

Round 2 - June 26, 2015 U.S. Senior Open Course Set-up Notes from Jeff Hall

Hole	Par	Yardage	Set Up Notes
1	5	555	The opening hole offers a great chance to get off to a good start. Some players will be able to reach this green in two shots. The fairway in the drive zone slopes right to left toward a creek (lateral water hazard). The second shot is played over this creek. The prevailing breeze, which should be more prominent this afternoon, will be from left to right and helping. Today's hole location (35-4R) is in the very narrow back neck of the putting green.
2	3	155	Today's hole location (5-7CTR) is in the very front center of the putting green. Any ball that comes to rest on the upper portion of the putting green will result in a very fast putt back to the hole. The ridge that runs through the putting green can be used as a backstop. The prevailing wind will be against and from right to left.
3	4	477	This hole will play as the longest par 4 in Round 2. The tee is 5 paces forward of the tee sign, but today's front-right hole location (10-4R) will net out the overall yardage at 477 yards. This green sits up just a bit and is surrounded by closely mown turf. This could result in a variety of recovery shots being played from around this putting green.
4	5	586	This par 5 will be slightly wind-aided from the left. The fairway bunkers right of the drive zone must be avoided. A lone bunker on the left side of the hole at the 130-yard mark requires the player to make a choice of whether to fit their ball between the bunker and the right rough, carry the ball past the bunker into a fairway that tapers down to 23 yards wide, or lay back behind the bunker. Today's hole location (18-12L) is in the back-center portion of the green. A player that misses this green long will have to deal with a smallish shoulder in the back center of the green.
5	3	217	One of Del Paso's solid par-3 holes. The prevailing wind will be helping and from left to right. The green is well bunkered, and the shoulders of the two front bunkers have an impact on the movement of the front two-thirds of the putting green. Today's back-left hole location (22-6L) will be difficult to reach, but should offer fairly straightforward putts.

6	4	377	Although back into the wind, a reasonable birdie chance awaits the players here. Look for fairway metals to be the club of choice from this tee. Today's front-right hole location (5-7R) is behind the deep front, center greenside bunker. Players will have to be mindful of their speed when putting back to this hole location.
7	4	441	This par 4 will play back into a hurting, southwest wind. Today's back-right hole location (21-10R) is very accessible.
8	4	451	Today's hole location (22-5L) is in the back left of the green and will be difficult to approach. The prevailing southwest wind will be from the right and slightly against the player today, which could bring the fairway bunker complex into play. A tee shot into the right side of the fairway will offer the best angle to this hole location.
9	4	323	The first of four relatively short holes in a row. Players will have to fit their tee shots into one of the narrowest fairways on the golf course. Look for a variety of clubs to be played off the tee here. Today's hole location (27-4L) is in the back-left portion of the green, approximately 3 paces beyond the ridge that runs through the center portion of this green.
TOTAL	36	3,582	
10	4	306	A short par -4 that will feature a left-to-right cross breeze. The drive zone is blind. The green is well bunkered and today's hole location (6-8R) is in behind the right-front bunker.
11	4	386	Another of the shorter holes on the course. The left-hand fairway bunker is well positioned, especially with the prevailing wind coming from right to left and slightly against the player. Today's back-left hole location (20-5L) is on the upper-back shelf of the green, behind the front-left greenside bunker. The ridge that runs through the middle portion of the green will have a significant influence on most putts on this green today. Tee markers are located 11 paces forward of the tee sign, perhaps enticing players to challenge the fairway

			bunker in order to get a slightly better angle to the hole location.
12	3	174	The shortest par 3 on the score card at Del Paso (although it won't be the shortest hole today) features a pond left of the green. The bank has been mowed to fairway height, but it is steep enough that a ball with any momentum that gets on this bank will funnel into the water hazard (optional Drop Zone available). Today's back-left hole location (24-5L) will have this hole playing its longest for the week. Likely to see many shots out to the right of this hole location.
13	4	472	This par 4, which the club plays as a par 5, will play 472 yards today. Today's front-left hole location will have this hole playing some 20 yards shorter than it did in Round 1. The prevailing wind will be from left to right and helping. The putting green complex is bunker-free, but features a pronounced mound to the left of the putting surface that is completely encircled by closely mown turf.
14	3	185	Another of Del Paso's stout par-3 holes. Today's front-left hole location (8-9L) will be very difficult to get to as it is well protected by the front greenside bunker. Given this hole location, tee markers have been moved forward 21 paces from the tee sign.
15	5	593	Tee markers are located on the 590 tee, 10 paces behind the tee sign. This tee location, combined with today's front-left hole location (11-8L), results in our longest hole of the day. The prevailing breeze will be slightly right to left and helping on tee shots, and more at the players' backs for the remainder of the hole. This green is elevated, so a miss short and left will result in the ball rolling down a significant, closely mown slope.
16	4	425	Tee markers are located on the 432 tee today, given the wind forecast. Using the forward tee will shift the drive zone such that the pond left of the hole may be in play for a number of the longer drivers. Today's front-right hole location (7-7R) will be tight to the water. This hole played as the most difficult relative to par in Round 1.
17	3	225	We have placed tee markers on the left-hand tee today, 2 paces forward of the 225 tee sign. Today's middle-right hole location (20-6R) is accessible, but a ball that gets onto the upper level of the putting surface will result in a challenging two-putt.

18	4	463	Tee markers are placed 4 paces forward of the 460 tee sign. The hole location is in the back right (19-10R). Players can use the moderate upslope at the back of the green as a backboard.
TOTAL	34	3,229	
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Course Set Up	The primary rough at the 3-inch height of cut surrounding fairways and greens was mowed in its entirety last evening The intermediate rough at the 1.5-inch height of cut was mowed entirely last night. Greens were hand-watered to achieve the desired moisture and firmness last night. This morning, greens were again hand-watered to achieve a target moisture level that has been established based on firmness and with close attention to turf health. Greens will be lightly hand-watered during the mid-day break to maintain turf health throughout the day. Fairways and roughs received appropriate water to maintain turf health, with an eye on continued firming of the fairways, and the drive zones specifically.
Green Speeds	Today's green speeds averaged 12' 6" on the USGA Stimpmeter this morning, which is right in our desired range. We achieved this speed through a double cut and roll. We anticipate losing 4 to 8 inches of speed throughout the day.

Weather Forecast:	This morning's low temperature will be in the upper 60s to lower 70s with light to calm winds out of the south. Our dewpoint will gradually get into the mid to lower 50s and stay there throughout the afternoon. The relative humidity is looking to get into the teens once again, so expect a hot and dry day with clear skies becoming partly sunny by this evening. You can already see moisture advecting northward through Southern California per Northern Hemisphere water vapor imagery, Unfortunately, clouds do not look to reach this far north as a moderate delta breeze sets in later this evening/tonight. This means that clear skies and fairly light winds in the early afternoon will allow us to reach the upper 90s and possibly triple digits by 5 p.m. Tomorrow, we will see a cool-down with highs in the lower 90s, mostly sunny skies and winds mainly out of the southwest at 5-10 mph. Sunday will be a few degrees warmer than Saturday with lighter winds and clearer skies.
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