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Tournament Fact Sheet

PGA Tour

AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am

Feb. 9 - 15, 2015

Pebble Beach Golf Links

Pebble Beach, Calif.

Golf Course Management Information

GCSAA Class A Director of Golf Course Maintenance:

Chris Dalhamer, CGCS

The title "CGCS," after a superintendent's name, stands for Certified Golf Course Superintendent, which recognizes the achievement of high standards of professionalism through education and experience.

Availability to media:

Contact Chris Dalhamer by phone 831-622-6601; or email dalhamec@pebblebeach.com

Education:

B.S., Business with minor in Plant Science, California State University, Chico, Calif., 1994; A.A., Ornamental Horticulture, Monterey Peninsula College, Monterey, Calif., 1996

Age: 43

Native hometown:

Pacific Grove, Calif.

Years as a GCSAA member: 20

Years GCSAA certified: 10

GCSAA affiliated chapter:

Golf Course Superintendents Association of Northern California

Years at this course: 9

Number of employees: 30

Number of tournament volunteers: 20

Previous positions:

2002-2005, Golf Course Superintendent, Spyglass Hill Golf Course, Pebble Beach, Calif.; 1999-2002, Director of Maintenance, Carmel Valley Ranch, Carmel Valley, Calif.; 1995-1999, Assistant Superintendent, Pebble Beach Golf Links, Pebble Beach, Calif.

Previous tournament preparation:

2006-2014 AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am, Pebble Beach Golf

Links, Pebble Beach Calif.; 2002-2005, AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am, Spyglass Hill Golf Course, Pebble Beach, Calif.; 2010 U.S. Open, Pebble Beach Golf Links, Pebble Beach, Calif.

Previous tournaments hosted by facility:

AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am; First Tee Open; 1972, 1982, 1992, 2000, 2010 U.S. Open

Get to know the superintendent:

Chris enjoys playing basketball and baseball.

How Chris got involved in golf course management:

"[I] enjoyed the game and come from a family history of farming out of Dayton, Ohio."

Course statistics

Average tee size: 3,500 sq. ft.

Tournament Stimpmeter: 10.5 ft.

Average green size: 3,500 sq. ft.

Soil conditions on the course: Sandy loam

Green construction soil mix:

Native soil greens, except for No. 1-5, 9 and 15 are all USGA greens with 85% sand and 15% peat

Rounds per year: 60,000

Acres of fairway: 30

Source of water: Effluent water

Acres of rough: 80

Drainage conditions: Fair

Sand bunkers: 117

Water hazards: Pacific ocean

Championship ratings

Tee	Yardage	Par	Rating	Slope
Black	7040	72	75.5	145

Course characteristics

	Primary Grasses	Height of Cut
Tees	Perennial ryegrass; <i>Poa annua</i>	0.400"
Fairways	Perennial ryegrass; <i>Poa annua</i>	0.450"
Greens	<i>Poa annua</i>	0.125"
Rough	Perennial ryegrass	2"

Environmental management/features

Pebble Beach Golf Links is an Audubon Certified Cooperative Sanctuary. The ACSP is an education and certification program that helps golf courses protect the environment and preserve the natural heritage of the game of golf.

Water conservation, management and/or controls:

Pebble Beach Golf Links installed a new irrigation system in 2012 to help control water usage. Pebble Beach also uses 100 percent reclaimed water.

Abnormal weather conditions/occurrences in the last 12 months that affected the course:

In December 2014, Pebble Beach received 10 inches of rain in 16 days, causing flooding and coastal erosion.

Unusual wildlife on the course

Hawks; Fox; Many native birds

Predominate species of trees on course:

Monterey pines; Coastal live oaks; Monterey cypress

Interesting notes about the course:

Pebble Beach Golf Links has hosted five U.S. Opens.

Comments overheard about the course:

"The greatest meeting of land and sea in golf."

Significant changes recently made to the course:

Pebble Beach opened a new driving range facility in 2014.

Course architect/date:

Jack Neville and Douglas Grant, 1919

Other key course management personnel

Jack Holt, GCSAA Member Assistant
Superintendent

Pete Bachman, GCSAA Member Assistant
Superintendent

Mark Thomas, Irrigation Tech

Jon Rybicki, Equipment Manager

R.J. Harper, Club President/Club Manager

Chuck Dunbar, PGA Professional

Lone Cypress Group, Club Owner

Shawn Smith, Director of Golf

Golf Course Superintendents Association of America

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 nearly 18,000 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. Find GCSAA on [Facebook](#), follow GCSAA on [Twitter](#), and visit GCSAA at www.gcsaa.org. The Environmental

Institute for Golf is the philanthropic organization of the GCSAA, and has as its mission to foster sustainability through research, awareness, education, programs and scholarships for the benefit of golf course management professionals, golf facilities and the game. Visit www.eifg.org.

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Media story ideas to consider

- Water: Golf's biggest challenge
- The benefits of a golf course to the community and the environment
- What's new in turfgrass research
- Superintendents doing more with less
- Get to know an interesting superintendent
- Who's in charge? A visit with the CEO