GCSAA Tournament Fact Sheet

Zurich Classic (PGA TOUR)

TPC Louisiana • Avondale, La. • April 24-27, 2025

Director, Golf Course Operations

Tyler McCool, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 15
Years at TPC Louisiana: 8
Years as Superintendent: 4
Previous Courses: The Preserve Golf Club (assistant)
Hometown: Noxapater, Miss.
Education: Mississippi State University
Professional Tournaments Hosted: This is McCool's 4th event as superintendent. He was part of 3 other Zurich Classics as an assistant superintendent.
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Other Key Agronomy Personnel

Matthew Lambert, assistant superintendent; Seth Lepine, assistant superintendent; Josh Law, equipment manager, Luke Farabaugh, general manager; Alex Abbruzza, PGA professional
Agronomy Employees: 20 / Tournament Volunteers: 25

Course Architect

Pete Dye, ASGCA (2004)

Notable

• In January the golf course received 11" of snow and was closed for 4 days. New Orleans had not received that much snow since 1895.
• New Orleans has averaged 68" of rainfall over the last 7 years which has been a challenge for the agronomy team.
• TPC Louisiana is Audubon International Certified.
• The 106 bunkers here are the second most seen on the tour so far this year (116 at Pebble Beach).

Tournament Setup

Par: 36-36--72
Yardage: 7,425

Turfgrass

Greens: Poa trivialis overseed .100"
Collars: Poa trivialis overseed .260"
Approaches: Celebration bermudagrass .425"
Tees: TifSport bermudagrass .400"
Fairways: Celebration bermudagrass .425"
Rough: TifSport bermudagrass 2"

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 5,225 sq. ft.
Acres of Fairway: 23
Acres of Rough: 75
Number of Sand Bunkers: 106
Number of Water Hazards: 5
Number of Holes Water is in Play: 8
Soil Conditions: Pumped river sand
Water Sources: Well / city
Drainage: Good

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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
2 - Texas / Hawaii
1 – Arizona / 1 – Georgia / 1 – South Carolina / 1 - Louisiana

Yardage (par)

7,765 (72) – Torrey Pines South (Farmers Insurance)
7,765 (72) – Torrey Pines South (Genesis)
7,596 (73) – Kapalua Resort (The Sentry)
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
1 – Poa / bentgrass / ryegrass overseed
1 - Bentgrass

Rough Turf Type

10 – Ryegrass overseed
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 – 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

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