

Valspar Championship (PGA TOUR)

Innisbrook Resort (Copperhead) • Palm Harbor, Fla. • March 20-23, 2025

Golf Course Superintendent

Ryan Stewart, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 22

Years at Innisbrook: 23

Years as Superintendent: 18

Previous Courses: Monifieth, Merion, Shadow Wood

Hometown: Carnoustie, Scotland

Professional Tournaments Hosted: This is Stewart's 17th PGA TOUR event.

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Other Key Agronomy Personnel

Andriy Maksymiv, superintendent for Copperhead and North; Bobby Van Natter, superintendent for Island; Scott Robinson, assistant superintendent; Milan Vlasisavijevic, equipment manager; Andrew Corry, director of golf

Agronomy Employees: 14 (Copperhead), 55 (all courses)

Tournament Volunteers: 15

Golf Course Dogs: Whiskey and Nessie (both 2-year-old border collies)

Course Architect

Larry Packard, ASGCA (1971)

Notable

- No. 9 will play from No. 11 tee to add length to the hole, so the bunkers come into play.
- The tournament yardage is 7,352, which is identical to last week's THE PLAYERS, but par this week is 71, while last week was 72. It is the longest par-71 course played so far this year.
- Two years ago, the rough height was increased to 3.75" from 3" and the intermediate cut width around the greens was decreased to 21" from 72" to bring the rough closer to the greens.
- Superintendent Ryan Stewart plays soccer and has been involved in national championship teams at the amateur 30 and over and 40 and over levels.

- Course architect Larry Packard lived at Innisbrook until he passed away at age 101 in 2014.

Tournament Setup

Par: 36-35--71

Yardage: 7,352

Turfgrass

Greens: Poa trivialis overseed .115"

Collars: Ryegrass overseed .350"

Approaches: Ryegrass overseed .350"

Tees: Ryegrass overseed .350"

Fairways: Ryegrass overseed .450"

Rough: Ryegrass overseed 3.75"

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 5,822 sq. ft.

Total Property Acres: 950

Acres of Fairway: 25

Acres of Rough: 75

Number of Sand Bunkers: 74

Number of Water Hazards: 8

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 9

Water Sources: Effluent

Drainage: Good

High Elevation: 85 feet (No. 10 tee)

Low Elevation: 9 feet (No. 2 fairway)

Average Fairway Widths: 20 yards

Links

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

Yardage (par)

- 7,765 (72) – Torrey Pines South (Farmers Insurance & Genesis)
- 7,596 (73) – Kapalua Resort (The Sentry)
- 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)

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

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

Rough Turf Type

- 7 – 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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