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Tournament Fact Sheet

PGA Tour
Valero Texas Open
March 26 - 29, 2015

TPC San Antonio
(AT&T Oaks Course)
San Antonio, Texas

Golf Course Management Information

GCSAA Class A Director, Golf Course Operations:

Thomas R. Lively, 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:

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Education:

A.S., Turfgrass Management, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Mich., 1982

Age: 56

Native hometown:

Chicago

Years as a GCSAA member: 33

GCSAA affiliated chapter:

Central Texas Golf Course Superintendents Association

Years at this course: 7

Number of employees: 50

Number of tournament volunteers: 15

Previous positions:

2001-2008, Director, Golf Course Operations, Medinah Country Club, Medinah, Ill.; 1988-2001, Golf Course Superintendent, Ruth Lake Country Club, Hinsdale, Ill.; 1986-1988, Golf

Course Superintendent, Ridge Country Club, Chicago, Ill.

Previous tournament preparation:

2010-2014 Valero Texas Open, TPC San Antonio, San Antonio, Texas; 2010-2014 AT&T Championship, TPC San Antonio, (AT&T Canyons Course), San Antonio, Texas; 2006 PGA Championship, Medinah Country Club, Medinah, Ill.

Previous tournaments hosted by facility:

2010-2014 Valero Texas Open (AT&T Oaks Course); 2010-2014 AT&T Championship (AT&T Canyons Course)

Get to know the superintendent:

Thomas Lively was the 2011 ELGA National Resort winner. Presented by GCSAA and *Golf Digest* in partnership with Syngenta and Rain Bird, the Environmental Leaders in Golf Awards recognize golf course superintendents and golf courses around the world for their commitment to environmental stewardship.

How Thomas got involved in golf course management:

"[I] began as a caddie and moved to the golf course maintenance department."

Course statistics

Average tee size: 2,000 sq. ft.

Tournament Stimpmeter: 11.5 ft.

Average green size: 6,400 sq. ft.

Soil conditions on the course: Sand cap

Green construction soil mix:

USGA (sand 90%, peat 10%)

Rounds per year: 30,000

Acres of fairway: 21

Source of water: Well

Acres of rough: 35

Drainage conditions: Excellent

Sand bunkers: 54

Water hazards: 2

Championship ratings

Tee	Yardage	Par	Rating	Slope
Pro	7435	72	76.5	148

Course characteristics

	Primary Grasses	Height of Cut
Tees	Bermudagrass overseeded w/ <i>Poa trivialis</i>	0.300"
Fairways	Bermudagrass overseeded w/ rye and fescue	0.450"
Greens	Bermudagrass overseeded w/ Velvet bentgrass and <i>Poa trivialis</i>	0.115"
Rough	Bermudagrass overseeded w/ rye and fescue	2.5"

Environmental management/features

TPC San Antonio utilizes a closed-loop irrigation and drainage system.

Water conservation, management and/or controls:

TPC San Antonio is consistently managing water use and supply through the year with different drought restrictions.

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

Central Texas is currently in the midst of a drought, which has caused water restriction periods each month.

Unusual wildlife on the course

Armadillo; Blue heron; Mole; Pheasant; Feral hog

Predominate species of trees on course:

Live oak; Cedar; Huisache; Mesquite

Interesting notes about the course:

TPC San Antonio opened in January 2010 with 36 holes of golf. Situated on 2,800 acres at the base of Texas Hill Country, both the AT&T Canyons Course and the AT&T Oaks Course were built with infrastructure to host PGA Tour events in mind. TPC San Antonio is a private resort, only accessible to club members and guests of the JW Marriott San Antonio Hill Country Resort & Spa.

TPC San Antonio and the JW Marriott San Antonio Hill Country Resort & Spa were the site of the 2015 GCSAA Golf Championships, presented in partnership with Toro and benefitting the EIFG. The GCSAA Golf Championships used both the AT&T Oaks and Canyons Courses for their event.

Comments overheard about the course:

Beautiful views

Course architect/date:

Greg Norman, 2009

Original course builder/date:

Wadsworth Construction, 2008

Other key course management personnel

Kevin Whitten, GCSAA Member Assistant Superintendent
James Brinkmeyer, GCSAA Member Assistant Superintendent
Sam Badlea, Equipment Manager
Matt Flory, Club Manager
Rob Nader, PGA Professional
Miller Global, Club Owner

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