only) (This Week's Course in Red)

Tournaments by State

6 – California

4 – Florida / Texas

2 – Hawaii / South Carolina / Pa. / North Carolina / Georgia

1 – Ariz. / La. / Ohio / Canada / Ct. / Mich. / Ill. / Ky. / Minn. /

Tenn. / Md. / Mississippi / **Utah**

Yardage (par)

Longest (top 10)

7,765 (72) – Torrey Pines South (Farmers Insurance)

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7,626 (71) – Quail Hollow (PGA Championship)

7,601 (72) – Caves Valley (BMW Championship)

7,596 (73) – Kapalua Resort (The Sentry)

7,569 (72) – Muirfield Village (Memorial)

7,561 (71) – TPC Craig Ranch (CJ CUP Byron Nelson)

7,555 (72) – Augusta National (Masters)

7,480 (71) – Tahoe Mountain Club (Barracuda)

7,475 (70) – Memorial Park (Texas Children's Hospital)

Shortest (top 5)

6,844 (70) – TPC River Highlands (Travelers)

6,972 (72) – Pebble Beach Golf Links (AT&T Pro Am)

7,044 (70) – Waialae (Sony Open)

7,056 (70) – Hurstbourne (ISCO)

7,119 (70) – Philadelphia Cricket Club (Truist)

Average Green Size (top five)

Largest

8,500 – Oakmont (US Open)

8,722 – Kapalua Resort (The Sentry)

7,500 – Bay Hill Club (Cognizant)

7,100 – Waialae (Sony Open)

7,069 – TPC Scottsdale (WM Phoenix Open)

Smallest

3,500 – Pebble Beach Golf Links (AT&T Pro Am)

3,700 – Harbour Town (RBC)

4,500 – TPC Southwind (FedEx St. Jude)

4,750 – Hurstbourne (ISCO)

5,000 – TPC River Highlands (Travelers)

5,000 – Colonial Country Club (Charles Schwab)

5,000 – Torrey Pines South (Farmers Insurance)

5,000 – Torrey Pines South (Genesis)

5,000 – Muirfield Village (Memorial)

Number of Bunkers (top five)

Most

168 – Oakmont (US Open)

118 – Philadelphia Cricket Club (Truist)

116 – Pebble Beach Golf Links (AT&T Pro Am)

106 – TPC Louisiana (Zurich)

95 – Tahoe Mountain Club (Barracuda)

Fewest

21 – Memorial Park (Texas Children's Hospital)

44 – Black Desert Resort (Bank of Utah)

44 – Augusta National (Masters)

48 – TPC Toronto (RBC Canadian)

51 – Harbour Town (RBC)

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Green Turf Type

11 – Poa or Poa overseed

10 – Bentgrass

10 – Bermudagrass

5 – Bentgrass / Poa

1 – Poa / bentgrass / ryegrass (more on next page)

Rough Turf Type

13 – Ryegrass

10 – Bluegrass and/or bluegrass mixes

7 – Bermudagrass

5 – Ryegrass and fescue mixes

1 – Tall fescue

1 – Bermudagrass / Zoysia

Superintendents Tournaments Hosted (includes 2025) (top 5)

30 – Jeff Plotts, TPC Sawgrass (10th THE PLAYERS)

28 – Jonathan Wright, Harbour Town (RBC)

24 – Dave Nakama, CGCS, Waialae (Sony Open)

17 – Ryan Stewart, Innisbrook (Valspar)

17 – Chris Flynn, CGCS, Bay Hill Club (Arnold Palmer)

17 – Keith Wood, Quail Hollow (PGA Championship)

Superintendents GCSAA Membership Years (30+ years)

46 – Stanley Reedy, CGCS, The CC of Jackson (Sanderson Farms)

39 – Brian Sullivan, CGCS, MG, PGA West (AE)

37 – Roby Robertson, CGCS, TPC San Antonio (Valero Texas)

34 – Walter K. Pritchett, CGCS, Hurstbourne (ISCO)

34 – Ken Einwig, PGA National (Cognizant)

31 – Stephen Gross, CGCS, TPC Craig Ranch (THE CJ CUP)

31 – Jeff Plotts, TPC Sawgrass (THE PLAYERS)

Superintendents Alma Maters

6 – Ohio State

3 – Penn State, Michigan State, UMass

2 – Mississippi State

1 – Arizona, Hawaii, Texas Tech, Lake City, SUNY-Cobleskill, Georgia, N.C. State, Kansas State, Purdue, Kentucky, Virginia Tech, Rutgers, Connecticut, West Virginia, Aquinas, North Dakota State, Iowa State

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