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OBJECTIVE

To obtain a Golf Course Management position, where I will utilize my knowledge, experience and education to provide an elite golfing experience, while remaining fiscally responsible.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Hollow Brook Golf Club

Cortlandt Manor, NY

Golf Course Superintendent

August 2017- Present

- Established a green recovery program that yielded rapid recovery by restoring turf health and playability for the membership.
- Implemented a sound, economical fertility and pesticide program which continues to provide great playing conditions and healthy turf.
- Assisting ownership with upgrading the turf maintenance equipment fleet with a five-year replacement program.
- Restructured the maintenance team with positive leadership and direction by putting into place a policy and procedure program.
- Presently directing numerous golf course improvement capital projects on the golf course all handled inhouse.
- Provide a direct and constant communication link with ownership and membership utilizing our golf course blog and twitter.
- Work closely with Golf Professional and staff on course conditions, tournament scheduling and any immediate golf course issues that arise.

Minisceongo Golf Club

Pomona, NY

Golf Course Superintendent

July 2012 – January 2016

- Direct all maintenance operations at Minisceongo Golf Club.
- Revitalized a golf course in need top to bottom by instituting the mentality that “attention to detail” will be our main focus on all aspects of golf course maintenance. This mission has been a success and has allowed course conditions to develop into a championship level golf experience.
- Maintain constant communication with membership on course projects, conditions, research and USGA videos by utilizing our golf course blog.
- Prepare and monitor annual one-million dollar maintenance budget and capital budgets.
- Recruited and trained maintenance staff of 17 including introduction of new policy and procedures.
- Re-established 16 greens damaged by Pythium prior to my arrival and returned to healthy and consistent putting surfaces quickly for membership play.
- Supervised sod installation of two Bent grass greens.
- Continually elevating course conditioning standards in conjunction with member input.
- Revitalized and established all natural grass areas creating a “weed free” turf zone to the golf course.
- Established comprehensive best management practices for maintaining Bent grass/Poa annua greens in extreme northeast conditions.
- Constructed USGA turf nursery for testing equipment and maintenance practices.

- Remodeled entire maintenance facility in compliance with OSHA standards.
- Established an organized equipment repair program maintaining an adequate parts inventory.
- Implemented and completed a 3-year equipment replacement program by replacing an outdated equipment inventory.
- Communicate daily with golf professional staff, club officials and membership.
- Created tree health care, removal, and pruning master plan for golf course property.
- Developed unique staff motivational, recognition and appreciation programs.
- Responsible for progressive evaluation, promotion and disciplinary action program of staff.
- Maintain all documentation in regards to course maintenance activities in accordance with State and Federal laws.

Hudson National Golf Club

Croton on Hudson, NY

Golf Course Superintendent

January 2004 - July 2012

- Superintendent at Hudson National Golf Club, responsible for all facets of golf course maintenance.
- Served as a liaison between membership and the architect team during construction projects.
- Completed 900K bunker renovation project.
- Managed a crew of 25 personnel on a daily basis, coordinating and planning job assignments.
- Formed and implemented an Emergency Response Plan for local EMS/fire/police.
- Budgeted all phases of golf course maintenance under a \$1.6 million-dollar budget.
- Responsible for equipment calibrations, inventory and record keeping.
- Served as an on-site contact for numerous consultants and agencies.
- Escorted regulators/inspectors during annual audits for state and local government review.
- Attended monthly greens committee meetings involving a 10 Year Long Range Plan with Fazio Designers.

Trump National Golf Club, Bedminster

Bedminster, NJ

Grow-In Superintendent

August 2001-December 2003

- Represented ownership on-site to ensure quality control throughout golf course construction.
- Worked closely with architect and construction team on course design as it correlated to maintenance and course playability.
- Directly responsible for all aspects of golf course grassing, grow-in maturation.
- Served as the on-site contact for multiple legal and environmental agencies.
- Created an operations budget and turf equipment inventory based on maintenance standards.
- Recruited, trained and developed an entire maintenance staff including assistants, mechanics and turf student interns.

Inniscrone Golf Club

Avondale, PA

Grow-In Superintendent

July 1997- August 2001

- Grew in and managed a championship, 18-hole Gil Hanse designed golf course.
- Provided agronomic support for ownership and superintendents at the related properties.
- Represented the golf course development team with permitting and quality control during early stages of golf course design/construction.

EXPERIENCE OTHER

Rockrimmon Country Club, Stamford, CT

Wiltwyck Golf Club, Kingston, NY

EDUCATION

State University of New York at Cobleskill

Associates Degree in Turfgrass Management

Graduated 1991

Bachelor of Technology in Plant Science (Turfgrass Management)

Graduated 1993

INDUSTRY PARTICIPATION

Member of Golf Course Superintendent Association of America

Member of the Metropolitan Golf Course Superintendents Association

Member of New York State Turfgrass Association

Received GCSAA Certification in 2005

Licensed Pesticide Applicator, New York

Licensed Pesticide Applicator, New Jersey

References Furnished Upon Request