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## Tournament Fact Sheet

PGA Tour

Hyundai Tournament of Champions  
Jan. 9 - 12, 2015

Plantation Course at Kapalua  
Lahaina, Hawaii

### Golf Course Management Information

**GCSAA Class A  
Director of Agronomy:**



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**Availability to media:**

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**Education:**

B.S., Agronomy, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tenn., 2003

**Age:** 37

**Native hometown:**

Knoxville, Tenn.

**Years as a GCSAA member:** 11

**GCSAA affiliated chapter:**

Hawaii Golf Course Superintendents Association

**Years at this course:** 4

**Number of employees:** 24

**Number of tournament volunteers:** 2

**Previous positions:**

2009-2010 Director of Agronomy, Shackamaxon Country Club, Scotch Plains, N.J.; 2008-2009, Director of Agronomy, Seaview, Atlantic City, N.J.; 2005-2008, Director of Agronomy, St. Lucia Golf Club, Castries, St. Lucia, West Indies

**Previous tournament preparation:**

2011-2014 Hyundai Tournament of Champions, Kapalua, Lahaina, Hawaii

**Previous tournaments hosted by facility:**

2009 SBS; 1999-2008 Mercedes Championship; 1991-1998 Lincoln Mercury Invitational

**Get to know the superintendent:**

"I've got a 6-year-old son, Luke, who is an incredible golfer!"

**How Jason got involved in golf course management:**

"I grew up working on golf courses and have a love of working outside."

**Course/event scoring record:**

261 - Ernie Els, 2003

### Course statistics

**Average tee size:** 4,840 sq. ft.

**Tournament Stimpmeter:** 10 ft.

**Average green size:** 7,120 sq. ft.

**Soil conditions on the course:**

Sand tees, clay fairways and rough

**Green construction soil mix:**

USGA (sand 90%, peat 10%)

**Rounds per year:** 38,000

**Acres of fairway:** 34

**Source of water:**

Water from the West Maui Mountains

**Acres of rough:** 68

**Drainage conditions:** Good

**Sand bunkers:** 97

### Championship ratings

	Yardage	Par	Rating	Slope
<b>Black</b>	7411	73	77.2	144

### Course characteristics

	Primary Grasses	Height of Cut
<b>Tees</b>	Bermudagrass	0.450"
<b>Fairways</b>	Bermudagrass	0.500"
<b>Greens</b>	Bermudagrass	0.110"
<b>Rough</b>	Bermudagrass	2"

## Environmental management/features

The Plantation Course 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. Kapalua also completed the EPar environmental management system for golf courses.

### Water conservation, management and/or controls:

The Plantation Course uses evapotranspiration rates calculated from two weather stations positioned around the golf course to help determine watering schedules.

Evapotranspiration, or ET, is a term describing the transport of water into the atmosphere from surfaces, including soil (soil evaporation), and from vegetation (transpiration).

The course also performs quarterly irrigation audits to ensure the irrigation system is operating without error.

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

The course received 60 inches of rain in 2014, which is 20 inches above normal rainfall totals.

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## Unusual wildlife on the course

Pigs

### Predominate species of trees on course:

Eucalyptus; Hake Koa

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### Interesting notes about the course:

Built around the natural wonders of the West Maui Mountains, the Plantation Course at Kapalua ranks among the world's greatest courses, with ocean views, dramatic elevation changes, and nature challenges test golfers' ability.

### Comments overheard about the course:

The greens are the hardest that most people will ever try and read.

### Significant changes recently made to the course:

The Plantation Course added new tees on No. 1 and No. 18.

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### Course architect/date:

Bill Coore & Ben Crenshaw, 1991

### Original course builder/date:

Kapalua Land Company, 1991

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## Other key course management personnel

Orlando Baraoidan, GCSAA Member Golf Course Superintendent  
Joe Vittum, GCSAA Member Golf Course Superintendent

Isaac Lui, Equipment Manager  
Troon Golf, Club Manager  
Scott Carroll, PGA Professional  
TY Group, Club Owner  
Mike Jones, 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