

Ford Championship (LPGA)

Whirlwind Golf Club (Cattail) • Chandler, Ariz. • March 27-30, 2025

Director of Agronomy

Matt Bachmann

Years as GCSAA Member: 14

Years at Whirlwind: 3

Years as Superintendent: 11

Previous Courses: Princeville Makai Golf Club (superintendent)

Hometown: Phoenix, Ariz.

Education: University of Arizona

Professional Tournaments Hosted: This is Bachmann's 1st professional event.

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Other Key Agronomy Personnel

Jin Seo (Jackson) Park, Whirlwind Superintendent

Two-year GCSAA member / 1 year at Whirlwind

Previous Course: Bear Creek Golf Club (assistant)

Hometown: Sokcho, South Korea / Education: Mesa CC

Ryan Standifird, Devil's Claw superintendent; Jacob Matson, assistant superintendent; Eric Maki, equipment manager; Keith McVea, director of golf; Brandon Gordon, PGA Professional

Agronomy Employees: 52 at Whirlwind, including 17 at Cattail / Tournament Volunteers: 4

Course Architect

Gary Panks (2002)

Renovation: 2021 (bunker renovation with very slight changes)

Notable

- Maintenance staff worked with Wild at Heart to provide food and a safe home to two breeding burrowing owl pairs near Cattail No. 4.
- Wildlife on course includes javelinas, coyotes, bobcats, roadrunners, snakes, badgers, raccoons, quails, hawks, vultures, burrowing owls, pocket gophers, ground squirrels.
- Course was ranked as the No. 18 public access course in Arizona by Golfweek.
- Course hosted GCSAA Tournaments in 2024 (four ball and scramble) as part of the annual Conference and Trade Show.

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Tournament Setup

Par: 36-36--72

Yardage: 6,661 (unofficial)

Turfgrass

Greens: Poa trivialis / TifEagle bermudagrass.100"

Collars: Perennial ryegrass overseed .400"

Approaches: Perennial ryegrass overseed .400"

Tees: Perennial ryegrass overseed .400"

Fairways: Perennial ryegrass overseed .400"

Rough: 419 bermudagrass 1.5"

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 5,900 sq. ft.

Total Property Acres: 500 (Whirlwind total)

Acres of Fairway: 28

Acres of Rough: 55

Number of Sand Bunkers: 53 (70,469 sq. ft.)

Number of Water Hazards: 3

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 5

Soil Conditions: Unscreened native soil

Water Sources: Reclaimed

Average Fairway Widths: 23 yards

Links

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Tournament Fact Sheet

2025 GCSAA Course and Superintendent Notes For Courses Played (LPGA Only) (U.S. Courses Only – but includes HSBC in Singapore) (This Week's Course in Red)

Tournaments by State

2 – Florida

1 - Arizona

Yardage (par)

6,775 (72) – Sentosa (HSBC) in Singapore

6,661 (72) – Whirlwind (Ford)

6,642 (72) – Lake Nona (Hilton Grand TOC)

6,557 (71) – Bradenton CC (Founders Cup)

Average Green Size

10,600 – Sentosa (HSBC) in Singapore

5,900 – Whirlwind (Ford)

5,900 – Lake Nona (Hilton Grand TOC)

5,800 – Bradenton CC (Founders Cup)

Number of Bunkers

58 - Lake Nona (Hilton Grand TOC)

54 – Sentosa (HSBC) in Singapore

53 – Whirlwind (Ford)

53 – Bradenton CC (Founders Cup)

Green Turf Type

2 – Bermudagrass

1 - Poa Trivialis overseed

1 – Poa / bermudagrass

Rough Turf Type

2 - Bermudagrass

1 – Zoysiagrass

1 – Poa trivialis overseed

Superintendents Tournaments Hosted (includes 2025)

12 – Andrew Johnston – Sentosa (HSBC) in Singapore

5 – Nick Dolimpio - Lake Nona (Hilton Grand TOC)

1 – Matt Bachmann – Whirlwind (Ford)

1 – Jamie McCrosky – Bradenton CC (Founders Cup)

Superintendents GCSAA Membership Years

25 – Jamie McCrosky – Bradenton CC (Founders Cup)

23 – Andrew Johnston – Sentosa (HSBC) in Singapore

14 – Matt Bachman – Whirlwind (Ford)

9 – Nick Dolimpio - Lake Nona (Hilton Grand TOC)

Superintendents Alma Maters

1 – Michigan State University

1 – Delaware State University

1 – Rhode Island University

1 – University of Arizona

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