



Golf Course Superintendent Profile: Oak Park Country Club River Grove, IL

The Club

The Oak Park Country Club a private, full service, 18-hole golf and country club was established in 1914 and is currently celebrating its centennial. This private member owned club whose purpose, at founding, and as now, was to promote the game of golf and good fellowship among its members, their families and their guests. Because the natural beauty and wooded terrain have been carefully preserved and tastefully improved over the years, Oak Park Country Club has become one of the premier country clubs in the Chicago area with over 500 member families.



The golf course, also known as “the course of the winding stream,” was designed by architect Donald J. Ross, who, from 1900-



1948 designed or redesigned over 400 courses. The original links style golf course has since evolved from the heavily bunkered, links style course of 1914 to today’s parkland setting. A renovation completed in 2007 by architect Rick Jacobsen included new tee boxes, bunkers, expanded putting surfaces, and added length. The golf course hosts the Radix Cup Matches annually and periodically the United States Open Sectional Qualifier.

The original clubhouse and subsequent additions and updates have preserved the Prairie School architecture designed by founding members who were contemporaries of Frank Lloyd Wright. There are many traditions in Oak Park’s storied history including several annual club golf tournaments and a strong caddy program. Oak Park also features fine dining and banquet facilities, as well as a recently renovated pool and a tennis complex. The Club

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supports a very active skeet and trap facility during the fall and winter months, as well as ice skating, snow-shoeing and cross-country skiing.



The Role

Key Responsibility: Overall maintenance, operations and management of the golf course and grounds to provide the membership with outstanding golfing conditions with attention to detail, both on the course and through the club grounds.

General Responsibilities:

- Supervising the maintenance of the golf course, trees, landscape and managing grounds department personnel
- Supervising the maintenance and repair of the golf course maintenance equipment
- Providing professional advice, opinions, assistance and services to the management team, the Greens Committee, and the Board of Governors
- Participating in all aspects of long-range planning

Qualifications

The successful candidate will be replacing the retiring Superintendent after thirty- eight years of service to the club. The ideal candidate will possess a minimum of 5 years' experience as a Golf Course Superintendent or as a First Assistant Golf Course Superintendent at a top golf course. The prospective Superintendent must be a talented agronomist that is energetic, highly motivated, qualified, passionate leader and with outstanding membership relations and communication skills, both in written form and verbally.

Additionally, he/she must have a proven record of strong operational and team building management skills, and will have an impeccable career path ensuring the highest standards of operation and attention to detail. The successful candidate will possess sound business acumen, outstanding agronomic knowledge and be able to provide the energy and desire to provide the highest level of golf course conditioning.

The club is looking for a “visionary type” person who understands trends in the private club industry and can help position the Club to successfully take advantage of these trends. A proven leader with multidimensional talent base

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encompassing a multitude of critical areas necessary for success, including but not limited to: advanced agronomic skills, management and coaching staff development, communication skills, interpersonal skills, drive, integrity and diplomacy. Successful experience in the management of push-up greens is a requirement. Turf, A-4 on greens, T-1 on Tees, PennLinks II / PennEagle II and Poa on fairways.

The ideal candidate will possess a true love for the game of golf, classic golf courses, hold a degree in Turf Management from a recognized university, and be highly regarded and respected by his/her peers and the golf community at large. GCSAA certification is preferred. The superintendent will report directly to the General Manager.

This position is available January of 2015.

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Salary: Compensation package commensurate with experience and qualifications. An excellent benefits package will be offered as well as expenses for GCSAA related travel for national conferences, meetings and educational and professional programs. Housing (3 BR, 2 BA) on property may be available. Moving expenses are also included, if necessary.

Application

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