

World Wide Technology Championship (PGA TOUR)

El Cardonal at Diamante • Cabo San Lucas, Mexico • November 7-10, 2024

Director of Golf Maintenance

Kevin Welker, CGCS, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 36

Years at El Cardonal: 2nd

Years as a Superintendent: 26

Previous Courses: Iberostar Play Paraiso & Iberostar
Cancun (Director of Golf Course Maintenance, 14 years)

Hometown: Stuart, Fla.

Education: Lake City CC

Professional Tournaments Hosted: 2nd World Wide Tech.
Was consultant at World Wide Tech at Mayakoba (twice),
and hosted Bupa Match Play PGA Latino America (twice)

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Other Key Golf Personnel

Nelson Lopez, Assistant Superintendent

Omar Garcia, Equipment Manager

Bill Ousterhout, Director of Grounds

Number of Employees: 34

Golf Course Dog: Kobe, 4-month-old golden retriever

Course Architect

Architect (year): Tiger Woods (2014)

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Superintendent - @KevinWelkerCGCS

Course - @DiamanteCabo

Tournament - @WWTChampionship

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Tournament Set-up

Par: 36-36--72

Yardage: 7,452

Stimpmeter: 11-12

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 8,300 sq. ft.

Total Property Acres: 1,600

Acres of Fairway: 97

Acres of Rough: 0

Number of Sand Bunkers: 48

Number of Water Hazards: 1

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 1

Soil Conditions: Sandy and clay loam

Water Sources: Effluent

Turfgrass

Greens: Platinum paspalum .090"

Collars: Platinum paspalum .220"

Approaches: Platinum paspalum .300"

Tees: Platinum paspalum .300"

Fairways: Platinum paspalum .355"

Rough: None

Additional Notes

- New bunker sand was installed in all bunkers ahead of this event.
- Average fairway widths are 60 yards.
- Diamante is roughly 1,600 acres and was formerly a ranch.
- Wildlife on course include hare, deer, coyotes, iguanas, road runners, bobcats, rattle snakes.
- Maintenance volunteers are from all over the world including England, Canada, United States, France and Mexico.
- Davis Love designed the resort's Dunes Course, while Tiger Woods designed the 12-hole short course.

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