Tournament Fact Sheet

CME Group Tour Championship (LPGA)

Tiburon Golf Club (Gold) • Naples, Fla. • November 19-22, 2026

Director of Agronomy

Grayson Grainger, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 22
Years at Tiburon: 6
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 19th professional event at Tiburon, including PGA TOUR, LPGA and PGA TOUR Champions events, as he hosts three each year.

Other Key Agronomy Personnel

Wesley Rowe, GCSAA, Superintendent

Years as GCSAA Member: 10 / Years at Tiburon: 4
Hometown: Lancaster, Pa. / Education: Penn State University
Senior Assistant Superintendent: Charlie Lowery
Environmental Tech: Ernesto Fajardo
Equipment Manager: Lee Spotts
Director of Golf: Chad Nigro
Agronomy Employees: 40

Course Architect

Greg Norman (1998)

Notable

• Changes to the course since last year include: expanded Nos. 4, 5, 13, 14 greens back to original design while re-grading the approaches to the greens; resurfaced five tees; changed grass lines slightly on multiple holes; and replaced select areas of concrete cart path.
• Completed a full irrigation system replacement on Gold Course and practice areas in 2024-25 and the Black Course in 2026-27.
• Upcoming work includes a multi-year full bunker renovation on the Black Course before doing the same on the Gold Course.
• It's been a very wet late summer/fall so far and forecasted for a strong El Niño weather pattern this winter which can bring cooler, wetter, and cloudy conditions.
• Courses do not close prior to the tournaments.
• Course will host the Grant Thornton Invitational from Dec. 11-13.
• 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.
• Three agronomy team members with more than 25 years at Tiburon.
• 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: 6,762 (unofficial)

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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