

Walker Cup (USGA)

Cypress Point Club • Pebble Beach, Calif. • September 5-7, 2025

Golf Course Superintendent

Jeff Markow, CGCS, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 43

Years at Cypress Point: 32

Years as a Superintendent: 38

Previous Courses: The Vintage Club (director of golf course operations), PGA West (construction superintendent), The Vintage Club (assistant superintendent)

Hometown: Mankato, Minn.

Education: University of Minnesota and Penn State University

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Other Key Agronomy Personnel

Mike Worsfold, assistant superintendent; Kevin Marsh, assistant superintendent; Carlos Vasquez, equipment manager; Casey Reamer, PGA professional

Agronomy Employees: 24 / Tournament Volunteers: 75

Golf Course Dog: Remington, 10-year-old black labrador

Course Architect

Alister Mackenzie (1928)

Restoration based on photos from the 1930s (1998-2005).

Coore/Crenshaw are architects of record since 2014.

Notable

- Markow has been a Certified Golf Course Superintendent (CGCS) for 31 years.
- As of August 14th the latest measurable rain was April 26th so team has worked hard to manage irrigation, soil moisture and playability.
- The Cypress trees on the course are in one of only two natural ranges of Monterey Cypress in the United States.
- Environmental practices are extremely diligent, especially on holes along the water. Team also routinely removes golf balls from the shallow areas around holes No. 15 and 16.
- Cypress Point hosted the 1981 Walker Cup and was part of the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am rotation from 1947-90.

- The course is consistently ranked in the top three in the United States by various publications.

Tournament Setup

Par: 36-34--70

Yardage: 6,620

Turfgrass

Greens: Poa / bentgrass (mostly Poa) (height TBD)

Collars: Poa / bentgrass .285"

Approaches: Poa / bentgrass .285"

Tees: Poa / bentgrass .300"

Fairways: Poa / bentgrass .300"

Rough: Ryegrass / Poa / limited fine fescue 4"+

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 4,500 sq. ft.

Total Property Acres: 157

Acres of Fairway: 32

Acres of Rough / Native Areas: 30

Number of Sand Bunkers: 104

Number of Water Hazards: 1 – Pacific Ocean

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 3 (No. 15, 16, 17)

Soil Conditions: Varied across the course with sandy loam, dark native soil and some clay/tight soil areas.

Water Sources: Tertiary / Reverse Osmosis treated reclaimed water

High Elevation: No. 5 green

Low Elevation: No. 15 green

Average Fairway Widths: 30-40 yards

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