

WM Phoenix Open (PGA TOUR)

TPC Scottsdale (Stadium) • Scottsdale, Ariz. • February 6-9, 2025

Director, Golf Course Operations

Brandon Reese, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 16

Years at TPC Scottsdale: 4th as director (8 total)

Years as Superintendent: 13

Previous Courses: TPC Louisiana (director), TPC Scottsdale (super), TPC San Antonio (super)

Hometown: Lubbock, Texas

Education: Texas Tech University

Professional Tournaments Hosted: Reese has hosted a PGA Tour event year every year since 2008, including 6 Zurich Classics in New Orleans. This is his 4th as director at TPC Scottsdale.

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Other Key Agronomy Personnel

Doug Hamman, superintendent, Aric Runge, Stadium assistant, Will Maier, Stadium assistant, Rylan Hulse, Champions assistant, Blake Cederberg, Champions assistant, Randy Waymire, equipment manager

Course Architect

Tom Weiskopf and Jay Morris (1986)

Renovation: Tom Weiskopf (2014)

Notable

- Phoenix had second-longest dry streak in recorded history with 159 days without rain (August 24 to Jan. 29). Only 1/10th of an inch fell on Jan. 29. The longest stretch was 160 days in 1972.
- There were very high temperatures during the overseed process which made establishment of those grasses more challenging than normal.
- Maintenance staff has employed the use of grow lamps and fans to aid in efforts to grow healthy, vibrant turfgrass.
- Ridge work was done to enhance fan experience on #6 and #12.

- The build of the tournament started early with the structures around #16 starting in mid-September.
- There is a lot of experience in maintenance staff with several having worked at TPC Scottsdale for more than 30 years.

Tournament Setup

Par: 35-36--71

Yardage: 7,261

Turfgrass

Greens: Poa trivialis / bentgrass / ryegrass overseed

Tees: Ryegrass / fine fescue overseed

Fairways: Ryegrass / fine fescue overseed

Rough: Ryegrass / fine fescue overseed

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 7,069 sq. ft.

Acres of Fairway: 27.55

Acres of Rough: 70

Number of Sand Bunkers: 67

Number of Water Hazards: 3

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 6

Soil Conditions: Decomposed granite / Illuvial clay

Water Sources: Reclaimed, effluent, RO permeate

Drainage: Good

Links

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Tournament Fact Sheet

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

Tournaments by State

- 3 – California
- 2 – Hawaii
- 1 - Arizona

Yardage (par)

- 7,765 (72) – Torrey Pines North (Farmers Insurance)
- 7,596 (73) – Kapalua Resort (The Sentry)
- 7,261 (71) – TPC Scottsdale (WM Phoenix Open)
- 7,210 (72) – PGA West Pete Dye Stadium (American Express)
- 7,044 (70) – Waialae (Sony Open)
- 6,972 (72) – Pebble Beach Golf Links (AT&T Pro Am)

Average Green Size

- 8,722 – Kapalua Resort (The Sentry)
- 7,100 – Waialae (Sony Open)
- 7,069 - TPC Scottsdale (WM Phoenix Open)
- 7,000 – PGA West Pete Dye Stadium (American Express)
- 5,000 – Torrey Pines North (Farmers Insurance)
- 3,500 – Pebble Beach Golf Links (AT&T Pro Am)

Number of Bunkers

- 116 – Pebble Beach Golf Links (AT&T Pro Am)
- 93 – Kapalua Resort (The Sentry)
- 90 – PGA West Pete Dye Stadium (American Express)
- 83 – Waialae (Sony Open)
- 82 – Torrey Pines North (Farmers Insurance)
- 67 - TPC Scottsdale (WM Phoenix Open)

Green Turf Type

- 3 – Poa annua
- 2 – Bermudagrass
- 1 – Poa / bentgrass / ryegrass overseed

Rough Turf Type

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

Superintendents Tournaments Hosted (includes 2025)

- 24 – Dave Nakama, CGCS (Sony Open)
- 7 – Andrew Rebman (The Sentry)
- 4 – Brandon Reese (WM Phoenix Open)
- 4 – Devin Cullen (Farmers Insurance)
- 2 – Pete Bachman (AT&T Pro Am)

Superintendents GCSAA Membership Years

- 39 – Brian Sullivan, CGCS, MG (PGA West)
- 20 – Dave Nakama, CGCS (Waialae)
- 17 – Pete Bachman (Pebble Beach)
- 13 – Brandon Reese (TPC Scottsdale)
- 13 – Devin Cullen (Torrey Pines)
- 6 – Andrew Rebman (Kapalua Resort)

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- 2 – Penn State
- 1 - Arizona
- 1 – Hawaii
- 1 – Michigan State
- 1 – Texas Tech

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