

Fortinet Championship (PGA TOUR)

Silverado Resort (North Course) • Napa, Calif. • Sept. 14-17, 2023

Director of Agronomy

David Walter, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 17

Years at Silverado: 2nd

Years as a Superintendent: 6

Previous Courses: Potomac Shores (superintendent)

Hometown: Chagrin Falls, Ohio

Education: Ohio State University

Professional Tournaments Hosted: This is the 2nd Fortinet hosted by Walter, who was also part of the 2008 PGA Championship agronomy team at Oakland Hills.

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Other Key Golf Personnel

Kyle Harrigan, North Course Superintendent

Jeremy Sanchez, South Course Superintendent

Roberto Perez, Equipment Manager

Jose Madrigal, Landscape Superintendent

Number of Employees: 34

Number of Tournament Volunteers: 15

Golf Course Dog: Carmen, 5-year-old Pointer

Course Architect

Architect (year): Ben Harmon (1955)

Renovation Architect (year): Robert Trent Jones (1966), Johnny Miller (2011)

Twitter

Superintendent - [@dwalter174](https://twitter.com/dwalter174)

Course - [@SilveradoResort](https://twitter.com/SilveradoResort)

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

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

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Tournament Set-up

Par: 35-37—72

Yardage: 7,123

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 5,400 sq. ft.

Total Property Acres: 297

Acres of Fairway: 20

Acres of Rough: 77

Number of Sand Bunkers: 53

Number of Water Hazards: 2

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 2

Soil Conditions: Clay loam

Water Sources: Well

Drainage Conditions: Drains well

Turfgrass

Greens: *Poa annua* / bentgrass .110"

Collars: *Poa annua* / bentgrass .375"

Approaches: *Poa annua* / ryegrass .375"

Tees: *Poa annua* / ryegrass .375"

Fairways: Bermuda / *Poa* / rye .450"

Rough: Bluegrass / ryegrass 2.5"

Additional Notes

- The course routing has changed with 10 holes in a different order, including the signature 11th hole playing as tournament 17.

- Course had an excessively wet winter with 50+” of rain (compared to average of 20”). The course flooded multiple times and a bridge washed out.

- Summer has been mild and cooler than last year so overall condition of the course is very good.

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