

2024 Grass Clippings Open (Grass League)

Grass Clippings Rolling Hills • Tempe, Ariz. • April 19-20, 2024

Director of Agronomy

Scotty Hebert, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 10

Years at Grass Clippings: 1

Years as a Superintendent: 5

Previous Courses: TPC Scottsdale (Sr. Asst. / 4 years),
Quail Hollow (fellowship), Sahalee (asst), Congressional
(intern), Queenstown Harbor (crew member)

Hometown: Baltimore, Md.

Education: University of Maryland

Professional Tournaments: Hosted 4 Phoenix Opens,
4 Champions Q-Schools & 1 Wells Fargo, Quicken Loans

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Other Key Golf Personnel

Roberto Hernandez, Superintendent

Mathew McNeel and Angelo Ignacio, Assistants

Miguel Hernandez and Luis Munoz, Equipment Mgrs.

Don Hess, Director of Golf

Cory Lehrman, General Manager

Number of Agronomy Employees: 14

Golf Course Dogs: Rye & Triv (English Springer Spaniels)

Course Architect

Architect (year): First 9 holes - Milton Coggins (1958)

Second 9 holes – Gary Panks (1987)

Rounds Per Year: 75,000

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Tournament Fact Sheets for the PGA TOUR, LPGA, PGA
TOUR Champions, Korn Ferry and Epson Tours and
USGA and PGA of America championships can be found
at: <https://www.gcsaa.org/media/tournament-fact-sheets>

Tournament Set-up

Par: 27-27—54 (par 3 tournament)

Yardage: 2,511

Stimpmeter: 10.5

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 3,000 sq. ft.

Total Property Acres: 94 (35 turf)

Acres of Fairway: 7

Acres of Rough: 25

Number of Sand Bunkers: 14

Number of Water Hazards: 1

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 2

Soil Conditions: Caliche – rocky clay native

Water Sources: Salt River Project (SRP)

Drainage Conditions: Moderate to poor

Turfgrass

Greens: Poa trivialis overseed .110"

Collars: Poa trivialis overseed .400"

Approaches: Perennial ryegrass overseed .400"

Tees: Perennial ryegrass overseed .400"

Fairways: Perennial ryegrass overseed .400"

Rough: Bermudagrass 1"

Additional Notes

- Nines will be flipped for tournament.
- 78 LED light poles added for night play when course is converted to a Par 3.
- Course borders the Phoenix Zoo.
- Course has removed 13 acres of turf.
- Course received a Tempe Water Conservation Grant this spring.
- Course is working towards Audubon certification.

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Since 1926 the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) has been the top professional association for the men and women who manage golf courses in the United States and worldwide. From its headquarters in Lawrence, Kan., the association provides education, information and representation to 20,000 members in more than 78 countries. GCSAA's mission is to serve its members, advance their profession and improve communities through enjoyment, growth and vitality of the game of golf.

- Rolling Hills was managed by the City of Tempe since 1958. Grass Clippings began a 50-year lease in July 2023 to begin managing the property.
- Grassy Shop Opened (Winter 2024), New tee boxes on holes 1-11 (Spring 2024), Top Tracer Driving Range and Event Lawn (Summer 2024), Outdoor Bar & Restaurant (Opening Fall 2024).
- The two 9-hole loops will be flipped, so the tournament will finish on hole 9 and play as hole 18 for the event. GCO #18 Tee box will serve as the tee for hole #1 and #18 for tournament play.
- The Grass Clippings Rolling Hills Golf Course in Tempe, Ariz., has a rich history and an ambitious future. Initially opened around 1958, it has been a staple of the local golf community for decades. In a significant transformation, Grass Clippings, a company with a unique vision for golf through the perspective of the greenskeeper, has embarked on a 50-year lease of the property. Their mission is to elevate the venue into the premier executive golf course in the United States.

This transformation includes a substantial investment, with \$15 million allocated for renovations throughout 2024. These enhancements are set to make Grass Clippings Rolling Hills the first lighted 18-hole golf course in Arizona, signaling a new era for the facility. The introduction of lighting allows for extended play times, catering to golfers' schedules and promoting the sport's growth in the region.

Furthermore, the property is evolving into a full-scale entertainment venue. This development is not just about golf; it's about creating an experience that combines sport, leisure, and socializing, thereby broadening the appeal of the golf course.

A standout feature of this revamped facility is the establishment of the Grass League, the world's first high-stakes, par-3-focused golf league. This innovative league represents a significant evolution in the sport, offering a new competitive format that emphasizes skill and strategy in a condensed form of the game.

Grass Clippings Rolling Hills is set to become a landmark in the golfing world, blending tradition with modernity, and offering a comprehensive golfing and entertainment experience that is the first of its kind in Arizona.

- Last day for public play is Tuesday April 16. The course is closed for the GCO April 17-20 for the event.