

ONEflight Myrtle Beach Classic (PGA TOUR)

The Dunes Golf and Beach Club • Myrtle Beach, S.C. • May 8-11, 2025

Director of Agronomy/Facilities

Steve Hamilton, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 29

Years at The Dunes: 23

Years as Superintendent: 23

Previous Courses: Country Club of North Carolina (superintendent)

Hometown: Richmond, Va.

Education: Virginia Tech University

Professional Tournaments Hosted: This is the 2nd PGA TOUR event for Hamilton (last year's Myrtle Beach), who also hosted the 2014 PGA Professional National Championship.

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Other Key Agronomy Personnel

Josh Taylor, GCSAA, Superintendent

Boston Cook, assistant superintendent; Chad Kintzer, equipment manager; Dennis Nicholl, director of golf; Holden Patterson, PGA professional

Agronomy Employees: 25 / Tournament Volunteers: 35

Golf Course Dog:

Course Architect

Robert Trent Jones Sr., ASGCA (1948)

Renovation: Rees Jones, ASGCA (2003, 13, 18, 23)

Notable

- Hole No. 8 plays as a par 4 for the tournament (typically a par 5).
- Renovation in 2023 included leveling and re-grassing all championship tees; building new championship tees on No. 1, 2, 6, 8 and 14; rebuilding lake edges on No. 1, 10 and 18; rebuilding practice green; and building new chipping green and bunker.
- The Dunes was the second course built along the Grand Strand and celebrated its 75th- year anniversary in 2023.

Tournament Setup

Par: 35-36--71

Yardage: 7,347 (unofficial)

Turfgrass

Greens: Champion ultradwarf bermudagrass .100"

Collars: 419 bermudagrass .250"

Approaches: 419 bermudagrass .350"

Tees: Zeon zoysiagrass .350"

Fairways: Ryegrass overseed .400"

Rough: Ryegrass overseed 2.5" (1/2" higher than 2024)

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; No. 10-13 is Alligator Alley, while No. 13 runs along Singleton Lake.

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 6

Soil Conditions: Mostly sand

Water Sources: Singleton Lake

Drainage: Extremely well

Average Fairway Widths: 20-25 yards

Links

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Tournament Fact Sheet

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

Tournaments by State

- 4 – Florida / California
- 3 - Texas
- 2 – Hawaii / **South Carolina**
- 1 – Arizona / Georgia / Louisiana / **Philadelphia**

Yardage (par)

- 7,765 (72) – Torrey Pines South (Farmers Insurance)
- 7,765 (72) – Torrey Pines South (Genesis)
- 7,596 (73) – Kapalua Resort (The Sentry)
- 7,561 (71) – TPC Craig Ranch (CJ CUP Byron Nelson)
- 7,555 (72) – Augusta National (Masters)
- 7,475 (70) – Memorial Park (Texas Children’s Hospital)
- 7,466 (72) – Bay Hill Club (Cognizant)
- 7,438 (72) – TPC San Antonio (Valero Texas Open)
- 7,425 (72) – TPC Louisiana (Zurich)
- 7,352 (71) – Innisbrook Resort (Valspar)
- 7,352 (72) – TPC Sawgrass (THE PLAYERS)
- 7,347 (71) – The Dunes (Myrtle Beach Classic)**
- 7,261 (71) – TPC Scottsdale (WM Phoenix Open)
- 7,213 (71) – Harbour Town (RBC)
- 7,210 (72) – PGA West Pete Dye Stadium (American Express)
- 7,119 (70) – Philadelphia Cricket Club (Truist)**
- 7,167 (71) – PGA National (Cognizant)
- 7,044 (70) – Waialae (Sony Open)
- 6,972 (72) – Pebble Beach Golf Links (AT&T Pro Am)

Average Green Size (top five)

Largest

- 8,722 – Kapalua Resort (The Sentry)
- 7,500 – Bay Hill Club (Cognizant)
- 7,100 – Waialae (Sony Open)
- 7,069 – TPC Scottsdale (WM Phoenix Open)

- 7,000 – PGA National (Cognizant)
- 7,000 – PGA West Pete Dye Stadium (American Express)
- 7,000 – Memorial Park (Texas Children’s Hospital)

Smallest

- 3,500 – Pebble Beach Golf Links (AT&T Pro Am)
- 3,700 – Harbour Town (RBC)
- 5,000 – Torrey Pines South (Farmers Insurance)
- 5,000 – Torrey Pines South (Genesis)
- 5,225 – TPC Louisiana (Zurich)

Number of Bunkers (top five)

Most

- 118 – Philadelphia Cricket Club (Truist)**
- 116 – Pebble Beach Golf Links (AT&T Pro Am)
- 106 – TPC Louisiana (Zurich)
- 93 – Kapalua Resort (The Sentry)
- 92 – TPC Sawgrass (THE PLAYERS)

Fewest

- 21 – Memorial Park (Texas Children’s Hospital)
- 44 – Augusta National (Masters)
- 51 – Harbour Town (RBC)
- 64 – TPC San Antonio (Valero Texas Open)
- 65 – PGA National (Cognizant)

Green Turf Type

- 9 – Poa or Poa overseed
- 6 – Bermudagrass (The Dunes – Myrtle Beach)**
- 3 – Bentgrass (Philadelphia Cricket Club – Truist)**
- 1 – Poa / bentgrass / ryegrass overseed

Rough Turf Type

- 12 – Ryegrass (The Dunes – Myrtle Beach)**
- 3 – Bermudagrass
- 2 – Perennial ryegrass / fescue
- 1 – Ryegrass / Poa annua mix
- 1 – Tall fescue (Philadelphia Cricket Club – Truist)**

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Superintendents Tournaments Hosted (includes 2025)

- 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)

Superintendents GCSAA Membership Years

- 39 – Brian Sullivan, CGCS, MG, PGA West (AE)
- 37 – Roby Robertson, CGCS, TPC San Antonio (Valero Texas)
- 34 – Ken Einwig, PGA National (Cognizant)
- 31 – Stephen Gross, CGCS, TPC Craig Ranch (THE CJ CUP)
- 31 – Jeff Plotts, TPC Sawgrass (THE PLAYERS)
- 29 – Jonathan Wright, Harbour Town (RBC)
- 29 – Steve Hamilton, The Dunes (Myrtle Beach)

Superintendents Alma Maters

- 2 – Penn State, Michigan State (Dan Meersman, Philadelphia Cricket Club)
- 1 – Arizona, Hawaii, Texas Tech, Lake City, SUNY-Cobleskill, Georgia, N.C. State, Kansas State, Purdue, Kentucky, Mississippi State, Ohio State, Virginia Tech (Steve Hamilton, The Dunes)

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