



Tournament Fact Sheet

Valspar Championship (PGA TOUR)

Innisbrook Resort (Copperhead) • Palm Harbor, Fla. • March 19-22, 2026

Golf Course Superintendent

Ryan Stewart, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 22

Years at Innisbrook: 23

Years as a Superintendent: 18

Previous Courses: Monifieth, Merion, Shadow Wood

Hometown: Carnoustie, Scotland

Professional Tournaments Hosted: This is Stewart's 18th PGA TOUR event.

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Other Key Agronomy Personnel

Andriy Maksymiv, superintendent for Copperhead and North;

Bobby Van Natter, superintendent for Island; Scott Robinson,

assistant superintendent; Milan Vlasisavijevic, equipment

manager; Andrew Corry, director of golf

Agronomy Employees: 14 (Copperhead), 55 (all courses) /

Tournament Volunteers: 15

Golf Course Dogs: Whiskey and Nessie (both 3-year-old border collies)

Course Architect

Larry Packard, ASGCSA (1971)

Notable

- New G-Angle bunker sand has been added in all the bunkers since last year.
- Cold January stunted the bermudagrass growth around the bunkers. The second half of February provided great growing weather, which should help the overseed become thick and dense.
- Innisbrook is 7,352 yards, just like last week's total at TPC Sawgrass. However, Innisbrook is a par 71 compared to TPC Sawgrass' par 72.
- All four Florida swing courses feature ryegrass overseeded rough and fairways, while the Cognizant Classic and Arnold Palmer are played on bermudagrass greens and The Players and Valspar are played on poa overseeded greens.

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Tournament Setup

Par: 36-35--71

Yardage: 7,352

Turfgrass

Greens: Poa trivialis overseed .115"

Collars: Ryegrass overseed .350"

Approaches: Ryegrass overseed .350"

Tees: Ryegrass overseed .350"

Fairways: Ryegrass overseed .450"

Rough: Ryegrass overseed 3.75"

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 5,822 sq. ft.

Total Property Acres: 950

Acres of Fairway: 25

Acres of Rough: 75

Number of Sand Bunkers: 74

Number of Water Hazards: 8

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 9

Water Sources: Effluent

Drainage: Good

High Elevation: No 10 tee (85')

Low Elevation: No. 2 fairway (9')

Average Fairway Widths: 20 yards

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2026 GCSAA Course and Superintendent Notes For Courses Played (PGA TOUR Only)

(This Week's Course in Red)

2026 Season Averages

Courses Played to Date (11 tournaments, includes this week)

Average Yardage – 7,323

Average Green Size – 6,317 sq. ft.

Average Sand Bunkers – 78.5

Average Holes with Water in Play – 7.8

Tournaments by State

4 – Florida

4 – California

1 – Hawaii / Arizona / Puerto Rico

Yardage (par)

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

7,506 (72) – Grand Reserve (Puerto Rico Open)

7,466 (72) – Bay Hill (Arnold Palmer)

7,383 (71) – Riviera (The Genesis)

7,352 (71) – Innisbrook (Valspar)

7,352 (72) – TPC Sawgrass (THE PLAYERS)

7,261 (71) – TPC Scottsdale (WM Phoenix Open)

7,223 (71) – PGA National (Cognizant Classic)

7,210 (72) – PGA West (The American Express)

7,044 (70) – Waialae CC (Sony Open)

6,989 (72) – Pebble Beach (AT&T Pro Am)

Average Green Size

7,500 – Bay Hill (Arnold Palmer)

7,500 – Riviera (The Genesis)

7,100 – Waialae CC (Sony Open)

7,069 – TPC Scottsdale (WM Phoenix Open)

7,000 – PGA National (Cognizant Classic)

7,000 – PGA West (The American Express)

6,500 – Grand Reserve (Puerto Rico)

5,822 – Innisbrook (Valspar)

5,500 – TPC Sawgrass (THE PLAYERS)

5,000 – Torrey Pines (Farmers Insurance)

3,500 – Pebble Beach (AT&T Pro Am)

Number of Bunkers

116 – Pebble Beach (AT&T Pro Am)

94 – TPC Sawgrass (THE PLAYERS)

90+ – PGA West (The American Express)

84 – Bay Hill (Arnold Palmer)

83 – Waialae CC (Sony Open)

82 – Torrey Pines (Farmers Insurance)

74 – Innisbrook (Valspar)

67 – TPC Scottsdale (WM Phoenix Open)

60 – PGA National (Cognizant Classic)

58 – Riviera (The Genesis)

56 – Grand Reserve (Puerto Rico Open)

Green Turf Type

7 – Poa

3 – Bermudagrass

1 – Paspalum

Rough Turf Type

7 – Ryegrass overseed

1 – Bermudagrass

1 – Fine Fescue

1 – Kikuyu

1 – Paspalum

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Superintendents Tournaments Hosted (includes 2025)

- 25 – Dave Nakama, CGCS, Waialae CC (Sony Open)
- 18 – Ryan Stewart, Innisbrook (Valspar)
- 16 – Chris Flynn, CGCS, Bay Hill (Arnold Palmer)
- 15 – Brandon Reese, TPC Scottsdale (WM Phoenix Open)
- 15 – Marshall Dick, Riviera (The Genesis)
- 14 – Keith Einwag, CGCS, PGA National (Cognizant Classic)
- 12 – Jason Matos, Grand Reserve (Puerto Rico)
- 7 – Brian Sullivan, CGCS, MG, PGA West (American Express)
- 5 – Devin Cullen, Torrey Pines (Farmers Insurance)
- 5 – Pete Bachman, CGCS, Pebble Beach (AT&T Pro Am)
- 1 – Andrew Lucas, TPC Sawgrass (THE PLAYERS) (but has been part of hosting the tournament since 2009)

Superintendents GCSAA Membership Years

- 40 – Brian Sullivan, CGCS, MG, PGA West (American Express)
- 35 – Keith Einwag, CGCS, PGA National (Cognizant Classic)
- 28 – Chris Flynn, CGCS, Bay Hill (Arnold Palmer)
- 22 – Ryan Stewart, Innisbrook (Valspar)
- 21 – Dave Nakama, CGCS, Waialae CC (Sony Open)
- 18 – Pete Bachman, CGCS, Pebble Beach (AT&T Pro Am)
- 15 – Lucas Andrews, TPC Sawgrass (THE PLAYERS)
- 14 – Devin Cullen, Torrey Pines (Farmers Insurance)
- 6 – Marshall Dick, Riviera (The Genesis)

Superintendents Alma Maters

- 3 – Penn State
- 1 – Hawaii / Texas Tech / Lake City College / SUNY Cobleskill / Guelph

2025 Season Statistics for PGA TOUR

36 Courses (main courses only and does not include Puerto Rico Open, Scottish Open or Open Championship)

- Average Yardage – 7,373
- Average Green Size – 5,944 sq. ft.
- Average Sand Bunkers – 76.8
- Average Holes with Water in Play – 7.0

Greens Turf Type

- Poa / Poa overseed – 12; Bentgrass – 9; Bermudagrass – 8
- Bentgrass / Poa mix – 4; Paspalum – 2; Ryegrass overseed – 1

Rough Turf Type

- Ryegrass mix / overseed – 14; Bluegrass mix – 10;
- Bermudagrass – 8; Paspalum – 2; Fescue – 2

Par

- Par 70 Courses – 12
- Par 71 Courses – 11
- Par 72 Courses – 12
- Par 73 Courses – 1

Innisbrook Rankings in 2025

- T23rd longest yardage (just 20 yards short of the average)
- 21st largest greens
- 8^{19th} most sand bunkers
- T11th most holes with water in play

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