

# **Tournament Fact Sheet**

# the Memorial Tournament (PGA TOUR)

Muirfield Village Golf Club • Dublin, Ohio • May 29-June 1, 2025

#### **Director of Grounds**

## Chad Mark, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 27

Years at Muirfield: 9

Years as Superintendent: 22

Previous Courses: Inverness Club, Sand Ridge GC, Kirtland CC

Hometown: Washington Court House, Ohio

Education: Ohio State University

Professional Tournaments Hosted: This is Mark's 9<sup>th</sup> Memorial.

He also hosted the 2020 Workday Charity Open

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## **Other Key Agronomy Personnel**

Seamus Foley, assistant superintendent; Connor Quigley, assistant superintendent; Andrew Kaprosy, infrastructure

manager; Bill Claytor, equipment manager

Agronomy Employees: 50 / Tournament Volunteers: 35 Golf Course Dog: Duke, 2-year-old golden retriever

#### **Course Architect**

Jack Nicklaus (1974)

Renovation: Jack Nicklaus (2020)

#### **Notable**

- Winter saw more snow cover through the winter months than usual. Spring temperatures have been a rollercoaster with an abundance of rain in early April.
- Course uses PrecisionAire technology under its greens.
- Before the 2024 tournament No. 16 tee was moved 25 yards to the right and a greenside bunker was removed.
- Maintenance crew has 10 interns who have come from Australia, South Africa, Penn State, Michigan State, Ohio State, Wisconsin, SUNY Delhi and Eastern Kentucky.
- Chad Mark has had eight assistants transition into superintendent roles in the last eight years.

## **Tournament Setup**

Par: 36-36--72 Yardage: 7,569

## **Turfgrass**

Greens: Bentgrass .090" Collars: Bentgrass .275" Approaches: Bentgrass .275" Tees: Bentgrass .275"

Fairways: Bentgrass .350"

Rough: Kentucky bluegrass / ryegrass / fescue 4"

#### **Course Statistics**

Average Green Size: 5,000 sq. ft.

Acres of Fairway: 24 Acres of Rough: 110

Number of Sand Bunkers: 68 Number of Water Hazards: 13 Number of Holes Water is in Play: 13

Soil Conditions: Native clay. Fairways modified through years of

topdressing. Greens are USGA specifications.

Water Sources: Pond, well

Drainage: Good

Average Fairway Widths: 24 yards

#### Links

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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 / 4 - Texas

2 - Hawaii / South Carolina

1 - Ariz. / Ga. / La. / Pa. / N.C. / Ohio

#### Yardage (par)

#### Longest (top 10)

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

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7,626 (71) – Quail Hollow (PGA Championship)

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

7,569 (72) - Muirfield Village (Memorial)

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)

#### Shortest (top 5)

6,972 (72) - Pebble Beach Golf Links (AT&T Pro Am)

7,044 (70) - Waialae (Sony Open)

7,119 (70) – Philadelphia Cricket Club (Truist)

7,167 (71) - PGA National (Cognizant)

7,210 (72) – PGA West Pete Dye Stadium (American Express)

#### 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 - Colonial Country Club (Charles Schwab)

5,000 - Torrey Pines South (Farmers Insurance)

5,000 - Torrey Pines South (Genesis)

5,000 - Muirfield Village (Memorial)

#### Number of Bunkers (top five)

#### Most

118 - Philadelphia Cricket Club (Truist)

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

106 - TPC Louisiana (Zurich)

93 - Kapalua Resort (The Sentry)

92 - TPC Sawgrass (THE PLAYERS)

#### <u>Fewest</u>

21 - Memorial Park (Texas Children's Hospital)

44 - Augusta National (Masters)

51 – Harbour Town (RBC)

61 - Quail Hollow (PGA Championship)

64 - Colonial Country Club (Charles Schwab)

64 – TPC San Antonio (Valero Texas Open)

#### **Green Turf Type**

10 - Poa or Poa overseed

6 - Bermudagrass

5 – Bentgrass

1 - Poa / bentgrass / ryegrass overseed

#### **Rough Turf Type**

13- Ryegrass

4 - Bermudagrass

4 - Ryegrass and fescue mixes

1 - Tall fescue

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#### Superintendents Tournaments Hosted (includes 2025) (top 5)

- 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)
- 17 Keith Wood, Quail Hollow (PGA Championship)

#### Superintendents GCSAA Membership Years (30+ 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)

#### **Superintendents Alma Maters**

#### 4 - Ohio State

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

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