GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT RAUL IURK

QUALIFICATIONS

- Formally educated at renown Penn State, with years of experience maintaining top level playing conditions at prestigious clubs.
- Relentless work ethic and passion alongside a supreme understanding of agronomics.
- Highly skilled in all facets of operational management; proven leader and team builder fluent in Portuguese and English.
- Knowledgeable in golf course construction, both contracted and in-house projects.
- Strong network of industry professionals; stay current with latest trends and technology.
- Student of the game of golf, strong understanding of golf course strategy and how agronomic practices impact overall playability.

EXPERIENCE

COSTATERRA GOLF & OCEAN CLUB MELIDES, PORTUGAL

GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT 2021-PRESENT

Premier private resort known for exceptional golf course conditions and outstanding member services.

- Lead a large operation and crew on a vast property of over 700 acres with a keen eye for detail; attract and develop local talent at all levels of course maintenance to create a highly functional team.
- Assist in the preparation and execution of a 3€ million golf course budget and capital plans.
- Implement new technology to assist with efficiency, including GPS sprayers, digital job board, agronomic planning software, inventory management and more.
- Scheduled and developed best irrigation practices optimizing water usage that enhanced course playability for a demanding membership.
- Responsible for chemical planning ensuring proper mixing, calibration, application and records complying with local laws

- Joined construction of the first Discovery Land Property in Europe, expanding learning in proper construction methods, proper grow-in and postconstruction practices.
- Supervised course construction updates, including planting of ornamental plants shrubs and trees.
- Maintained community lawns, resort grass sports facilities and a 18th hole tom Fazio signature Golf course, in consistent playing conditions year-round with a keen eye for detail
- Successfully diagnosed and implemented agronomy strategies to correct turfgrass problems such as insects, weeds, diseases, organic accumulation.

MERION GOLF CLUB ARDMORE, PA

36-hole championship facility designed by Hugh Wilson.

- Gained experience maintaining a top 10 world-class golf facility for a demanding membership.
- Participated in agronomy meetings to expand agronomic knowledge and leadership.
- Conducted plant protection applications with emphasis on tissue testing analysis.

ASSISTANT-IN-TRAINING 2019

- Acquired talents in the skill and art of water management to ensure quality turf with minimal inputs.
- Successfully assisted in detail-oriented tasks like course setup for daily play and special events.

36-hole private facility designed by Rees Jones and John Fought.

- Exposed to a variety of different techniques and strategies to successfully manage cool and warm season turfgrasses in the difficult transition zone climate.
- Gained hands-on experience and training in all facets of golf course operation.
- Assisted in various communications; spanish translation, PowerPoint presentations, Excel spreadsheets, agronomy and member meetings.
- Gained construction experience through completion of USGA greens and winterkill tees renovation conversion.
- Performed moisture management control on Penn A1 bentgrass greens, also direct hand watering crews.
- Completed various specific detail-oriented projects like, including tee boxes re alignment, tees renovation grass conversion, USGA greens construction and grow-in.

TOURNAMENTS

2018 PGA TOUR TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP EAST LAKE GOLF CLUB 2018 PGA TOUR WELLS FARGO CHAMPIONSHIP QUAIL HOLLOW GOLF CLUB

EDUCATION & ASSOCIATIONS

THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY

Golf Course Turfgrass Management Program Penn State Turf Club, Penn State Alumni Association

GREEN START ACADEMY

NORTH CAROLINA PESTICIDE APPLICATOR LICENSE

UNITED STATES GOLF ASSOCIATION (USGA)

GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA (GCSAA)

AWARDS

DAVID S. ZIMMERMAN MEMORIAL TURFGRASS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Selected by fellow classmates for Cooperation with Others, Personal Conviction, Professional Attitude, Moral Character, Personality

MYLES ADDERLY AWARD - PENN STATE TURFGRASS ALUMNI CLUB

Recognition of abilities to observe, comprehend, and assimilate in written form

PENNCROSS BENTGRASS GROWERS ASSOCIATION AWARD

Recognition of scholarship achievements and leadership potential

DR. FRED GRAU MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Recognition for dedication to the industry and strong work ethic

GCSAA SCHOLARS COMPETITION AWARD

Recognition of academic excellence, work experience, extracurricular activities and potential to become a leading professional in golf.

GCSAA TURF BOWL CHAMPIONSHIP

Member of Penn State Championship Team

STMA STUDENT CHALLENGE

First Place of Competition

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