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## GCSAA Tournament Fact Sheet

PGA Tour  
Frys.com Open  
October 19 - 25, 2009

Grayhawk Golf Club (Raptor Course)  
Scottsdale, Ariz.

## GCSAA Class A Director of Agronomy Information

### GCSAA class A Director of Agronomy:

Ernie R. Pock

### Availability to media:

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### Education:

Turfgrass Management, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N.J., 1993

### Years as a GCSAA member: 17

### GCSAA affiliated chapter:

Cactus and Pine Golf Course Superintendents Association

### Years at this course: 10

### Number of maintenance employees: 52

### Previous positions:

1997-1999, Golf Course Superintendent, Terravita Golf and Country Club, Scottsdale, Ariz.; 1993-1997, Golf Course Superintendent, Briarwood Country Club, Sun City West, Ariz.

### Previous tournament preparation:

2007-2008 Frys.com Open, Grayhawk Golf Club, Scottsdale, Ariz.; 2004-2005 Tommy Bahama Challenge, Grayhawk Golf Club, Scottsdale, Ariz.; 2000-2008 Thunderbird International AJGA, Grayhawk Golf Club, Scottsdale, Ariz.

### Previous events hosted by facility:

1994-1996 Anderson World Championship; 2000 Tiger Woods-Williams Challenge; 2007-2008 Frys.com Open; 2004-2005 Tommy Bahama Challenge; 2000-2008

Thunderbird International AJGA

## Course statistics

**Average tee size:** 1,200 sq. ft.  
**Tournament stimpmeter:** 11.5  
**Average green size:** 6,200 sq. ft.  
**Soil condition:** Decomposed granite  
**Green construction soil mix:** USGA (90% sand, 10% peat)  
**Rounds per year:** 37,000  
**Acres of fairway:** 40  
**Source of water:** Effluent water  
**Drainage conditions:** Fair  
**Sand bunkers:** 62  
**Water hazards:** 3

## Course ratings

	Yardage	Par	Rating	Slope
<b>Raptor</b>	7135	72	74.1	143
<b>Palo Verde</b>	6593	72	71.4	137
<b>Terra Cotta</b>	6150	72	69.6 M 76.0 L	127 M 137 L
<b>Heather</b>	5309	72	71.2	124

## Course characteristics

	Primary Grasses	Height of Cut
<b>Tees</b>	Bermudagrass; perennial ryegrass	0.350"
<b>Fairways</b>	Bermudagrass; perennial ryegrass	0.350"
<b>Greens</b>	Providence bentgrass; Miniverde overseeded w/ <i>Poa annua</i>	0.120"
<b>Rough</b>	Bermudagrass	2.5"



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## Wildlife on the course

Blue heron; Bobcat; Canada goose; Coyote;  
Fish; Hawk; Osprey; Quail; Rabbit; Raccoon;  
Snakes; Squirrel; Woodpecker

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## Interesting and historical course-related facts

Grayhawk Golf Club is built on a flat desert landscape and features a natural creek that has created 15-20 canyons throughout the layout of the course. The creek empties into a man-made lake between holes 10 and 18. The mountains create a vast backdrop for the scenic par-3 No. 8, which is known as "Aces and Eights" because of its propensity for being either a hit or miss hole.

Golf course superintendent Ernie Pock is a second-generation superintendent at Grayhawk, having taken the reins from his father who was the construction superintendent for the golf course and the first golf course superintendent in 2000. Pock is a second cousin to GCSAA CEO Mark J. Woodward, CGCS.

During the 2000 Williams Challenge at Grayhawk, Ernie Els brushed up against a tennis ball-sized cactus flower called a jumping cholla and required the assistance of paramedics to remove it.

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### Course architect/date:

Tom Fazio, 1995

### Golf course builder/date:

Wadsworth Construction, 1995

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## Other key course personnel

Ed Juba,  
1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Superintendent (Raptor  
Course)

Raul Vera,  
1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Superintendent (Talon  
Course)

Victor Rameriz,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Superintendent (Raptor  
Course)

Eriberto Medina,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Superintendent (Talon  
Course)

Eduardo Ayala, Equipment Manager

Brian Bevard, Club Manager

Fernando Ruiz, Horticulturist

Doug Hodge, PGA Professional

Pac Life and Gregg Tryhus, Club Owner

Joe Shershenovich, Director of Golf

Del Cochran, Captain of the Club

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## Golf course management facts

For additional information please visit the GCSAA [association news](#) section or contact the Communications Department at 800-472-7878.

GCSAA is a leading golf organization and has as its focus golf course management. Since 1926, 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 more than 20,000 members in more than 72 countries. GCSAA's mission is to serve its members, advance their profession and enhance the enjoyment, growth and vitality of the game of 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](http://www.gcsaa.org).