

## World Wide Technology Championship (PGA TOUR)

El Cardonal at Diamante • Cabo San Lucas, Mexico • Nov. 2-5, 2023

### Director of Golf Maintenance

#### Kevin Welker, CGCS

Years as GCSAA Member: 35

Time at El Cardonal: 4 months

Years as a Superintendent: 25

Previous Courses: Iberostar Play Paraiso & Iberostar  
Cancun (Director of Golf Course Maintenance, 14 yrs.)

Hometown: Stuart, Fla.

Education: Lake City CC

Professional Tournaments Hosted: Was a consultant for  
WW Tech Champ at Mayakoba (twice) and hosted Bupa  
Match Play PGA Latino America Tour (twice)

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### Other Key Golf Personnel

Freddy Elos, First Assistant Superintendent

Nelson Lopez, Second Assistant Superintendent

Omar Garcia, Equipment Manager

Bill Ousterhout, Director of Grounds

Number of Employees: 34

### Course Architect

Architect (year): Tiger Woods (2014)

### Twitter

Superintendent - @KevinWelkerCGCS

Course - @DiamanteCabo

Tournament - @WWTChampionship

GCSAA - @GCSAA

Tournament Fact Sheets for the PGA TOUR, LPGA, PGA  
TOUR Champions, Korn Ferry and Epson Tours and  
USGA and PGA of America championships can be found  
at: <https://www.gcsaa.org/media/tournament-fact-sheets>

### Tournament Set-up

Par: 36-36--72

Yardage: 7,452 (unofficial)

Stimpmeter: 11-12

### Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 8,300 sq. ft.

Total Property Acres: 1,600

Acres of Fairway: 97

Acres of Rough: 0

Number of Sand Bunkers: 48

Number of Water Hazards: 1

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 1

Soil Conditions: Sand and clay loam

Water Sources: Effluent

### Turfgrass

Greens: Platinum paspalum .100"

Collars: Platinum paspalum .325"

Approaches: Platinum paspalum .325"

Tees: Platinum paspalum .325"

Fairways: Platinum paspalum .370"

Rough: None

### Additional Notes

- Average fairway widths in landing areas are 60 yards.

- Wildlife on the course include hare, deer, coyotes, iguanas, road runners, bobcats, rattle snakes.

- Potential tropical storm week before event could cause damage to the arroyos, which could mean mudslides onto the turf areas.

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