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Tournament Fact Sheet

PGA Tour
Valspar Championship
March 9 - 15, 2015

Innisbrook Resort and Golf Club
(Copperhead Course)
Palm Harbor, Fla.

Golf Course Management Information

GCSAA Member Golf Course

Superintendent:

Ryan Stewart

Availability to media:

Contact Ryan Stewart by phone 727-942-2000 ext 5267; or email

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Education:

Turf Management, Elmwood College,
Fife, Scotland

Age: 34

Native hometown:

Carnoustie, Scotland

Years as a GCSAA member: 10

GCSAA affiliated chapter:

Florida West Coast Golf Course
Superintendents Association

Years at this course: 12

Number of employees: 14

Number of tournament volunteers: 25

Previous positions:

2002-2006, Assistant Superintendent,
Innisbrook Resort and Golf Club, Palm
Harbor, Fla.; 2006-2007, Golf Course
Superintendent, Eagles Golf Club,
Odessa, Fla.

Previous tournament preparation:

2007-2008 PODS Championship,
Innisbrook Resort and Golf Club, Palm
Harbor, Fla.; 2009-2012 Transitions
Championship, Innisbrook Resort and
Golf Club, Palm Harbor, Fla.; 2013-2014
Valspar Championship, Innisbrook
Resort and Golf Club, Palm Harbor, Fla.

Previous tournaments hosted by facility:

2007-2008 PODS Championship; 2009-
2012 Transitions Championship; 2013-
2014 Valspar Championship

Get to know the superintendent:

National champion in soccer

How Ryan got involved in golf course management:

"Working on a golf course in high school."

Course statistics

Average tee size: 2,100 sq. ft.

Tournament Stimpmeter: 11 ft.

Average green size: 7,500 sq. ft.

Soil conditions on the course: Sand

Acres of fairway: 25

Source of water: Well, effluent water

Acres of rough: 75

Drainage conditions: Fair

Sand bunkers: 75

Water hazards: 8

Championship ratings

| Tee | Yardage | Par | Rating | Slope |
|-------|---------|-----|--------|-------|
| Black | 7200 | 71 | | |

Course characteristics

| | Primary Grasses | Height of Cut |
|----------|---------------------------------------|---------------|
| Tees | Bermudagrass; ryegrass | 0.450" |
| Fairways | Bermudagrass | 0.450" |
| Greens | Bermudagrass; <i>Poa trivialis</i> | 0.130" |
| Rough | Bermudagrass; ryegrass | 2.5" |

Unusual wildlife on the course

Fox squirrel

Predominate species of trees on course:

Pine and oak

Interesting notes about the course:

The three other courses have layouts featuring up to 70 feet of elevation change, and scenery more reminiscent of the Carolina sand hills and Georgia foothills than the typical Florida terrain.

Innisbrook has received many accolades, including *Golf Magazine's* "Top 100 You Can Play," and *Golf Digest's* "Top 75 Golf Resorts in America."

Course architect/date:

Lawrence Packard, 1971

Other key course management personnel

Andriy Maksymiv, Assistant Superintendent
Greg Hausch, GCSAA Member Assistant
Superintendent
Salamander, 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