

# Golf Apprenticeship

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As far as Paul Voykin, Supt. of Briarwood Country Club, is concerned, "a golf course student can never get enough "hands on" experience as you prepare for your career."

Going on this assumption, I decided 5 years ago to sponsor a golf course apprenticeship program for second year students. As it has evolved, my golf course majors spend 2 days per month during the school year at a different golf course helping or viewing a special task.

The first year of our program, Medinah Golf Club was renovating their bentgrass fairways. The whole procedure was also recorded in a slide presentation for our golf course management class.

Over the past five years, we've been on 30 plus courses. It's been a great experience for me, too. Golf course superintendents, by nature of their jobs, are some of the best educators of any horticultural occupation. Their national organization promotes this philosophy to their membership to the point it becomes second nature when they return home. As a group, they've been very good to Kishwaukee's turf management program.

Bob Graunkec, superintendent at Eagle Ridge, hosts our students yearly. Students working with mechanic Doug Fouts learn how to sharpen reels & bed knives on their express duel. Bob's expertise in pesticide & equipment safety training has been an excellent resource for our program.

Once freshmen students find out how good the program is, I never have to worry about a group the next year. I've had 15 students go through this program and currently 9 are assistants or superintendents.

## U.S. Golf Course Supply -- State-by-State Summary

(As of December 31, 1990)

State	Daily Fee		Municipal		Private		Total	
	Total	Rank	Total	Rank	Total	Rank	Total	Rank
Alabama	53	T-32	33	28	125	14	211	25
Alaska	4	50	2	T-49	2	51	8	51
Arizona	131	16	31	29	74	29	236	22
Arkansas	50	38	14	42	87	T-25	151	31
California	367	5	168	1	318	3	853	2
Colorado	64	29	64	10	59	33	187	26
Connecticut	53	T-32	35	T-26	80	28	168	29
Delaware	5	49	2	T-49	21	41	28	49
District of Columbia	3	51	3	T-47	4	50	10	50
Florida	442	2	96	5	473	1	1,011	1
Georgia	109	19	42	21	173	9	324	15
Hawaii	41	37	7	T-44	19	T-43	67	44
Idaho	42	36	25	T-33	14	T-45	82	T-41
Illinois	251	8	151	3	234	5	606	8
Indiana	220	12	63	11	104	20	387	12
Iowa	141	15	56	12	170	10	367	13
Kansas	71	27	48	T-17	124	T-15	243	20
Kentucky	99	22	36	T-24	93	22	228	24
Louisiana	28	43	22	35	98	21	148	32
Maine	89	23	9	43	23	40	121	35
Maryland	32	T-40	27	T-31	87	T-25	146	33
Massachusetts	166	14	40	T-22	123	17	329	14
Michigan	513	1	87	7	149	11	749	5
Minnesota	224	11	81	8	89	24	394	11
Mississippi	40	38	15	T-39	90	23	145	34
Missouri	115	18	49	T-15	116	18	280	17
Montana	32	T-40	19	36	24	39	75	43
Nebraska	66	28	36	T-24	71	30	173	27
Nevada	30	42	18	37	7	49	55	46
New Hampshire	81	25	4	46	14	T-45	99	39
New Jersey	80	26	48	T-17	135	12	263	18
New Mexico	24	47	29	30	29	38	82	T-41
New York	401	4	119	4	261	4	781	3
North Carolina	242	9	35	T-28	197	7	474	9
North Dakota	25	T-44	65	T-2	31	37	103	38
Ohio	420	3	92	6	192	8	704	6
Oklahoma	55	31	53	13	64	31	172	28
Oregon	108	20	15	T-39	36	35	159	30
Pennsylvania	365	6	44	20	234	5	643	7
Rhode Island	25	46	3	T-47	20	42	48	48
South Carolina	185	13	7	T-44	124	T-15	316	16
South Dakota	38	39	27	T-31	45	34	110	36
Tennessee	86	24	40	T-22	108	19	234	23
Texas	231	10	153	2	372	2	756	4
Utah	28	T-44	49	T-15	19	T-43	94	40
Vermont	49	35	0	51	11	48	60	45
Virginia	100	21	26	T-33	130	13	256	19
Washington	129	17	50	14	61	32	240	21
West Virginia	58	30	17	38	34	36	109	37
Wisconsin	265	7	70	9	82	27	417	10
Wyoming	22	48	15	T-39	12	47	49	47
U.S. Totals	6,497		2,222		5,232		13,951	

Source: National Golf Foundation Golf Facilities in the U.S. (1991 Edition)



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