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GCSAA Tournament Fact Sheet



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The Club at PGA West
(Greg Norman Course)
La Quinta, Calif.

GCSAA Class A Director of Agronomy Information

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Dean Miller

Availability to media:

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Education:

B.S., Golf Course Management, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N.J., 1998;
B.S., Education, Nicholls State University, Thibodeaux, La., 1996

Years as a GCSAA member: 12

GCSAA affiliated chapter:

Hi-Lo Desert Golf Course
Superintendents Association

Years at this course: 11

Previous positions:

1999-2002, Golf Course Superintendent, PGA West, La Quinta, Calif.; 1998, Assistant Golf Course Superintendent, PGA West, La Quinta, Calif.; 1997-1998, Foreman, Muirfield Village Golf Course, Dublin, Ohio; 1994-1997, Student Intern, Pebble Creek Country Club, Becker, Minn.

Previous tournament preparation:

1999-2006 Bob Hope Chrysler Classic, PGA West, La Quinta, Calif.; 1998, 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006 PGA Q-School

Championship, PGA West, La Quinta, Calif.; 1998 Solheim Cup, Muirfield Village Golf Course, Dublin, Ohio; 1997-1998 Memorial Tournament, Muirfield Village Golf Course, Dublin, Ohio; 1996 U.S. Senior Open Qualifier, Pebble Creek Country Club, Becker Minn.

Previous events hosted by facility:

1987-1994, 1998-2008 Bob Hope Chrysler Classic; 1986-1987, 1989-1990, 1992, 1995-1996 PGA Club Professional Championship; 1995-1997 Liberty Mutual Legends of Golf; 1986, 1988-1989 Wilson PGA Club Professional Classic; 1992-1993 PGA Grand Slam of Golf; 1986, 1988-1990, 1993, 1998-2008 PGA Tour Q-School Finals; 1994 Wendy's 3-Tour Challenge; 1994-1996 Diners Club Matches; 2004-2008 The Prestige at PGA WEST Intercollegiate Invitational; 2004-2005 PGA TOUR Q-School (First Stage); 2006-2008 PGA TOUR Q-School (Pre-Qualifying); 1991-1994 Titleist/Footjoy PGA Assistant Professional Championship; 1986-1991 The Skins Game; 1996 Rolex National Collegiate Match Play Team Championship

GCSAA Assistant Golf Course Superintendent Information

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Tyson Holm

Availability to media:

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Education:

A.S., Horticulture, Southeast Community College, Beatrice, Neb., 2002

Years as a GCSAA member: 2

GCSAA affiliated chapter:

Hi-Lo Desert Golf Course
Superintendents Association

Years at this course: 2

Number of maintenance employees: 24

Previous positions:

2001-2003, Greenskeeper, Firethorn Country Club, Lincoln, Neb.; 2003-2006, Assistant Superintendent, Quail Lodge Resort and Spa, Carmel, Calif.



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Course statistics

Average tee size: 2,725 sq. ft.
Tournament stimpmeter: 10.5
Average green size: 5,775 sq. ft.
Soil condition: Sand/silt
Green construction soil mix:
USGA (90% sand, 10% peat)
Rounds per year: 65,000
Acres of fairway: 55
Source of water: Well, river
Acres of rough: 15
Drainage conditions: Good
Sand bunkers: 121
Water hazards: 8

Course ratings

	Yardage	Par	Rating	Slope
Tournament	7156	72	75.1	139
Championship	6671	72	72.8	133
Regular	6227	72	70.6	126
Gold	5751	72	72.7	123
Red	5297	72	70.2	119

Course characteristics

	Primary Grasses	Height of Cut
Tees	Bermudagrass; perennial ryegrass	0.5"
Fairways	Bermudagrass; perennial ryegrass	0.5"
Greens	Bermudagrass; Poa trivialis	0.120"
Rough	Bermudagrass	1.5"

Environmental management/features

The Norman Course is built on 205 acres of land which consists of 78 acres of turf, while the

remainder consists of lakes and native decomposed granite. This allows for reduction in water usage, while also providing a wonderful habitat for local wildlife.

Wildlife on the course

Canada goose; Coyote; Fish; Quail; Raccoon; Snakes; Several different species of birds; Roadrunner

Interesting and historical course-related facts

PGA West's Championship Course "Six Pack" was completed in May of 2000 with the desert-scaped, target-style layout of The Greg Norman. A prehistoric ocean bed 40 feet below sea level is now the territory of emerald green fairways, crushed white marble bunkers and shark blue waters. Vibrant wildflowers are a stunning contrast to the surrounding crescent of terra cotta mountains, creating a golf experience like no other.

A co-host for the PGA TOUR Pre-Qualifying Tournament in 2006 and 2007, the Norman Course also hosts "The Prestige at PGA West," one of college golf's most acclaimed Intercollegiate Invitational events, drawing only top-ranked universities. The Norman sets PGA West apart from any other club in the world by adding yet another fabulous golf course style, a true desert layout, to be enjoyed by its members.

Course architect/date:
Greg Norman, 1999

Golf course builder/date:
Landscapes Unlimited, 1999

Most recent redesign/renovation:
Bunker renovation, 2007

Other key course personnel

Mario Guardado, Assistant Superintendent
Mario Banuelos, Equipment Manager
Michael Kelly, Club Manager
George Harminia, Green Committee Chairman
Joe Johnson, PGA Professional/Director of Golf

Golf course management facts

For additional information please visit the GCSAA [association news](#) section or contact the Communications Department at 800-472-7878.

GCSAA is a leading golf organization and has as its focus golf course management. Since 1926, GCSAA has been the top professional association for the men and women who manage golf courses in the United States and worldwide. From its headquarters in Lawrence, Kan., the association provides education, information and representation to more than 20,000 members in more than 72 countries. GCSAA's mission is to serve its members, advance their profession and enhance the enjoyment, growth and vitality of the game of golf. The association's philanthropic organization, [The Environmental Institute for Golf](#), works to strengthen the compatibility of golf with the natural environment through research grants, support for education programs and outreach efforts. Visit GCSAA at www.gcsaa.org.



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