

Barracuda Championship (PGA TOUR)

Tahoe Mountain Club (Old Greenwood) • Truckee, Calif. • July 20-23, 2023

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Years as GCSAA Member: 9

Years at Tahoe Mountain Club: 12 years (1st as director)

Years as a Superintendent: 5

Previous Courses: The Golf Club at Gray's Crossing

Hometown: Franklin, Mass.

Education: St. Joseph's of Maine / UMass Amherst

Professional Tournaments Hosted: First pro event as head superintendent

Other Key Golf Personnel

Adam Ruiz, Old Greenwood Assistant Superintendent

Dave Martin, Gray's Crossing Superintendent

Brad Luttrell, Gray's Crossing Assistant Superintendent

Eli Fraser, Head Mechanic

Travis Alley, Director of Golf

Number of Employees: 17

Number of Tournament Volunteers: 26

Course Architect

Architect (year): Jack Nicklaus (2004)

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Tournament - [@CudaChamp](https://twitter.com/CudaChamp)

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Tournament Set-up

Par: 36-35--71

Yardage: 7,480

Stimpmeter: 11

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 5,300 sq. ft.

Acres of Fairway: 32

Acres of Rough: 55

Number of Sand Bunkers: 95

Number of Water Hazards: 6

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 6

Soil Conditions: Native mountain soils, rocky

Water Sources: Well, aquifer

Drainage Conditions: Good

Turfgrass

Greens: Bentgrass / *Poa annua* .100"

Collars: Bentgrass / *Poa annua* .350"

Approaches: Bentgrass / *Poa annua* .350"

Tees: Bentgrass / *Poa annua* .360

Fairways: Bentgrass / *Poa annua* .360

Rough: Bluegrass 2.5"

Additional Notes

• Course had more than 500" of snowfall this winter – the most snow since 1952. In April a snowcat was deployed in order to prepare for a Memorial Day opening. (*photos on next page and available via email – contact mstrauss@gcsaa.org*).

• Course is just below 6,000 feet and it is not uncommon to have frost every month of the summer and 50-degree temperature swings.

• In 2020 banks on water edges on No. 10, 11, 14, 15 were shaved to primary cut.

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Photos taken by Joe Valente, GCSAA director of agronomy March 20. Top left is No. 6 green and bottom right is No. 10 green.

Please contact Mike Strauss at mstrauss@gcsaa.org if you would like the photos sent to you.

