

ELI RAHZ

GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT

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CAREER SUMMARY

- Sound background in golf course renovation participating in 6 major construction and renovation projects over the past 15 years
- Extensive experience managing Champion Ultradwarf turf including 2 grow-ins and management of 15-year-old Champion greens with drainage challenges
- Current Director on FGCSA West Coast Chapter Board, Chapter delegate to State Board and GCSAA Government Affairs team member
- Skilled at implementing new programs including inventory management and record keeping, communication efforts via blogs and company web pages

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

CYPRESS CREEK GOLF CLUB GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT

RUSKIN, FLORIDA
May 2016 - Present

- Stepped in and completed a successful renovation and re-grassing of all greens and tees to more appropriate cultivars (Champion Ultradwarf and Celebration Bermudagrass)
- Developed and implemented a course benchmarking system for annual course analysis to track course advancements and identify areas for improvement
- Created data-driven metrics, utilizing available technology, to provide consistent conditioning, playability and turf health
- Coordinated irrigation pump system replacement without sacrificing turf conditions during down time
- Oversaw the installation of an effluent water intake system for irrigation use
- Instituted long range equipment replacement program
- Worked in concert with North American Land Trust on invasive species removal in protected areas

THE CLUB AT MEDITERRA GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT

NAPLES, FLORIDA
OCTOBER 2013 – MAY 2016

- Responsible for operation and management of the North course including construction, renovation, personnel management, environmental area management, purchasing, budgeting and all record keeping associated with both golf courses
- Provided quality playing conditions throughout the installation of a brand new, state of the art irrigation system with limited disruption of play
- Implemented new inventory and application record keeping system to increase efficiency and accuracy of departmental records and budget usage
- Completed repairs and additions to drainage infrastructure to improve water removal from the course and protect lakes from erosion and contamination

AVILA GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB ASSISTANT GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT

TAMPA, FLORIDA
JANUARY 2011 – OCTOBER 2013

- Instrumental in planning and management of multiple construction projects, including re-grassing greens to Champion bermudagrass, no-til conversions to Celebration bermudagrass on tees, approaches, and fairways and in-house bunker rejuvenation
- Tasked with energizing the crew culture to keep pace with the high expectations of an elite club
- Integral in the implementation of an aggressive, multifaceted agronomic program

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SAUCON VALLEY COUNTRY CLUB
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

BETHLEHEM, PENNSYLVANIA
NOVEMBER 2006 – DECEMBER 2010

- Worked with USGA agronomists to provide desired speed and firmness of the greens through water management practices during 2009 U.S. Women's open
- Completed two golf course reconstructions (Old Course, Weyhill); installed new irrigation on all playing surfaces during reconstruction
- Coordinated and assisted in broad scale GPS soil sampling program to identify and adjust soil pH and nutrient levels resulting in more consistent turf conditions

TOURNAMENT EXPERIENCE

2009 US Women's Open – Saucon Valley Country Club
2009 FedEx Cup Playoffs- The Barclays – Liberty National Golf Club
2014 The Memorial Tournament – Muirfield Village Golf Club

EDUCATION

RUTGERS UNIVERSITY

Professional Golf Turf Management School 2-year Certificate Program – 2009

FGCSA and FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Best Management Practices for the Enhancement of Water Quality on Florida Golf Courses - certified 2015, renewed 2019

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF ARBORICULTURE

Penn-Del chapter Tree Climbing School Certificate – 2008

LAKELAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Associate of Arts Degree – 2003

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

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