

Golf Course Superintendent

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Keys to Success

- Motivated and hands-on leadership with unwavering dedication to excellent golf course conditions.
- Progressive turfgrass professional with innovative agronomic concepts and strong problem-solving skills.
- Excellent communication skills to develop positive relationships with staff, club officials, and membership.
- Unmatched attention to detail to present a championship-level golf course to members and guests.
- Committed to environmentally conscious operations; use best management practices (BMPs) to maintain property in a sustainable manner.
- Experience with full-scale and in-house construction projects that finish on time and within budget.

Golf Course Management Experience

Trump National Golf Club, Washington D.C. | Potomac Falls, VA | April 2016 – Present **Golf Course Superintendent - Championship Course (December 2018 – Present)**

36-hole private golf facility featuring golf courses designed by Tom Fazio (Championship Course) and Arthur Hills (Riverview Course), \$2.5 million budget, 35,000 annual rounds. The Championship Course was renovated in 2014 by Tommy Fazio II, which included a greens renovation to USGA specification with SubAir drainage. The Championship Course was home to the 2017 Senior PGA Championship and is currently ranked the 8th best course in Virginia (Golf Digest, 2021).

- Hire, train, and educate all staff members which include Hispanic individuals, contracted laborers, young adults, and retirees to meet club expectations.
- Play integral role in developing and overseeing capital and operation budgets over \$2.5 million.
- Created yearly chemical and fertilizer programs on Championship Course; eliminated all unnecessary inputs, allowing a greater focus on previously undermaintained areas.
- Meticulously manage all water use on golf course in order to preserve water and create firm playability, while maintaining turf health.
- Planned and collaborated both contracted and in-house construction projects, such as green and tee renovations, rebuilding of bunkers to the Better Billy Bunker drainage methods, and large-scale fairway drainage projects.

Assistant Superintendent (April 2016 – December 2018)

- Provided firm and fast, tournament-quality course conditions for a playability-driven membership on a Championship-style layout.
- Managed grow-in of 20 USGA specification sand-based greens, after greens renovation by Tommy Fazio II.
- Maintained detailed record keeping for chemical and fertilizer applications and inventory, labor tracking, equipment usage, and water withdrawal on property.
- Played key role in course preparation leading up to 2017 PGA Senior Championship; organized and executed agronomic and staffing scheduling, resulting in successful championship course conditions.

Silver Spring Country Club | Ridgefield, CT | April 2014 – 2016 & Summer 2012

Second Assistant Superintendent (April 2014 – 2016) | Internship (Summer 2012)

18-hole private, member-owned course designed by Robert White with ongoing master plan renovations. \$1.6 million budget, 18,000 rounds annually. Family-oriented club with non-golf property assets including 8 Har-Tru tennis courts, a paddle court facility, and a pool house—all maintained by the grounds team.

Silver Spring Country Club (continued)

- Acquired communication skills to respectfully educate all staff and membership about course conditions and the importance of all agronomic practices conducted on the golf course.
- Developed skills and art of managing Poa/Bentgrass greens to deliver green speeds and firmness demanded by membership.
- Assisted in the renovation of 3 holes; added new tees, expanded fairway, rebuilt bunkers, and re-shaped green surrounds.

Professional Involvement

MAPGA Professional Championship | Trump National Golf Club, D.C. | 2019

U.S. Women's Open | Trump National Golf Club, Bedminster | 2017

Senior PGA Championship | Trump National Golf Club, D.C. | 2017

Quicken Loans National | Congressional Country Club | 2016

Education & Certifications

University of Connecticut
Bachelor of Science: Turfgrass & Soil Science, Horticulture

Bayer & John Deere Green Start Academy | 2017

Certificated Commercial Pesticide Applicator in Virginia, 3A, 3B

Affiliations

Golf Course Superintendents Association of America, Class A Superintendent

Mid-Atlantic Golf Course Superintendents Association

Metropolitan Golf Course Superintendents Association

Virginia Turfgrass Council