



Tournament Fact Sheet

THE CJ CUP Byron Nelson (PGA TOUR)

TPC Craig Ranch • McKinney, Texas • May 1-4, 2025

Golf Course Superintendent

Stephen Gross, CGCS, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 31

Years at TPC Craig Ranch: 9 months

Years as Superintendent: 30

Previous Courses: Invited (regional vice president of agronomy – still holds this position as well)

Hometown: Stow, Ohio

Education: Ohio State University

Professional Tournaments Hosted: This is his 1st professional tournament.

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Other Key Agronomy Personnel

Alex Hindes, assistant superintendent; Carlos DeJesus, equipment manager

Agronomy Employees: 25 / Tournament Volunteers: 20

Course Architect

Tom Weiskopf (2004)

Upcoming Renovation: Lanny Wadkins (summer 2025)

Notable

- The summer renovation will include everything but tees.
- Since last year new irrigation, fairway drainage and tree work was done.
- New Tour tees were added on six holes (5, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14).
- Rowlett Creek runs through the property and crosses 14 of the 18 holes.
- High salt content in the well water has affected the ryegrass in poorly draining areas of the golf course.
- TPC Craig Ranch is a certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary.
- At 7,561 yards this is the longest par-71 course so far this year on Tour, as well as the 4th-longest overall of courses played in 2025 (see next page).

Tournament Setup

Par: 36-35--71

Yardage: 7,569

Turfgrass

Greens: Bentgrass .100"

Collars: Ryegrass .300"

Approaches: Ryegrass .350"

Tees: Ryegrass .300"

Fairways: Ryegrass .375"

Rough: Ryegrass 3.25"

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 6,778 sq. ft.

Total Property Acres: 240

Acres of Fairway: 24

Acres of Rough: 80

Acres of Native Area: 45

Number of Sand Bunkers: 83 (4 acres)

Number of Water Hazards: 4

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 13

Soil Conditions: USGA greens / sand capped fairways

Water Sources: Well / city

Drainage: Good

Average Fairway Widths: 25-28 yards

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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

3 - Texas

2 - Hawaii

1 – Arizona / 1 – Georgia / 1 – South Carolina / 1 - Louisiana

Yardage (par)

7,765 (72) – Torrey Pines South (Farmers Insurance)

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7,596 (73) – Kapalua Resort (The Sentry)

7,561 (71) – TPC Craig Ranch (CJ CUP Byron Nelson)

7,555 (72) – Augusta National (Masters)

7,475 (70) – Memorial Park (Texas Children's Hospital)

7,466 (72) – Bay Hill Club (Cognizant)

7,438 (72) – TPC San Antonio (Valero Texas Open)

7,425 (72) – TPC Louisiana (Zurich)

7,352 (71) – Innisbrook Resort (Valspar)

7,352 (72) – TPC Sawgrass (THE PLAYERS)

7,261 (71) – TPC Scottsdale (WM Phoenix Open)

7,213 (71) – Harbour Town (RBC)

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 (top five)

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)

3,700 – Harbour Town (RBC)

5,000 – Torrey Pines South (Farmers Insurance)

5,000 – Torrey Pines South (Genesis)

5,225 – TPC Louisiana (Zurich)

Number of Bunkers (top five)

Most

116 – Pebble Beach Golf Links (AT&T Pro Am)

106 – TPC Louisiana (Zurich)

93 – Kapalua Resort (The Sentry)

92 – TPC Sawgrass (THE PLAYERS)

90 – PGA West Pete Dye Stadium (American Express)

Fewest

21 – Memorial Park (Texas Children's Hospital)

44 – Augusta National (Masters)

51 – Harbour Town (RBC)

64 – TPC San Antonio (Valero Texas Open)

65 – PGA National (Cognizant)

67 – TPC Scottsdale (WM Phoenix Open)

Green Turf Type

5 – Bermudagrass

6 – Poa

3 – Poa overseed

2 – Bentgrass (other was Augusta National - Masters)

1 – Poa / bentgrass / ryegrass overseed

Rough Turf Type

11 – Ryegrass

3 – Bermudagrass

1 – Ryegrass / Poa annua mix

1 – Ryegrass / fine fescue overseed

1 – Perennial ryegrass / fescue

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Superintendents Tournaments Hosted (includes 2025)

30 – Jeff Plotts, TPC Sawgrass (10th THE PLAYERS)
28 – Jonathan Wright, Harbour Town (RBC)
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)
37 – Roby Robertson, CGCS, TPC San Antonio (Valero Texas)
34 – Ken Einwig, PGA National (Cognizant)
31 – Stephen Gross, CGCS, TPC Craig Ranch (THE CJ CUP)
31 – Jeff Plotts, TPC Sawgrass (THE PLAYERS)
29 – Jonathan Wright, Harbour Town (RBC)

Superintendents Alma Maters

2 – Penn State
1 – Arizona, Hawaii, Michigan State, Texas Tech, Lake City,
SUNY-Cobleskill, Georgia, N.C. State, Kansas State, Purdue,
Kentucky, Mississippi State, **Ohio State**

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