



# Tournament Fact Sheet

## Grant Thornton Invitational (LPGA)

Tiburon Golf Club (Gold) • Naples, Fla. • December 12-14, 2025

### Director of Agronomy

#### Grayson Grainger, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 21

Years at Tiburon: 5

Years as a Superintendent: 19

Previous Courses: The Clubs at St. James (superintendent)

Hometown: Green Sea, S.C.

Education: Horry-Georgetown Technical College

Professional Tournaments Hosted: This will be Grainger's 16<sup>th</sup> professional event at Tiburon, including PGA TOUR, LPGA and PGA TOUR Champions events, as he hosts three each year.

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### Other Key Agronomy Personnel

#### Wesley Rowe, GCSAA, superintendent

Years as GCSAA Member: 9 / Years at Tiburon: 3

Hometown: Lancaster, Pa. / Education: Penn State University  
Tyler Degen, senior assistant superintendent; Ernesto Fajardo, environmental tech; Lee Spotts, equipment manager; Chad Nigro, director of golf

Agronomy Employees: 40

### Course Architect

Greg Norman (1998)

### Notable

- Changes to the course since last year including expanding No. 12 and 18 greens back to original design while re-grading the approaches to the greens; Resurfaced five tees; Changed grass lines slightly on multiple holes; Replaced concrete cart path and replaced with crushed shell waste area on No. 4; Resurfaced the member practice tee; Completed a full irrigation system replacement on Gold Course front nine and practice areas (the back nine and clubhouse areas were done in 2024).
- Upcoming work includes a multi-year full bunker renovation on the Black Course before doing the same on the Gold Course, as well as irrigation on Black Course next summer.

- Course just hosted the LPGA's CME Group Tour Championship, Nov. 20-23.
- The Facility also hosts the PGA TOUR Champions' Chubb Classic on its Black Course each February.
- Land was formerly a tomato farm, and plants sometimes pop up in native areas.
- Agronomy team member Steve Guasco leads the divots filling teams during the tour events and is referred to by the team as the "Director of Divots".

### Tournament Setup

Par: 36-36—72

Yardage: Men – 7,382; Women – 6,788

### Turfgrass

Greens: TifEagle bermudagrass .120"

Tees: Celebration bermudagrass .325"

Fairways: Celebration bermudagrass .375"

Rough: None (Coquina shell waste bunkers and natural grasses)

### Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 7,200 sq. ft.

Total Property Acres: 392

Acres of Fairway: 45

Acres of Rough: None (Coquina waste bunkers and natural grasses)

Number of Sand Bunkers: 50 (72,635 sq. ft.)

Number of Water Hazards: 15

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 13

Soil Conditions: Sandy

Water Sources: Well

Drainage: Good

Average Fairway Widths: 50 yards

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