

Wells Fargo Championship (PGA TOUR)

Quail Hollow Club • Charlotte, N.C. • May 9-12, 2024

Director of Green and Grounds

Keith C. Wood, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 28

Years at Quail Hollow: 9

Years as a Superintendent: 21

Education: University of South Carolina / Rutgers Univ.

Professional Tournaments Hosted: This is Wood's 16th pro event (1 Presidents Cup, 1 PGA Champ, 7 Wyndham and this is 7th Wells Fargo Championship)

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Other Key Golf Personnel

Carson Shaw, Assistant Superintendent

Noah Pfeiffer, Assistant Superintendent

Thomas Heap, Assistant Superintendent

Jason Vail, Equipment Manager

Jared Gamm, Director of Horticulture

Preston Floyd, Business Operations

Scott Davenport, PGA Professional

Number of Employees: 45

Number of Tournament Volunteers: 55

Course Architect

Architect (year): George Cobb (1961)

Renovation Architect (year): Tom Fazio (1997,2016,2013)

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Superintendent - @kcwood74

Tournament - @WellsFargoGolf

GCSAA - @GCSAA

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: 35-36--71

Yardage: 7,558

Stimpmeter: 12

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 6,578 sq. ft.

Total Property Acres: 257

Acres of Fairway: 26

Acres of Rough: 120

Number of Sand Bunkers: 61

Number of Water Hazards: 4

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 7

Soil Conditions: Clay

Water Sources: Lake

Drainage Conditions: Fair

Turfgrass

Greens: Poa trivialis overseed .125"

Approaches: Poa trivialis overseed .250"

Tees: Perennial ryegrass overseed .300"

Fairways: Perennial rye overseed .350"

Rough: Perennial ryegrass overseed 2"

Additional Notes

- Heading into the tournament the greens, approaches, tees and fairways are around 50/50 mix of overseed and the underlying bermuda, but can be considered overseed surface areas. The rough is 90/10 overseed.

- The course was closed from May 15-Sept. 2, 2023 for necessary maintenance and upgrades. (See the detailed information on the upgrades on the last two pages of these notes). Includes new bermudagrass greens and tees (underneath the overseed).

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GCSAA Notes

(PGA TOUR - Primary Courses Only)

2024 Notable For Courses Played

(thru CJ Cup Byron Nelson, May 5)

(does not include Mexico Open or Puerto Rico Open)

(this week's course in red)

2024 Longest Courses Played

7,765 – Torrey Pines South (Farmers Insurance)

7,670 – Corales (Corales Puntacana)

7,596 – Kapalua Plantation (Sentry)

7,558 – Quail Hollow (Wells Fargo)

7,545 – Augusta National (Masters)

7,466 – Bay Hill (Arnold Palmer)

7,435 – TPC Louisiana (Zurich Classic)

7,414 – TPC Craig Ranch (Byron Nelson)

2024 Shortest Courses Played

6,972 – Pebble Beach (AT&T PB Pro-Am)

7,044 – Waialae (Sony)

7,147 – PGA National Champion (Cognizant)

7,187 – PGA West Stadium (American Express)

7,213 – Harbour Town (RBC Heritage)

7,261 – TPC Scottsdale Stadium (WM Phoenix)

7,275 – TPC Sawgrass Stadium (The Players)

2024 Largest Avg. Greens by sq. ft. Played

8,722 – Kapalua Plantation (Sentry)

7,500 – Bay Hill (Arnold Palmer)

7,500 – Riviera (Genesis)

7,100 – Waialae (Sony)

7,069 – TPC Scottsdale Stadium (WM Phoenix)

7,000 – Memorial Park (Texas Children's)

7,000 – PGA National Champion Cognizant)

2024 Smallest Avg. Greens by sq. ft. Played

3,500 – Pebble Beach (AT&T PB Pro-Am)

3,700 – Harbour Town (RBC Heritage)

5,000 – PGA West Stadium (American Express)

5,000 – Torrey Pines South (Farmers Insurance)

5,225 – TPC Louisiana (Zurich Classic)

5,500 – TPC Sawgrass (The Players)

5,822 – Innisbrook Copperhead (Valspar)

2024 Courses by Greens Turf Type Played

12 - Poa (American Express, Farmers Insurance, Pebble Beach, WM Phoenix, Genesis, The Players, Valspar, Texas Children's, RBC, Zurich, Wells Fargo)

5 - Bermudagrass (Sentry, Sony, Cognizant, Arnold Palmer, Myrtle Beach)

2 – Bentgrass (Masters, Byron Nelson)

1 – Supreme Paspalum (Corales Puntacana)

2024 Tournaments by State Played So Far

4 – Florida

4 – California

2 – Texas

2 – Hawaii

1 – Arizona

1 – Georgia

2 – South Carolina (RBC Heritage, Myrtle Beach)

1 – Louisiana

1 – North Carolina

All 2024 Tournaments by State

(multiple events)

5 – California

4 – Florida

4 – Texas

3 – North Carolina (also U.S. Open and Wyndham)

2 – Hawaii

2 – Georgia

2 – South Carolina (RBC Heritage, Myrtle Beach)

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GCSAA Notes (PGA TOUR - Primary Courses Only)

2023 Full Year

(this week's events in red)

2023 Longest Courses (7,500+)

7,765 – Torrey Pines (Farmers Insurance)
7,670 – Puntacana Resort (Corales Puntacana)
7,596 – Plantation Course (Sentry TOC)
7,571 – Muirfield Village (the Memorial)
7,545 – Augusta National (The Masters)
7,538 – Quail Hollow (Wells Fargo)

2023 Shortest Courses

6,828 – Port Royal (Butterfield Bermuda)
6,852 – TPC River Highlands (Travelers)
6,972 – Pebble Beach (AT&T Pebble Beach)
7,005 – Sea Island (The RSM Classic)
7,044 – Waialae CC (Sony Open)

2023 Largest Avg. Greens by sq. ft.

8,722 – Plantation Course (Sentry TOC)
8,300 – El Cardonal (World Wide Tech)
8,000 – Port Royal (Butterfield Bermuda)
7,500 – Riviera (Genesis Inv.)
7,500 – Bay Hill (Arnold Palmer)
7,400 – TPC Summerlin (Shriners)

2023 Smallest Avg. Greens by sq. ft.

3,500 – Pebble Beach (AT&T Pebble Beach)
3,700 – Harbour Town (RBC Heritage)
4,300 – TPC Southwind (FedEx St. Jude)
4,500 – Albany (Hero World Challenge)
4,500 – Oak Hill (PGA Championship)
5,000 – PGA West Stadium (American Express)
5,000 – Torrey Pines (Farmers Insurance)
5,000 – Muirfield Village (the Memorial)
5,000 – Colonial CC (Charles Schwab)
5,000 – TPC River Highlands (Travelers)

2023 Course by Greens Turf Types

16 – Bentgrass
13 – Bermudagrass
11 – Poa
2 – Paspalum

GCSAA Superintendent Notes (PGA TOUR Only)

Longest GCSAA Membership

44 – Stanley Reedy, CGCS (Sanderson)
41 – Sam MacKenzie, CGCS (BMW Champ)
38 – Brian Sullivan, CGCS, MG (Am. Express)
37 – William B. Owen III (Masters)
35 – Roby Robertson, CGCS (Valero Texas)
35 – Kevin Welker, CGCS (World Wide Tech)
34 – Dale Hahn, CGCS (Shriners)

Note: Avg. GCSAA membership years for host superintendents is 19.5.

Superintendents by Alma Mater (if known)

3 – Mississippi State
3 – Ohio State
3 – Penn State
3 – Rutgers
2 – University of Guelph (Canada)
2 – Michigan State



During the Summer of 2023, Quail Hollow Club was closed for some normal, necessary maintenance projects as well as upgrades to portions of the golf course and the property. The course closed on May 15th and re-opened for play on September 2nd.

Here are the highlights:

Greens

- Resurfaced with Tif Eagle Bermudagrass.
- Softened slopes on 12 greens to better showcase hole locations at higher green speeds
 - 1,2,4,5,8,10,11,13,15,16,17,18

Tees

- Resurfaced with Tahoma Bermudagrass after laser leveling and squaring up with landing areas.
- Trees have been removed on the left side of the 7th teeing corridor.
- Extended 10th hole 1-bird tee 15 yards forward to create space for tournament hospitality.
- 13 tee- changed the orientation of the tee complex from perpendicular to the creek to parallel to the creek.
 - 1 bird tee is now located right of the 12th green and will play 205 yds (center to center).
- 16 teeing ground has been lengthened by 23 yards and will now play 529 yards.

Bunkers

- The bunkers have been rebuilt with new drainage, bunker liners (Bunker Solutions), and sand (Spruce Pines 55)
- The architecture of the bunkers remained unchanged.

Practice area

- The short-game area has been modified to accommodate a putting green and 2 chipping greens adjacent to the range tee and learning center. The previous putting green in the circle behind No. 2 green has been sodded and is now used for tournament hospitality.

Trees

- Trees have been added in the following areas (number of trees).
 - #1 left of landing area (1)
 - #2 left of landing area (2)
 - #5 right of the landing area (1)
 - #10 left of the tees (3)
 - #10 left of the second landing area (5)
 - #11 left of the fairways bunkers (1)

- #13 right side along the entire wood line (13)
- #14 left of landing area near lake (1)
- #16 left of landing area near lake (2)

Tournament operations

- A new service road has been installed between the 10th and 18th hole to alleviate the bottleneck around the 18th green as well as connecting the clubhouse to the dam area. Additionally, a cut-through across 18 tee carry area was installed to improve circulation.
- The path around the back side of the 10th green has been widened to alleviate another bottleneck.
- The Green Mile service road was modified around the 16th tee to alleviate blind turns.