



Tournament Fact Sheet

Barracuda Championship (PGA TOUR)

Tahoe Mountain Club (Old Greenwood) • Truckee, Calif. • July 17-20, 2025

Director of Agronomy

Joe Valente, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 11

Years at Tahoe Mountain Club: 14 (3rd as director)

Years as Superintendent: 7

Previous Courses: The Golf Club at Gray's Crossing

Hometown: Franklin, Mass.

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

Professional Tournaments Hosted: This is Valente's 3rd pro event as superintendent.

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Other Key Agronomy Personnel

Colin Lee, Old Greenwood assistant superintendent; Brad Luttrell is Gray's Crossing superintendent; Alex O'Halloran, Gray's Crossing assistant superintendent; Paul Wagner, lead equipment tech; Ian Winters, Old Greenwood head professional.

Agronomy Employees: 40 / Tournament Volunteers: 7

Golf Course Dog: Louis, 6-year-old Vizsla

Course Architect

Jack Nicklaus (2004)

Notable

- Course suffered a lot of winter damage, including losing a lot of Poa on some of the greens due to ice damage (photos available per request).
- More than 10,000 square feet of bentgrass tees were re-sodded due to ice damage.
- A tree to the left of tournament #14 green was removed since last year.
- New sand was added to almost every bunker in 2023.
- 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.

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Tournament Setup

Par: 35-36--71

Yardage: 7,480

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"

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: Good

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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

5 – California

4 – Florida / Texas

2 – Hawaii / South Carolina / Pennsylvania

1 – Ariz. / Ga. / La. / N.C. / Ohio / Canada / Ct. / Mich. / Ill. / Ky.

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)

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

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

7,466 (72) – Bay Hill Club (Cognizant)

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)

4,750 – 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 – Augusta National (Masters)

48 – TPC Toronto (RBC Canadian)

51 – Harbour Town (RBC)

61 – Quail Hollow (PGA Championship)

Green Turf Type

11 – Poa or Poa overseed

7 – Bentgrass

6 – Bermudagrass

4 – Bentgrass / Poa

1 – Poa / bentgrass / ryegrass

Rough Turf Type

13 – Ryegrass

7 – Bluegrass and/or bluegrass mixes

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 (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)

- 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

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

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