



Tournament Fact Sheet

World Wide Technology Championship (PGA TOUR)

El Cardonal at Diamante • Cabo San Lucas, Mexico • November 6-9, 2025

Director of Golf Maintenance

Kevin Welker, CGCS, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 37

Years at El Cardonal: 3

Years as a Superintendent: 27

Previous Courses: Iberostar Play Paraiso & Iberostar Cancun
(director of golf course maintenance, 14 years)

Hometown: Stuart, Fla.

Education: Lake City CC

Professional Tournaments Hosted: This is Welker's 3rd World Wide Technology Championship. He was consultant at World Wide Technology at Mayakoba (twice) and hosted Bupa Match Play PGA Latino America (twice)

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Other Key Agronomy Personnel

Freddy Elos, superintendent; Nelson Lopez, assistant superintendent; Omar Garcia, equipment manager

Agronomy Employees: 34

Golf Course Dog: Kobe, 1-year-old golden retriever

Course Architect

Tiger Woods (2014)

Notable

- Tropical Storm Lorena dropped 7" of rain Sept. 2-3, inflicting significant damage to the golf course. The sheer volume of water coming from the adjacent communities washed out the natural arroyos, turning them from drainage features into deep channels requiring major work to move the sand back into place and restore the original character of the arroyos. The heavy runoff caused severe erosion on No. 5 green collar, destroying the edge that transitions the fairway to the putting surface.
- Shortage of effluent irrigation water has required more staff dedicated to hand watering to maintain turf.
- New bunker sand was installed in 2024.
- Wildlife on course include hare, deer, coyotes, iguanas, road runners, bobcats and rattle snakes.

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Tournament Setup

Par: 36-36--72

Yardage: 7,452

Turfgrass

Greens: Platinum paspalum .090"

Collars: Platinum paspalum .220"

Approaches: Platinum paspalum .300"

Tees: Platinum paspalum .300"

Fairways: Platinum paspalum .340"

Rough: None

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 8,300 sq. ft.

Total Property Acres: 1,600

Acres of Fairway: 97

Acres of Rough: 0

Number of Sand Bunkers: 48

Number of Water Hazards: 1

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 1

Soil Conditions: Sandy and clay loam

Water Sources: Effluent

High Elevation: No. 17 tee (335 feet)

Low Elevation: No. 3 fairway (90 feet)

Average Fairway Widths: 60 yards

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2025 GCSAA Course and Superintendent Notes For Courses Played to Date (PGA TOUR Only) (Primary Courses Only) (U.S./Canada/Mexico Courses Only) (This Week's Course in Red)

Tournaments by State

6 – California
4 – Florida / Texas
2 – Hawaii / South Carolina / Pa. / North Carolina / Georgia
1 – Ariz. / La. / Ohio / Canada / Ct. / Mich. / Ill. / Ky. / Minn /
Tenn. / Md. / Mississippi / Utah / **Mexico**

Yardage (par)

Longest (top 10)

7,765 (72) – Torrey Pines South (Farmers Insurance)
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7,626 (71) – Quail Hollow (PGA Championship)
7,601 (72) – Caves Valley (BMW Championship)
7,596 (73) – Kapalua Resort (The Sentry)
7,569 (72) – Muirfield Village (Memorial)
7,561 (71) – TPC Craig Ranch (CJ CUP Byron Nelson)
7,555 (72) – Augusta National (Masters)
7,480 (71) – Tahoe Mountain Club (Barracuda)
7,475 (70) – Memorial Park (Texas Children's Hospital)

Shortest (top 5)

6,844 (70) – TPC River Highlands (Travelers)
6,972 (72) – Pebble Beach Golf Links (AT&T Pro Am)
7,044 (70) – Waialae (Sony Open)
7,056 (70) – Hurstbourne (ISCO)
7,119 (70) – Philadelphia Cricket Club (Truist)

Average Green Size (top five)

Largest

8,500 – Oakmont (US Open)
8,722 – Kapalua Resort (The Sentry)
8,300 – El Cardonal at Diamante (Word Wide Technology)
7,500 – Bay Hill Club (Cognizant)
7,100 – Waialae (Sony Open)
7,069 – TPC Scottsdale (WM Phoenix Open)

Smallest

3,500 – Pebble Beach Golf Links (AT&T Pro Am)
3,700 – Harbour Town (RBC)
4,500 – TPC Southwind (FedEx St. Jude)
4,750 – Hurstbourne (ISCO)
5,000 – TPC River Highlands (Travelers)
5,000 – Colonial Country Club (Charles Schwab)
5,000 – Torrey Pines South (Farmers Insurance)
5,000 – Torrey Pines South (Genesis)
5,000 – Muirfield Village (Memorial)

Number of Bunkers (top five)

Most

168 – Oakmont (US Open)
118 – Philadelphia Cricket Club (Truist)
116 – Pebble Beach Golf Links (AT&T Pro Am)
106 – TPC Louisiana (Zurich)
95 – Tahoe Mountain Club (Barracuda)

Fewest

21 – Memorial Park (Texas Children's Hospital)
44 – Black Desert Resort (Bank of Utah)
44 – Augusta National (Masters)
48 – El Cardonal at Diamante (World Wide Technology)
48 – TPC Toronto (RBC Canadian)
51 – Harbour Town (RBC)

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Green Turf Type

- 11 – Poa or Poa overseed
- 10 – Bentgrass
- 10 – Bermudagrass
- 5 – Bentgrass / Poa
- 1 – Poa / bentgrass / ryegrass
- 1 – **Platinum paspalum**

Rough Turf Type

- 13 – Ryegrass
- 10 – Bluegrass and/or bluegrass mixes
- 7 – Bermudagrass
- 5 – Ryegrass and fescue mixes
- 1 – Tall fescue
- 1 – Bermudagrass / Zoysia
- 1 – **None**

Superintendents Tournaments Hosted (includes 2025) (top 5)

- 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)
- 17 – Keith Wood, Quail Hollow (PGA Championship)

Superintendents GCSAA Membership Years (30+ years)

- 46 – Stanley Reedy, CGCS, The CC of Jackson (Sanderson Farms)
- 39 – Brian Sullivan, CGCS, MG, PGA West (AE)
- 37 – **Kevin Welker, CGCS, El Cardonal at Diamante (Word Wide Technology)**
- 37 – Roby Robertson, CGCS, TPC San Antonio (Valero Texas)
- 34 – Walter K. Pritchett, CGCS, Hurstbourne (ISCO)
- 34 – Ken Einwig, PGA National (Cognizant)
- 31 – Stephen Gross, CGCS, TPC Craig Ranch (THE CJ CUP)
- 31 – Jeff Plotts, TPC Sawgrass (THE PLAYERS)

Superintendents Alma Maters

- 6 – Ohio State
- 3 – Penn State, Michigan State, UMass
- 2 – Mississippi State
- 2 – **Lake City**
- 1 – Arizona, Hawaii, Texas Tech, SUNY-Cobleskill, Georgia, N.C. State, Kansas State, Purdue, Kentucky, Virginia Tech, Rutgers, Connecticut, West Virginia, Aquinas, North Dakota State, Iowa State

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