

Arizona Regional (Notah Begay III National Championship Series)

Talking Stick Golf Club (Piipaash) • Scottsdale, Ariz. • April 29-30, 2023

Golf Course Superintendent

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Years as GCSAA Member: 24

Years at Talking Stick: 13

Years as a Superintendent: 13

Previous Courses: Monarch Beach (asst), McAllister Ranch (asst), Kenosha CC (asst), Whispering Springs (asst)

Hometown: North Found du Lac, Wisc.

Education: University of Wisconsin

Other Key Golf Personnel

Bryce Karnes, GCSAA Assistant Superintendent

Heriberto Urbano, Assistant Superintendent

Roberto Garcia, Equipment Manager

Roy Smith, PGA Professional

Number of Employees: 25

Course Architect

Architect (year): Bill Coore and Ben Crenshaw (1997)

Rounds Per Year: 100,000-plus on two courses

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Tournament Set-up

Par: 35-36—71 (for all)

Yardage: 6,833 (ages 14-15, 16-18), 6,040 (ages 12-13), 5,331 (ages 10-11)

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 4,939 sq. ft.

Total Property Acres: 158 acres (Piipaash)

Acres of Fairway: 42

Acres of Rough: 39

Number of Sand Bunkers: 61

Number of Water Hazards: 3

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 5

Soil Conditions: Clay

Water Sources: Well

Turfgrass

Greens: *Poa trivialis* overseed .105"

Collars: *Poa trivialis* overseed .300"

Approaches: Perennial rye overseed .400"

Tees: Perennial ryegrass overseed .400"

Fairways: Perennial rye overseed .400"

Rough: Perennial ryegrass overseed 1"

Additional Notes

- The course is beginning its transition from the cool overseed grasses to the warm weather bermudagrass turf. The underlying grasses are MiniVerde bermudagrass on the greens and collars and Tifway 419 bermudagrass everywhere else.

- Wildlife on the course includes hawks, owls, coyotes, badgers, bobcats and snakes.

- The GCSAA Championships will be played at Talking Sticks ahead of the annual GCSAA Conference and Trade Show in January 2024.

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