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GCSAA Tournament Fact Sheet

PGA Tour Valspar Championship March 10 - 16, 2014

Innisbrook Resort and Golf Club (Copperhead Course) Palm Harbor, Fla.

Golf Course Management Information

GCSAA Golf Course Superintendent:

Ryan Stewart

Availability to media:

Contact Ryan Stewart by phone 727-638-3898; fax 727-942-5281; email ryan.stewart@playinnisbrook.com

Education:

Two-Year Certificate, Turfgrass Management, Elmwood College, Elmwood, Scotland, United Kingdom, 2001

Years as a GCSAA member: 10 GCSAA affiliated chapter:

Florida West Coast Golf Course Superintendents Association

Years at this course: 12

Number of maintenance employees: 14 Number of tournament volunteers: 10

Previous positions:

1998, Crew, Monifieth Golf Club, Monifieth, Scotland, United Kingdom; 2001, Crew, Merion Golf Club, Ardmore, Pa.; 2002, Assistant Superintendent, Innisbrook Resort and Golf Club, Palm Harbor, Fla.

Previous tournament preparation:

2005 Chrysler Championship, Innisbrook Resort and Golf Club, Palm Harbor, Fla.; 2008 Pods Championship, Innisbrook Resort and Golf Club, Palm Harbor, Fla.; 2012 Transitions Championship, Innisbrook Resort and Golf Club, Palm Harbor, Fla.

Previous tournaments hosted at facility:

2005 Chrysler Championship; 2008 Pods Championship; 2012 Transitions Championship

Course statistics

Average tee size: 2,100 sq. ft.
Tournament Stimpmeter: 11.5 ft.
Average green size: 8,900 sq. ft.

Soil condition: Sand

Green construction: Sand based

Acres of fairway: 25 Source of water:

Pond, lake, well, effluent water

Acres of rough: 70

Drainage conditions: Fair

Water hazards: 8

Course ratings

	Yardage	Par	Rating	Slope
Black	7295	71	76.8	144
Green	6705	71	73.7	136
White	6180	71	70.8/76.4	130/143
Red	5605	71	73.6	130

Course characteristics

	Primary Grasses	Height of Cut
Tees	Bermudagrass; ryegrass	0.400"
Fairways	Bermudagrass; ryegrass	0.450"
Greens	Bermudagrass overseeded w/Poa trivialis	0.130"
Rough	Bermudagrass; ryegrass	2.5"

Wildlife on the course

Alligator; Armadillo; Blue heron; Canada goose; Coyote; Eagle; Fish; Hawk; Mole; Osprey;

Rabbit; Raccoon; Snakes; Squirrel; Turtle; Woodpecker

Interesting and historical courserelated facts

Tree-lined fairways and rolling terrain define the Copperhead Course at Innisbrook Resort and Golf Club - a lengthy challenge for even the longest hitters at more than 7,300 yards. The surrounding lakes and ponds are home to abundant wildlife, including fox squirrels, bald eagles, alligators, blue herons, and many other types of water fowl. With the fairways and greens mostly free of residences, Copperhead provides the opportunity to enjoy golf the way nature intended.

The Copperhead Course was name No. 6 "Beat Course You Can Play in Florida" by *Golfweek* in 2013.

Course architect/date:

Larry Packard, 1972

Other key course personnel

Andriy Maksymiv, GCSAA Class C Assistant Superintendent Greg Hausch, GCSAA Class C Assistant Superintendent Bobby Barnes, PGA Professional Salamander, Club Owner Rodney Green, Director of Golf

Golf course management facts

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