

## THE PLAYERS Championship (PGA TOUR)

TPC Sawgrass (Stadium) • Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. • March 14-17, 2024

### Director of Golf Course Operations

#### Jeff Plotts, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 30

Years at TPC Sawgrass: 9

Years as a Superintendent: 31

Previous Courses: TPC Scottsdale, TPC Southwind, Bear's Best, Eagle's Landing, Champions Club

Professional Tournaments Hosted: This is the 29<sup>th</sup> pro event and 9<sup>th</sup> player for Plotts, who has hosted PGA TOUR, Korn Ferry and LPGA events in his career.

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### Other Key Golf Personnel

Lucas Andrews, Assistant Director of Golf Operations

Patrick Reinhardt, Stadium Course Superintendent

Paul Vermeulen, PGA TOUR Agronomy

Number of Employees: 95

Number of Tournament Volunteers: 100

### Course Architect

Architect (year): Pete Dye (1980)

Renovation Architect (year): Dye / Steve Wenzloff (2016)

### Twitter

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Course - @TPCSawgrass

Tournament - @THEPLAYERSChamp

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### Tournament Set-up

Par: 36-36—72

Yardage: 7,275

### Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 5,500 sq. ft.

Acres of Fairway: 26

Acres of Rough: 120

Number of Sand Bunkers: 92

Number of Water Hazards: 18

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 18

Soil Conditions: Sandy loam

Water Sources: Reclaimed

Drainage Conditions: Good

### Turfgrass

Greens: Poa Trivialis overseed .100"

Collars: Champion fine rye overseed .200"

Approaches: Rye / Poa overseed .250"

Tees: Champion fine rye overseed .275"

Fairways: Champion fine rye overseed .275"

Rough: Champion fine rye overseed 3.5"

### Additional Notes

- This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> of 4 straight weeks in Florida.

- This will be the 6<sup>th</sup> of the first 10 tournaments (does not include Mexico or Puerto Rico Open) with poa greens this year. The last two weeks in Florida were on bermudagrass greens. Next week's Valspar Championship will be played on poa as well.

- A week after playing greens that averaged 7,500 sq. ft. at Bay Hill, this week's event features greens which avg. just 5,500 sq. ft.

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

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

- 5 – California
- 4 – Florida
- 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 – 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