



# Tournament Fact Sheet

## Mitsubishi Electric Championship (PGA TOUR Champions) Hualalai Golf Course • Kailua-Kona, Hawaii • January 16-18, 2025

### Director of Golf Course Maintenance

#### Dan Husek, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 31

Years at Hualalai: 20

Years as Superintendent: 16

Previous Courses: Ke'olu (assistant), Mangilao (assistant), PGA National (assistant)

Hometown: Benson, Ill.

Education: Southern Illinois-Carbondale

Professional Tournaments Hosted: This is Husek's 20<sup>th</sup> Mitsubishi Electric Championship.

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### Other Key Agronomy Personnel

Mike Clifford, assistant director of golf course maintenance,

Chance Lincoln, superintendent, Darus Ignacio, assistant

superintendent, Abel Serrao, equipment manager

Agronomy Employees: 54 for two courses / Tournament

Volunteers: 5

### Course Architect

Jack Nicklaus (1996)

Renovation: Jon Garner (2020)

### Notable

- An entire course conversion from bermudagrass to paspalum that began in 2020 was completed in 2024 (since last year's event).
- Course is on land from old lava flows from Hualalai and Mauna Loa. All the "topsoil" was hauled in from the Hilo side of the Big Island.
- Chance Lincoln (superintendent) and Darus Ignacio (assistant) were promoted to their current positions this year. Lincoln recently celebrated his 30<sup>th</sup> year working at Hualalai.
- Equipment manager Abel Serrao completed the GCSAA equipment managers level one certificate program.

### Tournament Setup

Par: 36-36--72

Yardage: 7,107

### Turfgrass

Greens: Platinum paspalum .095"

Collars: Platinum paspalum .325"

Approaches: Platinum paspalum .325"

Tees: Sea Isle 2000 paspalum .325"

Fairways: Sea Isle 2000 paspalum .325"

Rough: Sea Isla 200 paspalum 1.25"

### Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 7,417 sq. ft.

Acres of Fairway: 45

Acres of Rough: 67

Number of Sand Bunkers: 84

Number of Water Hazards: 3

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 1

Soil Conditions: Cinder / ash mix

Water Sources: Brackish well water blended with reverse osmosis brine.

Drainage: Fair

Average Fairway Widths: 30 yards

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