

Corales Puntacana Championship (PGA TOUR)

Corales Golf Course • Punta Cana, Dominican Republic • April 18-21, 2024

Golf Course Superintendent

Julio Diaz, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 29

Years at Corales: 19

Years as a Superintendent: 24

Previous Courses: Marriott at Wind Watch, North Shore

Home Country: Dominican Republic

Education: Rutgers University

Professional Tournaments Hosted: This is Diaz' 9th professional event (7th PGA TOUR and 2 Korn Ferry).

Did You Know? – Diaz is the director of the Caribbean Chapter of the GCSAA.

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Other Key Golf Personnel

Wilkin Castillo, Assistant Superintendent

Luigi Abreu, Assistant Superintendent

Amauri Castillo, Equipment Manager

Number of Employees: 56

Number of Tournament Volunteers: 20

Course Architect

Architect (year): Tom Fazio (2010)

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Superintendent - @JulioAgronomy

Course - @PUNTACANARESORT

Tournament - @CoralesChamp

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: 7,670

Stimpmeter: 11-11.5

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 6,000 sq. ft.

Total Property Acres: 270

Acres of Fairway: 50

Acres of Rough: 107

Number of Sand Bunkers: 94

Number of Water Hazards: 5

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 6

Soil Conditions: Caliche / Calcareous sand

Water Sources: 100% Reclaimed

Drainage Conditions: Excellent

Turfgrass

Greens: Supreme paspalum .100"

Collars: Supreme paspalum .300"

Approaches: Supreme paspalum .350"

Tees: Supreme paspalum .225"

Fairways: Supreme paspalum .450"

Rough: Supreme paspalum 1.75-2"

Additional Notes

- This is the 2nd-longest course on tour.
- More than half of the maintenance staff has been at the course since construction.
- Biggest challenge for Diaz and staff has been to get enough equipment on time for tournament preparation.
- Corales Golf Course is a part of the Puntacana Ecological Foundation program for conservation of the Ridgway's Hawk, a native of Hispaniola Island.

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

2024 Notable For Courses Played **(thru The Masters, April 11)**

(does not include Mexico Open or Puerto Rico Open)
(this week's courses in red)

2024 Longest Courses Played

7,765 – Torrey Pines South (Farmers Insurance)
7,670 – Corales (Corales Puntacana)
7,596 – Kapalua Plantation (Sentry)
7,545 – Augusta National (Masters)
7,466 – Bay Hill (Arnold Palmer)
7,412 – Memorial Park (Texas Children's)
7,340 – Innisbrook Copperhead (Valspar)
7,322 – Riviera (Genesis)

2024 Shortest Courses Played

6,972 – Pebble Beach (AT&T PB Pro-Am)
7,044 – Waialae (Sony)
7,147 – PGA National Champion (Cognizant)
7,187 – PGA West Stadium (American Express)
7,213 – Harbour Town (RBC Heritage)
7,261 – TPC Scottsdale Stadium (WM Phoenix)
7,275 – TPC Sawgrass Stadium (The Players)

2024 Largest Avg. Greens by sq. ft. Played

8,722 – Kapalua Plantation (Sentry)
7,500 – Bay Hill (Arnold Palmer)
7,500 – Riviera (Genesis)
7,100 – Waialae (Sony)
7,069 – TPC Scottsdale Stadium (WM Phoenix)
7,000 – Memorial Park (Texas Children's)
7,000 – PGA National Champion Cognizant)

2024 Smallest Avg. Greens by sq. ft. Played

3,500 – Pebble Beach (AT&T PB Pro-Am)
3,700 – Harbour Town (RBC Heritage)
5,000 – PGA West Stadium (American Express)
5,000 – Torrey Pines South (Farmers Insurance)
5,500 – TPC Sawgrass (The Players)
5,822 – Innisbrook Copperhead (Valspar)
6,000 – Corales (Corales Puntacana)
6,486 – Augusta National (Masters)

2024 Courses by Greens Turf Type Played

4 - Bermudagrass (Sentry, Sony, Cognizant, Arnold Palmer)
9 - Poa (American Express, Farmers Insurance, Pebble Beach, WM Phoenix, Genesis, The Players, Valspar, Texas Children's, **RBC**)
1 – Bentgrass (Masters)
1 – Supreme Paspalum (Corales Puntacana)

2024 Tournaments by State Played

4 – Florida
4 – California
2 – Hawaii
1 – Arizona
1 – Texas

All 2024 Tournaments by State **(multiple events)**

5 – California
4 – Florida
4 – Texas
3 – North Carolina
2 – Hawaii
2 – Georgia
2 – South Carolina (RBC Heritage also this week)

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GCSAA Notes (PGA TOUR - Primary Courses Only)

2023 Full Year

(this week's event in red)

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 – Riviera (Genesis Inv.)
7,500 – Bay Hill (Arnold Palmer)
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
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