JOB OPENINGS

To: Members/Minnesota Golf Course Superintendents’ Association

The City of Burnsville is accepting applications for the position of Golf Course Superintendent. This is a full-time year round supervisory position responsible for the overall golf course operation at Birnamwood. Work involves performing maintenance and clubhouse functions along with planning, directing, coordinating and evaluating the overall operations.

Responsible for hiring, supervising and evaluation of staff.

Minimum qualifications: Two years training or experience in golf course maintenance or management; valid Driver’s License; and possess a State of Minnesota Pesticide Applicators License (“General Grounds” and “Turf and Ornamental” categories) or ability to obtain within three months of employment.

Starting salary: $3,192–$3,250/month, DOQ.

Closing date for accepting applications is Monday, October 19, 1998. Call Human Resources at (612) 895-4475 or (612) 895-4567 for an application. Qualified minorities and females are encouraged to apply. EEO/AA

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Wynstone Golf Club, managed by DNK and Assoc., is currently accepting applications for the position of HEAD GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT. Located in West Lakeland Township (near Stillwater, Minn.) Wynstone is a new 18-hole Bobby Weed designed championship golf course. The 6,900 layout on 200 acres will be a top-level, semi-private club. The superintendent is to be on staff during the construction period beginning Fall 1998. He/she will assist in the design and construction of the maintenance complex, equipment purchase and clubhouse construction. The annual maintenance budget is $500,000.

Annual salary range: $45–$65,000.

Duties:
• Golf course maintenance
• Yearly budget
• Purchasing responsibilities
• Maintenance of golf car fleet

Benefits include:
• Health and life insurance (single-family add’l.)
• Dental insurance
• Vacation, holiday and personal leave
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• Vehicle
• Continuing education allowance

Personal requirements:
• Current superintendent or 3 years as an assistant
• Completion of a two-year program in Turfgrass Management
• Pesticide application license
• Highly organized with ability to supervise and lead maintenance crew
• Ability to teach/train personnel
• Excellent interpersonal skills

Application deadline: October 23, 1998

Inquiries should be directed to:
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Are We Done Yet?

As the season winds down... I've talked to a few friends and they're burned out from the year and I also agree... it's been a long season. Are we done yet? If we all think about what we do, I mean really think, I don't know of a job that deals with as much as we do in as short a period of time as our profession in our area. Not that we're above anyone else's job. But dealing with Mother Nature, playing politics, being scrutinized on a day to day basis by golfers and members. I think to myself, and maybe some of you do, too... Why didn't I become a weatherman? You can be wrong just about every day and still keep your job. Soon a beautiful blanket of white snow will cover our courses and we can relax a little, plan for the upcoming year and recharge our batteries. For me, that will be planning for an expansion of another nine holes. I look forward to another challenge.

Time to Put Our Courses to Bed

By now, most everyone has either completed their aerification of greens, tees and fairways or soon will. Some of us by now have applied our fall chemical applications. Our irrigation systems have been blown out. The greens covers are being prepared to be put down, or we're thinking of topdressing. And somewhere in our heads is the thought, did I miss anything? Did the sprayer work properly and everything will come out in the spring and look like it did in the fall? Did I remember that one quick coupler that needs to be blown out. And yes... we'll think somewhere in our heads all winter... Did it? And come spring we'll find out if we did what we intended to do. Will Mother Nature be good to us this winter? I for one sure hope so! But for now, I'll enjoy the beauty of fall and the colors in the trees and the ducks and geese flying overhead. The cool and fresh mornings this time of year that say, it's almost over.

Summertime Get Togethers

I hope all of you take the time to talk to your local superintendents. I can't stress this enough!!! I'm going to tell you a little story and maybe you can relate. Yes... it's been a long summer, I talk to some close friends on a weekly basis. We always talk about getting together for lunch, maybe even a day of golf. But finally in late August we all got together in person. We met in Walker, just to shoot the bull and see each other. I for one was very stressed out — your basic political problems, (and I'm not much for politics). Anyway, I sat and listened for the longest time, didn't have much to say. Finally someone asked me what was wrong. I said, I've about had it! (I'm sure you've all said that before some time or another). But after listening to the rest of the boys talking about their courses, and the stuff they have gone through this season, it made me feel better. I felt as if I wasn't alone with my problems and that helped me a lot! This is why I can't stress enough... you need friends that can relate and spill your guts to sometimes. Is it the greens chairperson? Board president? Or just the average member that's getting to ya.

For me, some pizza and some good conversation, helped me a lot. I hope all you do the same wherever you are. For that, I thank Bill Cox, Mark Fossom, Tom Johanns and Dave Krupp for a great afternoon. The time we spent together was better than any phone conversation could ever do! You are truly professionals and good friends, thanks for hearing me out and making me think! To all of you, have an enjoyable fall.

See you next month.

— Steve Shumansky
Editor

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