

Arnold Palmer Invitational (PGA TOUR)

Bay Hill Club and Lodge • Orlando, Fla. • March 6-9, 2025

Director of Grounds

Chris Flynn, CGCS, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 27

Years at Bay Hill: 11

Years as Superintendent: 23

Previous Courses: Marriott Grande Vista (director), Links at Spanish Bay (super), Spyglass (asst), TPC Four Seasons

Education: SUNY Cobleskill

Professional Tournaments Hosted: This is Flynn's 17th pro event (12th Arnold Palmer, 3 AT&T National Pro Ams and 2 Byron Nelson Classics)

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Other Key Agronomy Personnel

Alexandra Hills, superintendent; John Owens, senior assistant superintendent; Clayton Julian, assistant superintendent; Pete Clover, equipment manager

Agronomy Employees: 45 / Tournament Volunteers: 20

Golf Course Dog: Zeke, 10-year-old Brittany Spaniel and Lucy, 1-year-old Maltese

Course Architect

Dick Wilson (1961) / Renovation: Arnold Palmer, ASGCA (2009)

Notable

- The Beach Bunker at No. 17 green was removed and turned into a grass bank.
- Arnold Palmer was the first recipient of GCSAA's Old Tom Morris Award in 1983 for a continuing lifetime commitment to the game of golf.
- Palmer's father Deacon and younger brother Jerry were both golf course superintendents at Latrobe (Pa.) Country Club.
- *"The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America and all golf course superintendents are probably the most important entity that we have in golf... The conditions and the golf course's beauty, the environment, the wetlands, everything depends on their perseverance and their knowledge and the work they do to maintain the golf courses."* – Arnold Palmer

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Tournament Setup

Par: 36-36--72

Yardage: 7,466

Turfgrass

Greens: TifEagle bermudagrass .110"

Collars: Celebration bermudagrass .225"

Approaches: Perennial ryegrass overseed .350"

Tees: Perennial ryegrass overseed .350"

Fairways: Perennial ryegrass overseed .350"

Rough: Perennial ryegrass overseed 3"

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 7,500 sq. ft.

Total Property Acres: 250

Acres of Fairway: 31

Acres of Rough: 100

Number of Sand Bunkers: 84 (4 acres)

Number of Water Hazards: 8

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 9

Soil Conditions: Sandy loam

Water Sources: Reclaimed

Drainage: Minimal issues

Average Fairway Widths: 30 yards

Links

GCSAA Tournament Fact Sheet Home:

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

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Tournament Fact Sheet

2025 GCSAA Course and Superintendent Notes For Courses Played to Date (PGA TOUR Only) (Primary Courses Only) (U.S. Courses Only) (This Week's Course in Red)

Tournaments by State

- 4 – California
- 2 – Hawaii
- 2 - Florida
- 1 – Arizona

Yardage (par)

- 7,765 (72) – Torrey Pines South (Genesis)
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- 7,596 (73) – Kapalua Resort (The Sentry)
- 7,466 (72) – Bay Hill Club (Cognizant)
- 7,261 (71) – TPC Scottsdale (WM Phoenix Open)
- 7,210 (72) – PGA West Pete Dye Stadium (American Express)
- 7,167 (71) – PGA National (Cognizant)
- 7,044 (70) – Waialae (Sony Open)
- 6,972 (72) – Pebble Beach Golf Links (AT&T Pro Am)

Average Green Size

Largest

- 8,722 – Kapalua Resort (The Sentry)
- 7,500 – Bay Hill Club (Cognizant)
- 7,100 – Waialae (Sony Open)

Smallest

- 3,500 – Pebble Beach Golf Links (AT&T Pro Am)
- 5,000 – Torrey Pines South (Genesis)
- 5,000 – Torrey Pines South (Farmers Insurance)

Number of Bunkers

Most

- 116 – Pebble Beach Golf Links (AT&T Pro Am)
- 93 – Kapalua Resort (The Sentry)
- 90 – PGA West Pete Dye Stadium (American Express)
- 84 – Bay Hill Club (Arnold Palmer)

Fewest

- 65 – PGA National (Cognizant)
- 67 - TPC Scottsdale (WM Phoenix Open)
- 82 – Torrey Pines (Farmers Insurance and Genesis)

Green Turf Type

- 4 – Poa annua
- 4 – Bermudagrass
- 1 – Poa / bentgrass / ryegrass overseed
- 1 – Paspalum

Rough Turf Type

- 5 – Ryegrass overseed
- 2 – Bermudagrass
- 1 – Ryegrass / Poa annua mix
- 1 – Ryegrass / fine fescue overseed
- 1 – Paspalum

Superintendents Tournaments Hosted (includes 2025)

- 24 – Dave Nakama, CGCS, Waialae (Sony Open)
- 17 – Chris Flynn, CGCS, Bay Hill Club (12th Arnold Palmer)
- 13 – Ken Einwig, PGA National (Cognizant)

Superintendents GCSAA Membership Years

- 39 – Brian Sullivan, CGCS, MG, PGA West (AE)
- 34 – Ken Einwig, PGA National (Cognizant)
- 27 – Chris Flynn, CGCS, Bay Hill Club (Arnold Palmer)

Superintendents Alma Maters

- 2 – Penn State
- 1 – Arizona, Hawaii, Michigan State, Texas Tech, Lake City, SUNY-Cobleskill

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