



Tournament Fact Sheet

Texas Children's Houston Open (PGA TOUR) Memorial Park • Houston, Texas • March 26-29, 2026

Golf Course Superintendent

Parker Henry, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 10

Years at Memorial Park: 3

Years as a Superintendent: 3

Previous Courses: Quail Hollow Club (assistant); Sedgefield Country Club (assistant)

Hometown: Liberty, N.C.

Education: North Carolina State University

Professional Tournaments Hosted: This is Henry's 3rd professional event as a superintendent after many professional events as an assistant at Quail Hollow and Sedgefield.

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Other Key Agronomy Personnel

Kyle Neal, course superintendent; Derrick Ross, assistant superintendent; Andrew Martin, equipment manager; Glen Childers, PGA professional

Agronomy Employees: 29 / Tournament Volunteers: 50

Golf Course Dog: Zeke, 8-year-old English lab

Course Architect

John Bredemus (1936)

Renovation: Tom Doak (2019)

Notable

- Course will also host the LPGA's Chevron Championship, three weeks after the completion of this event (April 23-26).
- There was no measurable rainfall from Nov. 1 until January 21, which added some difficulty to the overseed process.
- Recently it has been warm and dry, which has helped the underlying bermudagrass, but has made it difficult to manage the moisture to keep the ryegrass healthy.
- A complete renovation of driving range was finished Feb. 27.
- The public golf course is extremely busy with nearly 50,000 rounds annually and the maintenance staff must balance taking on the extra tasks required for this tournament without impacting daily play too much.

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Tournament Setup

Par: 35-35—70

Yardage: 7,475

Turfgrass

Greens: Poa trivialis overseed .110"

Collars: Poa and perennial ryegrass overseed .325"

Approaches: Perennial ryegrass overseed .325"

Tees: Perennial ryegrass overseed .325"

Fairways: Perennial ryegrass overseed .400"

Rough: Perennial ryegrass overseed 1.25"

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 7,000 sq. ft.

Acres of Fairway: 28

Acres of Rough: 120

Number of Sand Bunkers: 24 (1 acre)

Number of Water Hazards: 2

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 4

Soil Conditions: Sand capped fairways, tees; native soil rough

Water Sources: Irrigation pond

Drainage: Fast draining

Average Fairway Widths: 30-40 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 (12 tournaments, includes this week)

Average Yardage – 7,336

Average Green Size – 6,374 sq. ft.

Average Sand Bunkers – 74.0

Average Holes with Water in Play – 7.5

Tournaments by State

4 – Florida

4 – California

1 – Hawaii / Arizona / Puerto Rico / Texas

Yardage (par)

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

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

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

24 – Memorial Park (Texas Children's Houston Open)

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Green Turf Type

- 8 – Poa
- 3 - Bermudagrass
- 1 – Paspalum

Rough Turf Type

- 8 – Ryegrass overseed
- 1 – Bermudagrass
- 1 – Fine Fescue
- 1 – Kikuyu
- 1 – Paspalum

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)
- 3 – Parker Henry, Memorial Park (Texas Children’s Houston)
- 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)
- 10 – Parker Henry, Memorial Park (Texas Children’s Houston)
- 6 – Marshall Dick, Riviera (The Genesis)

Superintendents Alma Maters

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

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

Memorial Park Rankings in 2025

- 12th longest yardage and 2nd longest of par 70 courses behind Caves Valley which hosted the BMW Championship at 7,601 yards.
- T7th largest greens
- 1st fewest sand bunkers. Augusta was 2nd fewest with 44.
- 10th fewest holes with water in play

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