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## GCSAA Tournament Fact Sheet

PGA Tour  
AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am  
Feb. 9 - 15, 2015

Spyglass Hill Golf Course  
Pebble Beach, Calif.

## GCSAA Golf Course Management Information

**GCSAA Class A Golf Course Superintendent:**  
Robert C. Yeo

**Availability to media:**  
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**Education:**  
University of Hawaii, Leeward Community College, 1980-1983

**Years as a GCSAA member:** 19

**GCSAA affiliated chapter:**  
Northern California Golf Course Superintendents Association

**Years at this course:** 10

**Previous positions:**  
2003-2005, Golf Course Superintendent, The Links at Spanish Bay, Pebble Beach, Calif.; 2001-2003, Golf Course Superintendent, Del Monte Golf Course, Pebble Beach, Calif.; 2000-2001, Assistant Superintendent, The Links at Spanish Bay, Pebble Beach, Calif.

**Previous tournament preparation:**  
2006-2014 AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am; 2006-2014 Callaway Golf Tournament, Spyglass Hill Golf Course

**Previous events hosted by facility:**  
2003-2004, 2006-2014 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am

## Course statistics

**Average tee size:** 1,600 sq. ft.  
**Tournament Stimpmeter:** 10 ft.  
**Average green size:** 5,000 sq. ft.  
**Soil conditions:** Sandy loam  
**Rounds per year:** 50,000  
**Green construction soil mix:**  
Modified sand greens  
**Acres of fairway:** 24  
**Source of water:** Effluent water  
**Acres of rough:** 65  
**Drainage conditions:** Fair  
**Sand bunkers:** 62  
**Water Hazards:** 4

## Course ratings

	Yardage	Par	Rating	Slope
<b>Championship</b>	6953	72	75.5	147

## Course characteristics

	Primary Grasses	Height of Cut
<b>Tees</b>	Perennial ryegrass; <i>Poa Annua</i>	0.450"
<b>Fairways</b>	Perennial ryegrass; <i>Poa Annua</i>	0.450"
<b>Greens</b>	<i>Poa annua</i>	0.110"
<b>Rough</b>	Perennial ryegrass; <i>Poa Annua</i>	2"

## Wildlife on the course

Coyote; Deer; Fox; Hawk; Quail; Raccoon; Several different species of birds; Squirrel; Woodpecker

## Interesting and historical course-related facts

Spyglass Hill Golf Course takes its name from Robert Louis Stevenson's classic novel,

"Treasure Island," published in 1863. Local legend maintains that Stevenson once wandered the Spyglass area gathering ideas for his novels. A unique aspect of this course is that the holes are named after characters in "Treasure Island." Hole names such as, "Black Dog" and "Billy Bones" are hints for the unwary.

Spyglass Hill was designed by Robert Trent Jones, Sr., as part of the master plan for the Pebble Beach ocean front. S.F.B. Morse, founder of Pebble Beach Company, and chairman of the board of Del Monte Properties, envisioned a string of golf courses around Del Monte Forest's shoreline. Morse commissioned Jones to design a course between Cypress Point and Pebble Beach.

After six years of planning, Spyglass Hill opened March 11, 1966. The design features two distinctly different kinds of terrain that influence the way the holes look and play. The first five holes roll through sandy seaside dunes, challenging the golfer to carefully pick the safest path. The following 13 holes are cut through majestic pines with elevated greens and strategically placed bunkers and lakes to grab the errant shot.

Spyglass Hill is rated one of the toughest courses in the world from the championship tees, boasting a course rating of 75.5 and a slope rating of 147. The PGA Tour consistently lists Spyglass Hill's holes 6, 8, and 16 among the toughest on the tour, and during the 1999 U.S. Amateur, the stroke average of the field during medal play was in excess of 79.

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**Course architect/date:**

Robert Trent Jones Sr., 1966

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**Other key course personnel**

Vince Ferrante, GCSAA Member Assistant  
Superintendent

Brad Coleman, GCSAA Member Assistant  
Superintendent

Jin Park, PGA Professional  
Pebble Beach Company, Club Owner  
R.J. Harper, Director of Golf

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## **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](http://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](http://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