

Mitsubishi Electric Classic (PGA TOUR Champions)

TPC Sugarloaf • Duluth, Ga. • April 26-28, 2024

Golf Course Superintendent

Kyle Worthy, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 11

Years at TPC Sugarloaf: 6

Years as a Superintendent: 6

Previous Courses: TPC Sawgrass (assistant)

Hometown: Spartanburg, S.C.

Education: Clemson University

Professional Tournaments Hosted: This is Worthy's 5th Mitsubishi Electric Classic.

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Other Key Golf Personnel

Will Donahoe, Assistant Superintendent

David Fox, Assistant Superintendent

Zac Metts, Assistant Superintendent

Willmer Fuentes, Equipment Manager

John Barrett, PGA Professional

Number of Employees: 25

Number of Tournament Volunteers: 17

Golf Course Dog: Dakota, 1-year-old border collie

Course Architect

Architect (year): Greg Norman (1997)

Renovation Architect (year): Greg Norman (2017-19)

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Course - @tpcsugarloaf

Tournament - @MEClassicGolf

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Tournament Set-up

Par: 36-36--72

Yardage: 7,179

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 6,340 sq. ft.

Acres of Fairway: 30

Acres of Rough: 55

Number of Sand Bunkers: 54

Number of Water Hazards: 10

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 7

Soil Conditions: Clay

Water Sources: Reservoir from property runoff

Drainage Conditions: Poor

Turfgrass

Greens: TifEagle bermudagrass .100"

Collars: Zeon zoysiagrass .425"

Approaches: Zeon zoysiagrass .425"

Tees: Zeon zoysiagrass .425"

Fairways: Zeon zoysiagrass .425"

Rough: Tifway bermudagrass 2"

Additional Notes

- The tournament is returning to its traditional routing of Stables-Meadows rotation after last year's Pines-Meadows rotation due to the stream restoration on No. 4 on the Stables.
- The entire stream along No. 4 fairway was reconstructed and restored with a flood plain created and native vegetation established along the banks.
- Area has experienced a very cool, wet Spring. The warm season grasses have slowly been emerging from dormancy.
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- The property was a horse farm prior to the development of the golf course.
- TPC Sugarloaf was the first course Greg Norman designed in the United States.
- Course is Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary for Golf Certified.
- Six maintenance staff members have worked here for more than 13 years, including two for 25-years plus.

GCSAA Notes (PGA TOUR Champions only)

2024 Tournaments by State (multiple events)

- 3 – Florida
- 3 – California
- 2 – Texas
- 2 – Michigan

2023 Longest Courses (7,200+)

- 7,350 – The Concession (World Champions)
- 7,249 – Greystone (Regions Tradition)
- 7,248 – Firestone (Kaulig Companies Champ)
- 7,237 – Prestonwood (SAS Championship)
- 7,218 – SentryWorld (US Senior Open)
- 7,217 – The Club at Snoqualmie Ridge (Boeing)

2023 Shortest Courses

- 6,703 – Las Colinas (Invited Celebrity)
- 6,729 – Minnehaha (Sanford)
- 6,821 – Newport Beach (Hoag Classic)
- 6,851 – Wakonda Club (Principal Charity)
- 6,858 – Pebble Beach (PURE Insurance)

2023 Largest Avg. Greens by sq. ft.

- 8,000 – Norwood Hills (Ascension Charity)
- 8,000 – En-Joie (DICK'S Sporting Goods)
- 7,600 – Firestone (Kaulig Companies)
- 7,300 – PGA Frisco (Sr. PGA Championship)
- 7,253 – Ritz-Carlton (PNC Championship)

2023 Smallest Avg. Greens by sq. ft.

- 3,500 – Pebble Beach (PURE Insurance)
- 4,200 – Newport Beach (Hoag Classic)
- 4,500 – The Woodlands (Insperity)
- 5,000 – Omni Tucson (Cologuard)
- 5,500 – Tiburon (Chubb Classic)
- 5,500 – Warwick Hills (Ally Challenge)
- 5,500 – SentryWorld (US Senior Open)
- 5,500 – The Concession (World Championship)

2023 Course by Greens Turf Types

- 12 – Bermudagrass**
- 6 – Bentgrass
- 5 – Poa
- 4 – Poa / Bentgrass

GCSAA Superintendent Notes (PGA TOUR only)

Longest GCSAA Membership

- 41 – Larry Napora, Firestone (Kaulig)
 - 40 – Mike Null, Norwood Hills (Ascension)
 - 35 – Michael Petty, Omni Tucson (Cologuard)
 - 33 – Christian Sain, CC of Virginia (Dominion)
 - 28 – Craig Werline, Phoenix CC (Charles Schwab)
 - 28 – Jonas Conlan, Mission Hills (Galleri)
 - 27 – Lee Hancock, Prestonwood (SAS Champ)
 - 27 – Roger Meier, PGA Frisco (Sr. PGA Champ)
- Note: Avg. GCSAA membership years for host superintendents is 20.7.*