

TPC at Sawgrass – Stadium Course

ARCHITECT: Pete Dye, opened in 1980

LOCATION: Ponte Vedra, Florida, USA

PGA 2000 version: March 2010 - May 2010 by Dale Somerfelt

SCORECARD:

Tee	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In	Total
Par	4	5	3	4	4	4	4	3	5	36	4	5	4	3	4	4	5	3	4	36	72
TPC	423	532	177	384	471	393	442	237	583	3642	424	558	358	181	481	449	523	137	462	3573	7215
Blue	394	507	160	359	446	360	407	195	546	3374	388	519	332	156	436	416	486	128	426	3287	6661
White	360	469	134	324	422	333	382	168	522	3114	351	469	313	141	377	366	470	115	387	2989	6103
Red	292	381	97	263	360	269	329	121	453	2565	247	395	243	109	334	288	410	92	336	2454	5039

The Course

The course opened in 1980 as one of the first TPC courses. It's spectator mounding made it one of the first, true "stadium" courses. Designed by Pete Dye for what then PGA Tour Commissioner Deane Beman wanted as a site a "fifth" major. When it first opened, players complained that it was too penal. The Players Championship moved here in 1982. The best critique was from J.C. Snead who called it "90 percent horse manure and ten percent luck". Both Beman and Dye listened to the players and over the years, softened the course. Today the tournament and course are one the players look forward to playing. The field is usually one of the strongest outside of the four "official" majors.

Architect's Notes

This is a course that I had wanted to do for a long time. The trouble with a course as well known as this is the wealth of material available. It makes the process take a little longer. There are photos taken at different angles, different times of the day or times of the year. Where one view makes the tee area seem dark, another is the opposite. The camera sometimes distorts distances and shadows sometimes hide features. Watching the tourney on television helped. Some holes may play easier than in reality. Seventeen and eighteen are holes that come to mind. Increasing the wind and playing under drier conditions should increase the difficulty as usual.

As always, I used "Google Earth" and "Bing Maps" to recreate the layout and help with the planting locations. I also used various books, including the first and third editions of "Golf Courses of the PGA Tour". I based elevations on the versions from the Tiger Woods series and a Links version. The website and watching this year's tournament helped in other things I may have missed. For this course I created a new library that includes various palm trees and the new clubhouse at Sawgrass

Thanks and giving credit where credit is due:

I'd like to thank all those who made all the great libraries that I "borrowed" textures from. They really made the whole job a lot easier. Special thanks to Chris Anderson, who made a previous version of this course. Overtime the yardages were increased and the course has evolved since his version. His was a great rendition that I have played since he did it ten years ago. I've used his libraries for some of the trees, buildings and scoreboard.

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*Dale Somerfelt
May, 2010*

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Pinery Narrows - *Chinook North - Mentor Marsh #1 – TPC at Mt. St. Helens – *TPC at Waterloo – *TPC at Heron Bay - *English Turn - *TPC at Southwind - *Sagebrush - *TPC at Las Colinas
And with Lee Gordon: the *TPC at River Highlands & *Cathedral Rock

For PGA 2000 – PUUOO, Colonial (R), Mentor Marsh, Hazeltine (R), Sagebrush, English Turn (R), Pinery Narrows, Oak Hill (R), Cathedral Rock, PGA West (Stadium Course) (R), Royal St. George (R), The TPC at Mt. St. Helens, TPC at Las Colinas (R), Firestone South Course (R), Chinook North (Championship & Member's Courses), Torrey Pines-South (R), Bay Hill (R), Murfield Village (R), Baltusrol-Lower (R), Forest Oaks (R), Riviera (R), Innisbrook – Copperhead Course (R), Oakmont CC (R), Westchester CC (R), Congressional (Blue) (R), TPC at Summerlin (R), Fox Den (R), Poppy Hills (R) PGA National (R), Barton Creek (R) Boston Hills (R), Canterbury (R), Euclid Creek and helping David Salter with Royal Liverpool (R) and Turnberry (R)

(R) = Real course

Currently in the works for PGA2000 by Dale: TPC at Southwind

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