

## The American Express (PGA TOUR)

PGA West (Dye and Nicklaus Courses) / La Quinta Country Club

La Quinta, Calif. • January 18-21, 2024

### PGA West Director of Agronomy

**Brian Sullivan, CGCS, MG, GCSAA**

Years as GCSAA Member: 38

### PGA West Tournament Courses Super

**Denver Hart, GCSAA**

Years as GCSAA Member: 7

Years at PGA West: 3

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### Other Key Golf Personnel

Aaron Garcia, Greg Norman Course Superintendent

Artemio Fierro, Equipment Manager

Other staffers: Alex Loesch, Will Bolin, Justin Hop,

Marcos Garcia

Number of Employees: 50

Number of Tournament Volunteers: 24

Golf Course Dog: Bella, 14-year-old golden retriever

### Twitter

Superintendent - @pgawestagronomy

Course - @PGAWESTGOLF

Tournament - @theamexgolf

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>*

### Pete Dye Stadium Course

**Michael Martic, Superintendent**

Years at PGA West: 6

### Course Architect

Architect (year): Pete Dye (1986)

### Tournament Set-up

Par: 36-36--72

Yardage: 7,187

### Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 5,000 sq. ft.

Acres of Fairway: 30

Acres of Rough: 160

Number of Sand Bunkers: 90-plus

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 7

Soil Conditions: Native

Water Sources: Canal

### Turfgrass

Greens: Poa overseed .110"

Collars: Ryegrass overseed .300"

Approaches: Ryegrass overseed .350"

Tees: Ryegrass overseed .350"

Fairways: Ryegrass overseed .350"

Overseeded Rough: 1"

Non-overseeded Rough: Tifgreen 328  
Bermuda 2"

*Nicklaus Course, La Quinta CC and additional information on next pages*

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Since 1926 the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) has been the top professional association for the men and women who manage golf courses in the United States and worldwide. From its headquarters in Lawrence, Kan., the association provides education, information and representation to 20,000 members in more than 78 countries. GCSAA's mission is to serve its members, advance their profession and improve communities through enjoyment, growth and vitality of the game of golf.

## GCSAA Notes (PGA TOUR only)

### 2024 Tournaments by State (multiple events)

5 – California (1<sup>st</sup> this year)

4 – Florida

4 – Texas

3 – North Carolina

2 – Hawaii (1<sup>st</sup> two events of 2024)

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 – 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)

4,773 – La Quinta CC (American Express)

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 (this is 1<sup>st</sup> tourn of year on this surface as 1<sup>st</sup> two tournaments were on bermudagrass)

2 – Paspalum

## GCSAA Superintendent Notes (PGA TOUR only)

### Longest GCSAA Membership for PGA TOUR events only

44 – Stanley Reedy, CGCS (Sanderson)

41 – Sam MacKenzie, CGCS (BMW Champ)

38 – Brian Sullivan, CGCS, MG (The American 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

*Nicklaus Course, La Quinta CC course information on next pages*

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### **PGA West Jack Nicklaus Tournament Course**

#### **Kellen Whaley, GCSAA Superintendent**

Years as GCSAA Member: 13

Years at PGA West: 2

#### **Course Architect**

Architect (year): Jack Nicklaus (1987)

#### **Tournament Set-up**

Par: 36-36—72

Yardage: 7,147 (unofficial)

#### **Course Statistics**

Average Green Size: 7,000 sq. ft.

Acres of Fairway: 30

Acres of Rough: 120

Number of Sand Bunkers: 90-plus

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 5

Soil Conditions: Native

Water Sources: Canal

#### **Turfgrass**

Greens: Poa overseed .110"

Tees: Ryegrass overseed .350"

Fairways: Ryegrass overseed .350"

Rough: TifGreen 328 bermudagrass 2"

*La Quinta CC on next page*

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### La Quinta Country Club

#### La Quinta CC Director of Agronomy

##### Tim Putnam, GCSAA

Years as a GCSAA Member: 28

Years at La Quinta CC: 21

Years as Superintendent: 21

Previous Courses: Ironwood CC (superintendent)

Hometown: Corvallis, Ore.

Education: Oregon State University

#### Other Key Golf Personnel

Jose Vargas, Assistant Superintendent

Mark Grotewohl, Assistant Superintendent

Manual Tapia, Equipment Manager

Chris Gilley, PGA Professional

Number of Employees: 21

Number of Tournament Volunteers: 4

#### Course Architect

Architect: Lawrence Hughes (1959)

Renovation Architect: Damian Pascuzzo (1999)

#### Tournament Set-up

Par: 36-36--72

Yardage: 7,060 (unofficial)

#### Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 4,773 sq. ft.

Acres of Fairway: 28

Acres of Rough: 80

Number of Sand Bunkers: 82

Number of Water Hazards: 5 lakes

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 7

Soil Conditions: Fine sand/silt

Water Sources: Colorado River / wells

#### Turfgrass

Greens: Poa trivialis/rye overseed .105"

Collars: Poa trivialis/rye overseed .250"

Approaches: Ryegrass overseed .375"

Tees: Ryegrass overseed .375"

Fairways: Ryegrass overseed .400"

Rough: Ryegrass overseed 1.75"

#### Additional Notes

- All greens were re-surfaced with Tifdwarf hybrid bermudagrass in the last two years, but are overseeded at this time of year.

- Weather was warm in November and December leading to great growing conditions and thicker than normal rough.

- A master tree plan removed more than 70 older trees and 132 date palms and added 90 new trees.