

Texas Children's Houston Open (PGA TOUR)

Memorial Park • Houston, Texas • March 27-30, 2025

Golf Course Superintendent

Parker Henry, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 13

Years at Memorial Park: 3

Years as Superintendent: 3

Previous Courses: Quail Hollow Club (assistant), Sedgefield Country Club (assistant)

Hometown: Liberty, N.C.

Education: North Carolina State University

Professional Tournaments Hosted: This is Henry's 3rd professional event as a superintendent after many professional events as an assistant at Quail Hollow and Sedgefield.

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Other Key Agronomy Personnel

Kyle Neal, assistant superintendent; Derrick Ross, assistant superintendent; Jose Palma, equipment manager; Glen Childers, PGA Professional

Agronomy Employees: 29 / Tournament Volunteers: 50

Golf Course Dog: Zeke, 6-year-old English lab

Course Architect

John Bredemus (1936)

Renovation: Tom Doak (2019)

Notable

- A professional tee was added to No. 16 since last year.
- Ahead of last year's tournament No. 17 green was moved 30 yards further back and two bunkers were added to the left of the green.
- January was extremely cold and included 3-4" of snowfall.
- Weather since last year's event included a May windstorm (a derecho) that damaged more than 100 trees and then Hurricane Beryl in July which dropped 13"-plus of rain and damaged 100 more trees.
- Half of maintenance staff has more than 20 years of experience at Memorial Park while the other half has 2.5 years or less of experience at the course.

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- The public golf course is extremely busy, and the biggest challenge Henry and staff face is balancing the daily maintenance operation with the extra tasks that are required for this tournament without impacting play too much.

Tournament Setup

Par: 35-35--70

Yardage: 7,475

Turfgrass

Greens: Poa trivialis overseed .110"

Collars: Poa and perennial ryegrass overseed .325"

Approaches: Perennial ryegrass overseed .325"

Tees: Perennial ryegrass overseed .325'

Fairways: Perennial ryegrass overseed .400"

Rough: Perennial ryegrass overseed 1.25"

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 7,000 sq. ft.

Acres of Fairway: 28

Acres of Rough: 120

Number of Sand Bunkers: 21 (1 acre)

Number of Water Hazards: 2

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 4

Soil Conditions: Sand capped fairways, tees; native soil rough

Water Sources: Irrigation pond

Drainage: Fast draining

Average Fairway Widths: 30-40 yards

Links

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<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 – Florida / California
- 2 – Hawaii
- 1 – Arizona / Texas

Yardage (par)

- 7,765 (72) – Torrey Pines South (Farmers Insurance & Genesis)
- 7,596 (73) – Kapalua Resort (The Sentry)
- 7,475 (70) – Memorial Park (Texas Children's Hospital)**
- 7,466 (72) – Bay Hill Club (Cognizant)
- 7,352 (71) – Innisbrook Resort (Valspar)
- 7,352 (72) – TPC Sawgrass (THE PLAYERS)
- 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)
- 7,069 – TPC Scottsdale (WM Phoenix Open)
- 7,000 – PGA National (Cognizant)
- 7,000 – PGA West Pete Dye Stadium (American Express)
- 7,000 – Memorial Park (Texas Children's Hospital)**

Smallest

- 3,500 – Pebble Beach Golf Links (AT&T Pro Am)
- 5,000 – Torrey Pines South (Farmers Insurance AND Genesis)
- 5,500 – TPC Sawgrass (THE PLAYERS)
- 5,822 – Innisbrook Resort (Valspar)

Number of Bunkers

Most

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

Fewest

- 21 – Memorial Park (Texas Children's Hospital)**
- 65 – PGA National (Cognizant)
- 67 – TPC Scottsdale (WM Phoenix Open)
- 74 – Innisbrook Resort (Valspar)
- 82 – Torrey Pines (Farmers Insurance AND Genesis)

Green Turf Type

- 5 – Bermudagrass
- 6 – Poa**
- 1 – Poa / bentgrass / ryegrass overseed

Rough Turf Type

- 8 – Ryegrass overseed**
- 2 – Bermudagrass
- 1 – Ryegrass / Poa annua mix
- 1 – Ryegrass / fine fescue overseed

Superintendents Tournaments Hosted (includes 2025)

- 30 – Jeff Plotts, TPC Sawgrass (10th THE PLAYERS)
- 24 – Dave Nakama, CGCS, Waialae (Sony Open)
- 17 – Ryan Stewart, Innisbrook (Valspar)
- 17 – Chris Flynn, CGCS, Bay Hill Club (Arnold Palmer)

Superintendents GCSAA Membership Years

- 39 – Brian Sullivan, CGCS, MG, PGA West (AE)
- 34 – Ken Einwig, PGA National (Cognizant)
- 31 – Jeff Plotts, TPC Sawgrass (THE PLAYERS)
- 27 – Chris Flynn, CGCS, Bay Hill Club (Arnold Palmer)

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