



# Tournament Fact Sheet

## the Memorial Tournament (PGA TOUR)

Muirfield Village Golf Club • Dublin, Ohio • May 29-June 1, 2025

### Director of Grounds

#### Chad Mark, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 27

Years at Muirfield: 9

Years as Superintendent: 22

Previous Courses: Inverness Club, Sand Ridge GC, Kirtland CC

Hometown: Washington Court House, Ohio

Education: Ohio State University

Professional Tournaments Hosted: This is Mark's 9<sup>th</sup> Memorial.

He also hosted the 2020 Workday Charity Open

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### Other Key Agronomy Personnel

Seamus Foley, assistant superintendent; Connor Quigley,

assistant superintendent; Andrew Kaprosy, infrastructure

manager; Bill Claytor, equipment manager

Agronomy Employees: 50 / Tournament Volunteers: 35

Golf Course Dog: Duke, 2-year-old golden retriever

### Course Architect

Jack Nicklaus (1974)

Renovation: Jack Nicklaus (2020)

### Notable

- Winter saw more snow cover through the winter months than usual. Spring temperatures have been a rollercoaster with an abundance of rain in early April.
- Course uses PrecisionAire technology under its greens.
- Before the 2024 tournament No. 16 tee was moved 25 yards to the right and a greenside bunker was removed.
- Maintenance crew has 10 interns who have come from Australia, South Africa, Penn State, Michigan State, Ohio State, Wisconsin, SUNY Delhi and Eastern Kentucky.
- Chad Mark has had eight assistants transition into superintendent roles in the last eight years.

### Tournament Setup

Par: 36-36--72

Yardage: 7,569

### Turfgrass

Greens: Bentgrass .090"

Collars: Bentgrass .275"

Approaches: Bentgrass .275"

Tees: Bentgrass .275"

Fairways: Bentgrass .350"

Rough: Kentucky bluegrass / ryegrass / fescue 4"

### Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 5,000 sq. ft.

Acres of Fairway: 24

Acres of Rough: 110

Number of Sand Bunkers: 68

Number of Water Hazards: 13

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 13

Soil Conditions: Native clay. Fairways modified through years of topdressing. Greens are USGA specifications.

Water Sources: Pond, well

Drainage: Good

Average Fairway Widths: 24 yards

### Links

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

### Tournaments by State

4 – Florida / California / 4 – Texas  
2 – Hawaii / South Carolina  
1 – Ariz. / Ga. / La. / Pa. / N.C. / Ohio

### Yardage (par)

#### Longest (top 10)

7,765 (72) – Torrey Pines South (Farmers Insurance)  
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7,626 (71) – Quail Hollow (PGA Championship)  
7,596 (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)  
7,475 (70) – Memorial Park (Texas Children's Hospital)  
7,466 (72) – Bay Hill Club (Cognizant)  
7,438 (72) – TPC San Antonio (Valero Texas Open)

#### Shortest (top 5)

6,972 (72) – Pebble Beach Golf Links (AT&T Pro Am)  
7,044 (70) – Waialae (Sony Open)  
7,119 (70) – Philadelphia Cricket Club (Truist)  
7,167 (71) – PGA National (Cognizant)  
7,210 (72) – PGA West Pete Dye Stadium (American Express)

### 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 – 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

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)  
61 – Quail Hollow (PGA Championship)  
64 – Colonial Country Club (Charles Schwab)  
64 – TPC San Antonio (Valero Texas Open)

### Green Turf Type

10 – Poa or Poa overseed  
6 – Bermudagrass  
**5 – Bentgrass**  
1 – Poa / bentgrass / ryegrass overseed

### Rough Turf Type

13 – Ryegrass  
4 – Bermudagrass  
**4 – Ryegrass and fescue mixes**  
1 – Tall fescue

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## **Superintendents Tournaments Hosted (includes 2025) (top 5)**

- 30 – Jeff Plotts, TPC Sawgrass (10<sup>th</sup> 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)**

- 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)

## **Superintendents Alma Maters**

### **4 – Ohio State**

- 2 – Penn State, Michigan State
- 1 – Arizona, Hawaii, Texas Tech, Lake City, SUNY-Cobleskill, Georgia, N.C. State, Kansas State, Purdue, Kentucky, Mississippi State, Virginia Tech, Rutgers

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