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Tournament Fact Sheet

PGA Tour
Honda Classic
Feb. 28 - March 1, 2015

PGA National Resort & Spa
(Champion Course)
Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.

Golf Course Management Information

GCSAA Director of Agronomy:

Lukus R. Harvey

Availability to media:

Contact Lukus Harvey by cell phone 561-248-0895; or email lukus.harvey@pgaresort.com

Education:

A.A., Turfgrass Science, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, 2001

Age: 36

Native hometown:

Kent, Ohio

Years as a GCSAA member: 13

GCSAA affiliated chapter:

Palm Beach Golf Course
Superintendents Association

Years at this course: 5

Number of employees: 103

Previous tournament preparation:

2011-2014 Honda Classic, PGA National Resort & Spa, Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.; 2004-2005 Ford Championship; 2014 Web.com Q-School, PGA National Resort & Spa, Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.

Previous tournaments hosted by facility:

2006-2014 Honda Classic; 1987 PGA Championship; 1983 Ryder Cup

Get to know the superintendent:

Lukus Harvey enjoys big game hunting.

Course statistics

Average tee size: 3,500 sq. ft.

Tournament Stimpmeter: 12 ft.

Average green size: 5,500 sq. ft.

Soil conditions on the course: Sandy

Green construction soil mix:

USGA (sand 80%, peat 20%)

Rounds per year: 30,000

Acres of fairway: 30

Source of water: Lake

Acres of rough: 64

Drainage conditions: Fair

Sand bunkers: 78

Water hazards: 12

Championship ratings

Tee	Yardage	Par	Rating	Slope
Black	7045	72	75.2	148

Course characteristics

	Primary Grasses	Height of Cut
Tees	Bermudagrass	0.450"
Fairways	Bermudagrass	0.550"
Greens	Bermudagrass	0.125"
Rough	Ryegrass	3+"

Interesting notes about the course:

Originally designed by Tom and George Fazio for major tournament play, The Champion course at PGA National Resort & Spa was redesigned by Jack Nicklaus in 2014. Although The Champion has generous landing areas and spacious and accepting TifEagle greens, golfers are presented with course management challenges throughout the round. This South Florida golf resort course has five sets of tees to make the course more playable for golfers of all levels. A must-play on any avid golfer's list, The Champion features the Bear Trap, which

spans three demanding holes designed by Jack Nicklaus.

Significant changes recently made to the course:

In the fall of 2014, PGA National completed renovations that included a redesign of the par-4 No. 14 leading up to the infamous Bear Trap with the addition of more water and bunkers, and the expansion of No. 1, No. 9, No. 15 and No. 17 to their original size.

Course architect/date:

Tom Fazio

Most recent redesign or renovation/date:

Jack Nicklaus, 2014

Other key course management personnel

Andrew Fike, GCSAA Member Golf Course Superintendent

Jeff Visser, GCSAA Member Assistant Superintendent

John Patterson, Equipment Manager

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

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- 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