

Arnold Palmer Invitational (PGA TOUR)

Bay Hill Club and Lodge • Orlando, Fla. • March 7-10, 2024

Director of Grounds

Chris Flynn, CGCS, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 26

Years at Bay Hill: 10

Years as a Superintendent: 22

Previous Courses: Marriott Grande Vista (director), Links at Spanish Bay (super), Spyglass (asst), TPC Four Seasons

Education: SUNY Cobleskill

Professional Tournaments Hosted: This is Flynn's 16th Pro event (11th API, 3 AT&T National Pro Ams and 2 Byron Nelson Classics)

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Other Key Golf Personnel

Alexandra Hills, Senior Assistant Superintendent

John Owens, Assistant Superintendent

Pete Clover, Equipment Manager

JT Berry, Horticulturist

Number of Employees: 45

Number of Tournament Volunteers: 20

Golf Course Dog: Zeke, 9-year-old Brittany Spaniel

Course Architect

Architect (year): Dick Wilson (1961)

Renovation Architect (year): Arnold Palmer (2009)

Twitter

Superintendent - @The_CFlynn

Course - @APBayHill

Tournament - @APInv

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: 7,466

Stimpmeter: 12

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 7,500 sq. ft.

Total Property Acres: 250

Acres of Fairway: 31

Acres of Rough: 100

Number of Sand Bunkers: 84

Number of Water Hazards: 8

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 9

Soil Conditions: Sandy loam

Water Sources: Reclaimed

Drainage Conditions: Minimal issues

Turfgrass

Greens: TifEagle bermudagrass .110"

Collars: Celebration bermudagrass .225"

Approaches: Ryegrass overseed .350"

Tees: Perennial ryegrass overseed .350"

Fairways: Perennial rye overseed .375"

Rough: Perennial ryegrass overseed 3"

Additional Notes

- El Nino weather pattern this winter has brought unseasonably wet and cold weather.

- Average fairway widths are 30 yards.

- Arnold Palmer was the 1st recipient of GCSAA's Old Tom Morris Award in 1983 for a continuing lifetime commitment to the game of golf.

- Palmer's father Deacon and younger brother Jerry were both golf course superintendents at Latrobe (Pa.) Country Club.

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GCSAA Notes (PGA TOUR Only) (Primary Courses Only)

2024 Tournaments by State (multiple events)

- 5 – California
- 4 – Florida (2nd of 4 straight in the state)
- 4 – Texas
- 3 – North Carolina
- 2 – Hawaii
- 2 – Georgia
- 2 – South Carolina

2023 Longest Courses (7,500+)

- 7,765 – Torrey Pines (Farmers Insurance)
- 7,670 – Puntacana Resort (Corales Puntacana)
- 7,596 – Plantation Course (Sentry TOC)
- 7,571 – Muirfield Village (the Memorial)
- 7,545 – Augusta National (The Masters)
- 7,538 – Quail Hollow (Wells Fargo)

2023 Shortest Courses

- 6,828 – Port Royal (Butterfield Bermuda)
- 6,852 – TPC River Highlands (Travelers)
- 6,972 – Pebble Beach (AT&T Pebble Beach)
- 7,005 – Sea Island (The RSM Classic)
- 7,044 – Waialae CC (Sony Open)

2023 Largest Avg. Greens by sq. ft.

- 8,722 – Plantation Course (Sentry TOC)
- 8,300 – El Cardonal (World Wide Tech)
- 8,000 – Port Royal (Butterfield Bermuda)
- 7,500 – Bay Hill (Arnold Palmer)
- 7,500 – Riviera (Genesis Inv.)
- 7,400 – TPC Summerlin (Shriners)

2023 Smallest Avg. Greens by sq. ft.

- 3,500 – Pebble Beach (AT&T Pebble Beach)
- 3,700 – Harbour Town (RBC Heritage)
- 4,300 – TPC Southwind (FedEx St. Jude)
- 4,500 – Albany (Hero World Challenge)
- 4,500 – Oak Hill (PGA Championship)
- 5,000 – PGA West Stadium (American Express)
- 5,000 – Torrey Pines (Farmers Insurance)
- 5,000 – Muirfield Village (the Memorial)
- 5,000 – Colonial CC (Charles Schwab)
- 5,000 – TPC River Highlands (Travelers)

2023 Course by Greens Turf Types

- 16 – Bentgrass
- 13 – Bermudagrass (2nd straight)
- 11 – Poa
- 2 – Paspalum

GCSAA Superintendent Notes (PGA TOUR Only)

Longest GCSAA Membership

- 44 – Stanley Reedy, CGCS (Sanderson)
- 41 – Sam MacKenzie, CGCS (BMW Champ)
- 38 – Brian Sullivan, CGCS, MG (Am. Express)
- 37 – William B. Owen III (Masters)
- 35 – Roby Robertson, CGCS (Valero Texas)
- 35 – Kevin Welker, CGCS (World Wide Tech)
- 34 – Dale Hahn, CGCS (Shriners)

Note: Avg. GCSAA membership years for host superintendents is 19.5.

Superintendents by Alma Mater (if known)

- 3 – Mississippi State
- 3 – Ohio State
- 3 – Penn State
- 3 – Rutgers
- 2 – University of Guelph (Canada)
- 2 – Michigan State

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