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GCSAA Tournament Fact Sheet



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Desert Willow Golf Resort
(Mountain View Course)
Palm Desert, Calif.

GCSAA Class A Golf Course Superintendent Information

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Michael J. Tellier, CGCS

The title "CGCS," after a superintendent's name, stands for Certified Golf Course Superintendent, which recognizes the achievement of high standards of professionalism through education and experience.

Availability to media:

Contact Michael J. Tellier, CGCS by phone 760-346-6512; email mtellier@desertwillow.com

Education:

Certificate, Turfgrass Management, 1987

Years as a GCSAA member: 24

Years GCSAA certified: 14

GCSAA affiliated chapter:

Hi-Lo Desert Golf Course Superintendents Association

Years at this course: 5

Number of maintenance employees: 55

Previous positions:

2002-2004, Golf Course Superintendent, Arrowhead Country Club, San Bernardino, Calif.; 1995-2002, Golf Course Superintendent, Avondale Country Club, Palm Desert, Calif.; 1990-1995, Golf Course Superintendent, La Quinta Resort & Club, La Quinta, Calif.

Previous tournament preparation:

PGA Tour Q-School, La Quinta Resort & Club, La Quinta, Calif.

Previous events hosted by facility:

2001-2004 Frank Sinatra Celebrity Invitational; 2000-2001 The Prestige NCAA Invitational; PGA Club Pro Championship

Course statistics

Average tee size: 4,000 sq. ft.
Tournament stimpmeter: 10
Average green size: 6,000 sq. ft.
Soil condition: Sand
Green construction soil mix: California
Rounds per year: 45,000
Acres of fairway: 30
Source of water: Well, effluent water
Acres of rough: 60
Drainage conditions: Excellent
Sand bunkers: 100
Water hazards: 1

Course ratings

	Yardage	Par	Rating	Slope
Black	6913	72	73.4	130
Blue	6470	72	71.5	128
White	6097	72	69.8	126
Gold	5573	72	67.2	121
Red	5040	72	68.9	123

Course characteristics

	Primary Grasses	Height of Cut
Tees	Bermudagrass	0.437"
Fairways	Bermudagrass	0.500"
Greens	Bermudagrass	0.115"
Rough	Bermudagrass	1.5"



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Environmental management/features

Desert Willow Golf Resort has an on-site recycled water reservoir, water efficient desert-scape plant material, on-site weather station, and ET/weather-based irrigation system.

Wildlife on the course

Blue heron; Bobcat; Canada goose; Coyote; Eagle; Fish; Hawk; Quail; Rabbit; Snakes; Several different species of birds; Lizards

Interesting and historical course-related facts

This premium public golf resort was given four and a half stars on the "Best Places to Play" list, as voted by *Golf Digest*. *Desert Golf Magazine* also voted Desert Willow No. 1 on the list of "Best Public Access Golf Courses" for the third year in a row.

The Mountain View Course is a true test of skill, where golfers must negotiate their way around extensive natural areas, numerous water features, and more than 100 bunker/waste areas.

Course architect/date:

Dr. Michael Hurdzan, Dana Fry, and John Cook, 1997

Golf course builder/date:

Golf Dimensions, 1997

Most recent redesign/renovation:

Earth Sculptures, 2009

Redesign builder:

Earth Sculptures, 2009

Other key course personnel

Raul Melero, Assistant Superintendent
Cesar Sanchez, Equipment Manger
Richard Morgensen, Club Manager

Justin Amelung, PGA Professional
City of Palm Desert, Club Owner
Darrell Souza, Director of Golf

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