

JESSE BULAGA

GOLF COURSE MANAGEMENT & OPERATIONS LEADER

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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Golf course management professional with 15+ years of progressive leadership experience, including six years as a Golf Course Superintendent and seven seasons at Scarsdale Golf Club. Proven background in agronomy, staff leadership, budgeting, environmental compliance, irrigation and drainage, project management, and day-to-day club operations. Known for hands-on leadership, attention to detail, strong communication, and a continuous-improvement mindset.

CORE QUALIFICATIONS

- Golf course & clubhouse grounds operations
- \$2.8M operating budget management
- Autonomous mowing technology implementation
- NYS environmental compliance
- 27-hole HDPE irrigation project management
- Staff leadership, scheduling & development
- Agronomic planning & turfgrass health
- Irrigation, drainage & infrastructure
- Member, board & management communication
- Purchasing & long-range planning

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Senior Assistant Superintendent | Scarsdale Golf Club

Jan 2020 - Present

Hartsdale, NY | 18-hole private club

- Manage day-to-day maintenance and development of the golf course and clubhouse grounds for an 18-hole private club, coordinating priorities, work schedules, and staff execution.
- Manage key aspects of a \$2.8 million annual operating budget, including month-to-month planning, purchasing, and allocation of resources.
- Helped implement autonomous mowing technology to improve operational efficiency, labor utilization, and consistency.
- Coordinate short- and long-term agronomic planning, course improvement projects, drainage work, and infrastructure needs.
- Lead and develop a staff of approximately 25 employees while maintaining clear expectations, accountability, and pride in workmanship.
- Oversee NYS environmental compliance and responsible management practices across the golf course operation.

Golf Course Superintendent | Falkirk Estate and Country Club

Jan 2019 - Dec 2019

Central Valley, NY | 18-hole public country club

- Directed all aspects of golf course maintenance and agronomic management for an 18-hole public country club.
- Oversaw plant and grounds management for a multi-million-dollar wedding venue in addition to golf course responsibilities.
- Initiated planning for a Toro irrigation system, designed property-wide drainage improvements, and began restoration toward the course's original design.

Golf Course Superintendent | Southern Dutchess Country Club

Jan 2014 - Jan 2019

Beacon, NY | 9-hole private country club

- Directed course maintenance, agronomic programs, budgeting, purchasing, and staff operations for a private club.
- Developed nutrient and plant-protectant programs focused on turfgrass health, playability, and consistent member expectations.
- Communicated regularly with the Board of Directors, Golf Professional, and membership while managing short- and long-term financial planning.

Assistant Golf Course Superintendent | Edgewood Country Club

Jan 2011 - Jan 2014

River Vale, NJ | 27-hole private country club | Bentgrass/Poa greens

- Developed daily work schedules, delegated assignments, trained staff, managed irrigation based on field scouting, and coordinated turf health programs.
- Served as project manager for a complete 27-hole, tee-to-green HDPE irrigation system installation.
- Completed in-house tee and drainage construction and implemented cultural practices to improve playability and course conditioning.

EDUCATION, LICENSURE & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

State University of New York at Delhi, Delhi, NY | Bachelor of Business Administration, Golf Course Management/Superintendent, 2008

New York State Commercial Pesticide Applicator License

Professional Affiliations: Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA); New York State Turfgrass Association (NYSTA)

Honors: SUNY Delhi Academic Scholarship; NYSTA Scholarship recipient (2006, 2007)

EARLY CAREER EXPERIENCE

Additional Golf Course Experience: Century Country Club, Purchase, NY (2010); Ballyowen Golf Club, Hamburg, NJ (2008); National Golf Links of America, Southampton, NY (2007); Shelter Harbor Golf Club, Westerly, RI (2006)