

JM Eagle LA Championship (LPGA)

Wilshire Country Club • Los Angeles, Calif. • April 25-28, 2024

Golf Course Superintendent

Jack Benoit, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 6

Years at Wilshire: 4

Years as a Superintendent: 1 (interim super for six months before accepting full-time position in December 2023)

Previous Courses: Noyac Golf Club (assistant), Schuyler Meadow Club (assistant)

Hometown: Albany, N.Y.

Education: Rutgers University

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Other Key Golf Personnel

Adam Borowiak, Assistant Superintendent

Geoff Briggs, Equipment Manager

Rick Reilly, PGA Professional

Number of Employees: 28

Number of Tournament Volunteers: 5

Golf Course Dog: Cali, an Australian Sheppard

Course Architect

Architect (year): Norman Macbeth (1919)

Renovation Architect (year): Kyle Phillips (2024-25)

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Tournament - @JMEagleLACHamp

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Tournament Set-up

Par: 35-36--71

Yardage: 6,447

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 5,000 sq. ft.

Total Property Acres: 105

Acres of Fairway: 40

Acres of Rough: 35

Number of Sand Bunkers: 127

Number of Water Hazards: 1 (winding barranca throughout the property)

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 13

Soil Conditions: Clay

Water Sources: Domestic and well

Drainage Conditions: Good surface, poor internal

Turfgrass

Greens: Poa annua .100"

Collars: Poa annua .220"

Approaches: Hybrid bermudagrass .350"

Tees: Hybrid bermudagrass .450"

Fairways: Hybrid bermudagrass .450"

Rough: Hybrid bermuda / native 2"

Additional Notes

- LPGA routing is shifted by one hole on the back nine as hole 11 becomes hole 10 and then 10 becomes hole 18 so stands can be built on the finishing hole (not possible on the regular 18th hole).

- Course will close for one year beginning October for a full-course restoration (greens, tees, bunkers, irrigation, drainage, barranca reshaping and widening and new bridges).

- Area has had wettest two-year stretch in history, but spring has been warmer than last year, helping in course preparation.

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GCSAA Notes
(LPGA U.S. Courses Only)

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2024 Notable For Courses Played
(thru Chevron Championship, April 21)

(does not include international courses)

(this week's course in red)

2024 Courses Played by Yardage

6,889 – The Club at Carlton Woods (Chevron)

6,765 – Shadow Creek (T-Mobile Match)

6,608 – Lake Nona (Hilton Grand Vacations)

6,557 – Bradenton CC (LPGA Drive On)

6,534 – Seville G&CC (Ford Champ)

6,447 – JM Eagle LA Open (Wilshire)

6,258 – Palos Verdes (Fir Hills Seri Pak)

2024 Avg. Greens by sq. ft. Played

6,800 – The Club at Carlton Woods (Chevron)

6,200 – Seville G&CC (Ford Champ)

5,900 – Lake Nona (Hilton Grand Vacations)

5,800 – Bradenton CC (LPGA Drive On)

5,500 – Shadow Creek (T-Mobile Match)

5,000 – JM Eagle LA Open (Wilshire)

3,952 – Palos Verdes (Fir Hills Seri Pak)

2024 Courses by Greens Turf Type Played

3 – Bermudagrass (Drive On, Ford Champ, Chevron)

2 – Poa (Hilton Grand Vacations, **JM Eagle**)

1 – Poa / bentgrass mix (Fir Hills Seri Pak)

1 – Bentgrass (T-Mobile Match Play)

2024 Tournaments by State Played

2 – Florida

2 – California (also Fir Hills Seri Pak LA Open)

1 – Arizona

1 – Nevada

1 – Texas

All 2024 Tournaments by State
(multiple events)

5 – Florida

3 – New Jersey

2 – California

2 – Michigan

2 – Ohio

GCSAA Notes

(LPGA Tour – USA/Canada events only)

2023 Full Year

(*this week's event in red*)

2023 Longest Courses (6,600+)

6,824 – Club at Carlton Woods (Chevron Champ)
6,765 – Shadow Creek (Bank of Hope)
6,690 – Superstition Mountain (LPGA Drive On)
6,685 – Columbia Edgewater (Portland Classic)
6,685 – Shaughnessy (CPKC Open)
6,671 – Liberty National (Mizuho)
6,642 – Highland Meadows (Dana Open)
6,621 – Baltusrol (KPMG PGA Champ)
6,608 – Lake Nona (Hilton Grand Lake)

2023 Shortest Courses

6,197 – Seaview Golf Club (ShopRite)
6,277 – Midland (Dow Great Lakes)
6,349 – Pelican Golf Club (The Annika)
6,438 – Pinnacle (Walmart NW Arkansas)

2023 Largest Avg. Greens by sq. ft.

8,300 – Baltusrol (KPMG PGA Champ)
8,000 – Pelican (The Annika)
7,500 – Hoakalei (LOTTE)
7,000 – TPC Harding Park (Hanwha)
7,000 – Upper Montclair (Cognizant)

2023 Smallest Avg. Greens by sq. ft.

3,500 – Pebble Beach (U.S. Open)
3,952 – Palos Verdes (Seri Pak LA Open)
4,285 – Shaughnessy (CPKC Open)
4,500 – Blythefield (Meijer)
4,653 – Liberty National (Mizuho)

2023 Courses by Greens Turf Types

8 – Poa / bentgrass mix
6 – Poa
4 – Bentgrass
4 – Bermudagrass
1 – Paspalum

GCSAA Superintendent Notes

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Longest GCSAA Membership

37 – Gregory James, Liberty National (Mizuho)
33 – Kevin Welp, CGCS, Midland (Dow Great Lakes)
31 – Jim Myers, CGCS, Columbia Edgewater (Portland Classic)
30 – Scott Krout, Superstition Mountain (Drive On)
30 – Terry Kennelly, Pelican Golf Club (The Annika)

Note: Avg. GCSAA membership years for host superintendents is 20.6.

Most Professional Events Hosted (if known)

16 – Chase Turpin, Pinnacle (Walmart NW Arkansas)
10 – Collin Romanick, Blythefield (Meijer)

Superintendents by Alma Mater (if known)

6 – Penn State
4 – Michigan State
2 – UMass
2 – Ohio State