

Grant Thornton Invitational (PGA TOUR / LPGA)

Tiburon Golf Club (Gold) • Naples, Fla. • December 13-15, 2024

Director of Agronomy

Grayson Grainger, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 20

Years at Tiburon: 4

Years as a Superintendent: 18

Previous Courses: The Clubs at St. James (Super)

Hometown: Green Sea, S.C.

Education: Horry-Georgetown Technical College

Professional Tournaments Hosted: Grainger has hosted 13 professional events at Tiburon, including PGA TOUR, LPGA and PGA TOUR Champions.

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Other Key Golf Personnel

Wesley Rowe, GCSAA Superintendent

Years as GCSAA Member: 8 / Yrs. At Tiburon: 2

Hometown: Lancaster, Pa. / Education: Penn State Univ.

Tyler Degen, Senior Assistant Superintendent

Ernesto Fajardo, Environmental Tech

Lee Spotts, Equipment Manager

Chad Nigro, Director of Golf

Number of Employees: 40

Course Architect

Architect (year): Greg Norman (1998)

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Director of Agronomy - @GraysonGrainger

Superintendent - @WesleyPRowe

Course - @TiburonNaples

Tournament - @gtinvtional

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<https://www.gcsaa.org/media/tournament-fact-sheets>

Tournament Set-up

Par: 36-36--72

Yardage: Men: 7,382 / Women: 6,788

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 7,200 sq. ft.

Total Property Acres: 392

Acres of Fairway: 45

Acres of Rough: None

Number of Sand Bunkers: 50

Number of Water Hazards: 15

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 13

Soil Conditions: Sandy

Water Sources: Well

Drainage Conditions: Good

Turfgrass

Greens: TifEagle bermudagrass .120"

Tees: Celebration bermudagrass .325"

Fairways: Celebration bermudagrass .400"

Rough: None (Coquina shell waste bunkers and natural grasses).

Additional Notes

- Area had driest year ever in 2023, and 2024 was the wettest ever at Tiburon. Course is more than 30" above average rain, which caused setbacks in preparation and turf health.
- Hurricanes setback course preparations one week after heavy rain and clean up.
- Course hosted the CME Group Tour Championship Nov. 21-24.
- Average fairway widths are 50 yards.
- Land was formerly a tomato farm, and plants sometimes pop up in native areas.
- Wesley Rowe was promoted to superintendent last December.

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