



Tournament Fact Sheet

Cognizant Classic in the Palm Beaches (PGA TOUR)

PGA National (The Champion) • Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. • Feb. 26-Mar. 1, 2026

Director of Agronomy

Keith Einwag, CGCS, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 35

Years at PGA National: 2 (started Feb. 6, 2024)

Years as a Superintendent: 40

Previous Courses: Belfair (director), Classic Club (director), Laurel Oak (director), Innisbrook (director), Lone Palm (super)

Education: Lake City College

Professional Tournaments Hosted: This is Einwag's 2nd

Cognizant Classic after hosting 12 Valspar Championships and a PGA Professional Championship in his career.

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Other Key Agronomy Personnel

Andrew Wilson, GCSAA, Champion Course superintendent

Years as GCSAA Member: 15 / Years at PGA National: 7.5

Derrick Wells, Fazio and Palmer superintendent; Edgar Perez, Match and Staple superintendent; Bill Diorio, Estate superintendent; Nathan Leach, equipment manager

Agronomy Employees: 19 (Champion) / Tourn. Volunteers: 12

Golf Course Dogs: Bentley, 10-year-old yellow lab and Quinn, 4-year-old chocolate lab

Course Architect

Tom Fazio, ASGCA and George Fazio, ASGCA (1981)

Renovation: Jack Nicklaus, ASGCA [2002, 2014 (redesign), 2018]

Notable

- Since last year, No. 2 tee was lengthened 20 yards and a new tee was built on No. 18, adding 30 yards to the hole.
- In 2025 the fairways and tees were overseeded for the first time since 2014. In previous years only the rough was overseeded. The underlying turf is bermudagrass.
- Fairway lines were narrowed in July 2024 and in all 4 acres of fairway and approach turf was reduced since then.
- Hole No. 6 plays as a par 5 for regular play but is a par 4 for the tournament.

Tournament Setup

Par: 35-36--71

Yardage: 7,223

Turfgrass

Greens: TifEagle bermudagrass .110"

Collars: Celebration bermudagrass .275"

Approaches: Perennial ryegrass overseed .350"

Tees: Perennial ryegrass overseed .350"

Fairways: Perennial ryegrass overseed .350"

Rough: Perennial ryegrass overseed 3" (up from 2.5" last year)

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 7,000 sq. ft.

Total Property Acres: 500 (120 for Champion)

Acres of Fairway: 25

Acres of Rough: 65

Number of Sand Bunkers: 60

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 15

Soil Conditions: Loam

Water Sources: Canal

Drainage: Fair

Average Fairway Widths: 28 yards

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2026 GCSAA Course and Superintendent Notes For Courses Played (PGA TOUR Only)

(This Week's Course in Red)

2026 Season Averages

Courses Played to Date (7 tournaments, includes this week)

Average Yardage – 7,268

Average Green Size – 6,310 sq. ft.

Average Sand Bunkers – 79.4

Average Holes with Water in Play – 5

Tournaments by State

4 – California

1 – Hawaii / Arizona / **Florida**

Yardage (par)

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

7,383 (71) – Riviera (The Genesis)

7,261 (71) – TPC Scottsdale (WM Phoenix Open)

7,223 (71) – PGA National (Cognizant Classic)

7,210 (72) – PGA West (The American Express)

7,044 (70) – Waialae CC (Sony Open)

6,989 (72) – Pebble Beach (AT&T Pro Am)

Average Green Size

7,500 – Riviera (The Genesis)

7,100 – Waialae CC (Sony Open)

7,069 – TPC Scottsdale (WM Phoenix Open)

7,000 – PGA National (Cognizant Classic)

7,000 – PGA West (The American Express)

5,000 – Torrey Pines (Farmers Insurance)

3,500 – Pebble Beach (AT&T Pro Am)

Number of Bunkers

116 – Pebble Beach (AT&T Pro Am)

90+ – PGA West (The American Express)

83 – Waialae CC (Sony Open)

82 – Torrey Pines (Farmers Insurance)

67 – TPC Scottsdale (WM Phoenix Open)

60 – PGA National (Cognizant Classic)

58 – Riviera (The Genesis)

Green Turf Type

5 – Poa annua

2 - Bermudagrass

Rough Turf Type

4 – Ryegrass

1 – Bermudagrass

1 – Fine Fescue

1 - Kikuyu

Superintendents Tournaments Hosted (includes 2025)

25 – Dave Nakama, CGCS, Waialae CC (Sony Open)

15 – Brandon Reese, TPC Scottsdale (WM Phoenix Open)

15 – Marshall Dick, Riviera (The Genesis)

14 – Keith Einwag, CGCS, PGA National (Cognizant Classic)

7 – Brian Sullivan, CGCS, MG, PGA West (American Express)

5 – Devin Cullen, Torrey Pines (Farmers Insurance)

5 – Pete Bachman, CGCS, Pebble Beach (AT&T Pro Am)

Superintendents GCSAA Membership Years

40 – Brian Sullivan, CGCS, MG, PGA West (American Express)

35 – Keith Einwag, CGCS, PGA National (Cognizant Classic)

21 – Dave Nakama, CGCS, Waialae CC (Sony Open)

18 – Pete Bachman, CGCS, Pebble Beach (AT&T Pro Am)

14 – Devin Cullen, Torrey Pines (Farmers Insurance)

6 – Marshall Dick, Riviera (The Genesis)

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3 – Penn State

1 - Hawaii / Texas Tech / **Lake City College**

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2025 Season Statistics for PGA TOUR

36 Courses (main courses only and does not include Puerto Rico Open, Scottish Open or Open Championship)

Average Yardage – 7,373

Average Green Size – 5,944 sq. ft.

Average Sand Bunkers – 76.8

Average Holes with Water in Play – 7.0

Greens Turf Type

Poa / Poa overseed – 12; Bentgrass – 9; Bermudagrass – 8

Bentgrass / Poa mix – 4; Paspalum – 2; Ryegrass overseed – 1

Rough Turf Type

Ryegrass mix / overseed – 14; Bluegrass mix – 10;

Bermudagrass – 8; Paspalum – 2; Fescue – 2

Par

Par 70 Courses – 12

Par 71 Courses – 11

Par 72 Courses – 12

Par 73 Courses – 1

PGA National Rankings in 2025

- 7th shortest yardage
- T7th in biggest greens
- 8th fewest sand bunkers
- T3rd most holes with water in play
- Director of Agronomy Keith Einwag, CGCS, GCSAA was one of 8 superintendents hosting PGA TOUR events in 2025 with 30-plus years of GCSAA membership (T5th).

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