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PGA Tour
PGA Tour Qualifying Finals
December 2 - 7, 2009

Bear Lakes Country Club (Lakes Course)
West Palm Beach, Fla.

GCSAA Golf Course Maintenance Director Information

GCSAA Golf Course Maintenance Director:

David Troiano

Availability to media:

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Years as a GCSAA member: 22

Years at this course: 10

Number of maintenance employees: 35

Number of tournament volunteers: 17

Previous positions:

1995-1997, Golf Course Superintendent, Belfair Plantation, Hilton Head Island, S.C.; 1990-1995, Golf Course Superintendent, Jupiter Hills, Tequesta, Fla.

Previous tournament preparation:

2001 Q School Finals, Bear Lakes Country Club, West Palm Beach, Fla.

Previous events hosted by facility:

2001 PGA Tour Q School Finals

Course statistics

Average tee size: 8,000 sq. ft.

Tournament stimpmeter: 11.5

Average green size: 6,000 sq. ft.

Soil condition: Sandy loam

Green construction soil mix:

USGA (90% sand, 10% peat)

Rounds per year: 65,000

Acres of fairway: 40

Source of water: Lake

Acres of rough: 55

Drainage conditions: Good

Sand bunkers: 86

Water hazards: 13

Course ratings

	Yardage	Par	Rating	Slope
Gold	7439	72	76.7	149
Black	7086	72	74.6	144
Blue	6553	72	71.7	138
Green	6262	72	70.4	133
White	5824	72	68.8	122
Red	5198	72	65.9	115

Course characteristics

	Primary Grasses	Height of Cut
Tees	Bermudagrass	0.140"
Fairways	Bermudagrass	0.500"
Greens	Bermudagrass	0.90"
Rough	Bermudagrass	2.5

Wildlife on the course

Alligator; Blue heron; Eagle; Fish; Hawk; Mole; Osprey; Rabbit; Raccoon; Snakes; Squirrel; Turtle; Woodpecker; Several different species of birds



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Interesting and historical course-related facts

The Lakes Course, which opened originally in 1984, was renovated by Nicklaus in 2003. The redesigned Lakes Course, featuring the latest in turf technology combined with exciting architectural changes and the addition of 800 trees, offers a new challenge and visibly pleasing round of golf, with many shots contained over vast expanses of water.

Course architect/date:

Jack Nicklaus, 1984

Most recent redesign/renovation:

Jack Nicklaus, 2003

Other key course personnel

Mark Petsch, Assistant Superintendent
Jamie Carriker, Assistant Superintendent
Lionel Smith, Equipment Manager
Richard Kontos, Club President
Bill Wendt, Club Manager
Jerry Pittman, Green Committee Chairman
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golf. The association's philanthropic organization, [The Environmental Institute for Golf](#), works to strengthen the compatibility of golf with the natural environment through research grants, support for education programs and outreach efforts. Visit GCSAA at www.gcsaa.org.



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Black	6948	72	74.2	143
Silver	6615	72	72.2	137
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White	5690	72	67.9	124
Red	5044	72	64.4	116

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The Links Course, a newly renovated Par 72 in 2007, and originally designed in 1987 by Jack Nicklaus, resembles the beauty of a seaside Scottish Links course. From the five sets of tees through the rolling fairways to the expanded greens, this course layout winds itself through graceful mounds, well-placed bunkers, and clusters of native grasses and colorful plantings depicting a character all its own. This course will offer a visual treat as well as an interesting challenge.

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