

Paul Bastron -N-



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Glen Flora C.C.

The Illinois Turfgrass Foundation (ITF) and the MAGCS will coordinate efforts to stage the ITF Fall Golf Day and Annual College Scramble on October 7 at Glen Flora Country Club, where Paul Bastron is the host superintendent. This event is held annually and is important to our industry because the proceeds go to the ITF, which supports turfgrass research in the state of Illinois.

Golf course photos by Jim Trzinski.



No. 10 at Glen Flora.

Paul Bastron began as golf course superintendent at Glen Flora in 1987. Prior to coming to Glen Flora, Paul was the superintendent at the Ottumwa Country Club in Ottumwa, IA. Paul also served as an assistant superintendent under Jeff Scott (now at Rich Harvest Links) at the Rock Island Arsenal Golf Club. Paul worked for five years with John Deere and Company in Moline, IL before returning to school and earning an A.S. degree in landscape design and completing the two-year turf management program at Michigan State University.

Paul presently resides in Winthrop Harbor with his wife, Darla, and twin sons Patrick and Phillip; meanwhile, the Bastrons are building a new home in Pleasant Prairie, WI. The boys are honor students at St. Joseph's High School and are involved in band, track and golf. Both spent their summer caddying and as members of the grounds crew at Glen Flora. Paul and his sons also enjoy fishing when time permits and pheasant hunting during the fall and winter.

Paul has been a Certified Golf Course Superintendent since 1992 and has been active in his profession through the years. He has served on several advisory committees, the MAGCS Golf Committee and the CAGCS Board of Directors. Glen Flora has been an active contributor to the ITF Sunset Ridge Plan and is certified in environmental planning with the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program. Paul feels that his greatest professional reward has been the opportunity to form friendships with so many individuals in our industry. His biggest challenge has been dealing with "unreasonable expectations" that sometimes come with the position.

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Glen Flora Country Club was established in 1911 as a nine-hole facility just west of its present site. The club prospered and the membership grew. In 1920, construction began for the new 18-hole course at its present location. Club historians credit Austin Clayssens, then Glen Flora's golf professional, with the design of the course, although a fire destroyed most records when the clubhouse burned down in 1970. Glen Flora's standout attribute is the challenging greens. Hit the ball straight, keep the three-putts to a minimum and you will play well.



Hole no. 7 at Glen Flora features a stunning stone bridge.



No. 8, a par 4, is Paul's favorite hole.