



OFFICE OF DIRECTOR



RENEE GEYER, CGCS

**CANTERWOOD GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB
GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON**

**GCSAA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE**

PERSONAL DATA

Name: Ms. Renee Geyer, CGCS

Title: Golf Course Superintendent

Home: 71 NE Hill Rd

Club / Course: Canterwood Golf & Country Club

City: Belfair

Number of Holes: 18

State: WA

Type of Course: Private

Zip: 98528-9628

Primary Phone: (740)438-7534

Business Phone: (253)851-1745

Responsibilities: As the Superintendent of Canterwood Golf & Country Club, a gated private housing community in Gig Harbor WA, I have been tasked with the daily and long-term success of the golf course as well as the growth and development of my staff. This includes, but is not limited to - agronomic programming, staffing, training, irrigation, supporting equipment maintenance practices, capital project planning, budgeting (for club level and corporate initiatives) and financial forecasting. I guide all pesticide and fertilizer applications, oversee environmental initiatives, and work with my General Manager and the Senior Vice President of Agronomy, of Invited, to utilize our resources in the best ways possible. Along with the 100 acres of golf course proper, we maintain a ½ acre newly renovated practice facility, a multiple tee driving range, and range floor, a private event tee used for weddings and other celebrations along with several residential areas within Canterwood. I serve my membership of Canterwood as though it is not just an 18-hole golf course, but an extension of their homes since many of my members live right on the course itself.

Responsible to: General Manager as well as the Senior Vice President of Agronomy for Invited Clubs

EDUCATIONAL DATA

Institution	City	State	Degree Date	Major
The Ohio State University - ATI	Wooster	OH	5/1/2009	Assoc Degree Turf/Plant or 2 yr cert

EMPLOYMENT DATA

Employer	Title of Position	Start Date	End Date
Canterwood Golf & Country Club	Golf Course Superintendent	11/17/2021	
Firestone Country Club	Golf Course Superintendent	5/10/2017	11/17/2021
Firestone Country Club	Assistant Golf Course Superintendent	1/24/2010	5/9/2017
Firestone Country Club		4/28/2008	8/29/2008
The Ohio State University			1/24/2010

CIVIC PARTICIPATION

Although I was not able to create the lucky chance to work at the state level in Ohio, due to my schedule, or yet have the chance in Washington in the short time I have been here, I have spent years in service at the National Level of GCSAA. I have served on task groups, the GCSAA PAC Board, and the Nominating Committee. Within the last several years, I have been heading and collaborating on Women In Turf, a collection of women from around the country whose aim is to serve an underutilized population within the turf industry, representing golf course superintendents, seed scientists, partner businesses and sports turf managers who are promoting women and their excellence in turf agronomy.

Giving time and attention to those who need assistance is of the utmost importance to me.

GCSAA ACTIVITIES

Committee	Position	Start Date	End Date
2024 GCSAA Women's Task Group	Volunteer	6/5/2024	6/5/2025
2023 Women's Leadership Academy	Volunteer	8/30/2023	11/30/2023
2023 GCSAA Women's Task Group	Volunteer	3/1/2023	2/29/2024
2023 Nominating Committee	Volunteer	3/1/2023	2/29/2024
2022 Nominating Committee	Volunteer	3/1/2022	2/28/2023
2022 Women's Task Group	Volunteer	3/1/2022	2/28/2023
2022 Political Action Committee	Volunteer	3/1/2022	2/28/2023
Political Action Committee	Volunteer	3/1/2021	2/2/2022
GCSAA Scholars Competition Task Group	Member Superintendent	3/1/2019	2/29/2020
Assistant Superintendent Task Group	Member Superintendent	3/1/2018	2/28/2019

LOCAL CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

Chapter	Position	Start Date	End Date

ALLIED ASSOCIATION DATA

Name	Position	Start Date	End Date

IMPORTANT NOTE:

Only Class A superintendents whose classification truly reflects their current employment are eligible for office in GCSAA.

500 WORD STATEMENT

From my youth of mowing lawns to becoming a Class A CGCS, my journey towards GCSAA has not been a common one. In 2003, I began studying Music Education and Vocal Performance at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio. Three years later, after a lot of soul searching and prioritizing my personal life, I enrolled in Turf Management at The Ohio State University Agricultural Technical Institute in Wooster, Ohio. Although I continue to enjoy music, I realized that I needed to be on the golf course and my degree would allow me to practice a long-enjoyed passion of mine - turf. While attending ATI, it became imperative to work closely with my classmates and professors; the experience taught me the importance of teamwork and supporting those around me in this industry. I became involved with our Turf Club and it was my introduction to GCSAA. As a member of that club, I became a Student Member and 17 years later, I still proudly have my gold GCSAA membership card with me always.

Upon graduation, I was hired at Firestone Country Club in Akron, Ohio and my golf course management life took off from there. I spent 13 years at Firestone working from a maintenance employee to the Assistant Superintendent of all three private courses to the Head Superintendent of the championship Fazio Course. While there, I honed my agronomic skills, learned from our Director of Agronomy, and learned what it truly means to be a team player and support others while accomplishing common goals. This daily grind allowed for incredible opportunities working with the PGA Tour and allowed me to start to explore GCSAA involvement further. Individuals in the NOGCSA along with the Ohio Turfgrass Foundation, and the Women in Turf Team (albeit very small and hardly anything organized at this point) all helped during this period to offer me education, advice, guidance and mentorship.

When Firestone's parent company asked me to consider relocating to Washington for the Superintendent position at Canterwood- I had the chance to adventure into new surroundings, weather patterns and new challenges. After just short of three years, Canterwood has given me the opportunity to put my agronomic, managerial and public relation skills to work. Several times a day, I work to find the best outcomes for the property, solve problems and communicate with our clubhouse and manage members' expectations.

I am incredibly honored to have been encouraged and considered to serve on the GCSAA Board of Directors. With the aid of my colleagues, my club, company and the incredible support of my local chapter, Western Washington GCSA, I look forward to the chance of an opportunity to start giving back pieces of what has been given to me. The relationships that I have forged in this business are ones that are priceless. I want to help and connect others in ways that improve their professional lives and the communities in which they live, and the communities that they choose to be a part of.

**DATE
SUBMITTED:**

7/10/2024 4:33:31 PM

SIGNATURE: _____



Greg Matz, President

Bill Ackerley, Executive Director

Dear GCSAA Nomination Committee,

It is with great pride that the Board of Directors of the Western Washington Golf Course Superintendents Association (WWGCSA) officially nominates Renee Geyer, CGCS, of Canterwood Golf and Country Club in Gig Harbor, WA for a position on the GCSAA Board of Directors. During her years as a Member of the WWGCSA Chapter, Renee has made a great impression on all she has come to know.

In addition to her passion for Canterwood, the industry and her local chapter, Renee has volunteered countless hours as an advocate for several GCSAA initiatives, including:

- **Serving as a member of the GCSAA PAC Board for 2 years focusing on government affairs**
- **Volunteering on multiple GCSAA task groups since 2017 including: Assistant Superintendents, Women's and Scholars Competition**

When asked what Renee hopes to do in her future with the GCSAA, she talked about her passion to engage and empower others in the industry to become their best selves. We can think of no better way of achieving this than serving the industry and GCSAA members on a national level as a member of the GCSAA Board of Directors.

Thank you.

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Greg Matz

President

Western Washington Golf Course Superintendents Association

Jill Seymour, CGCS
Charleston Springs South Course
Millstone, New Jersey

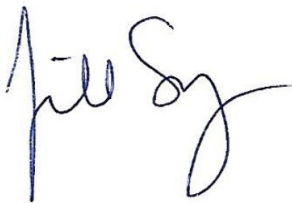
July 3, 2024

Nominating Committee
Golf Course Superintendents Association of America
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear GCSAA Nominating Committee,

I am writing to wholeheartedly recommend Renee Geyer, CGCS for the esteemed position of board member of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America. As a colleague, mentor and friend, I have had the pleasure of working alongside Renee on numerous projects, committees, task groups and volunteer opportunities and I can confidently attest to her exceptional leadership skills, dedication and passion for the golf industry. With her extensive experience in golf course management, Renee brings a very unique perspective and set of skills that would greatly benefit the GCSAA board. Her commitment to education, outreach, advocacy and member involvement has been evident throughout her career, and I have no doubt she would be an excellent addition to the board. I strongly endorse Renee for this well deserved recognition and opportunity.

Sincerely,

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Jill Seymour, CGCS

GCSAA Nominating Committee:

I had the great honor of providing agronomic advice to golf course superintendents in the western U.S. for 36 years as a part of the USGA Green Section. During my tenure from 1983-2019 hundreds of golf course superintendents were visited ranging from smaller 9-hole courses to the very best 18 hole facilities. Several noticeable positive attributes were viewed with the best of these hard working individuals - love of the game, pride in their product, the ability to communicate effectively at all levels, being open-minded to new ideas and giving back to their profession through volunteering always were found with these types of individuals.

I have also been fortunate to be a member at Canterwood G&CC in Gig Harbor, WA. for the past 31 years. Having been an active participant on the Green Committee and with our four superintendents in that time frame, the first three all embodied various aspects of the job with good results. However, our current golf course superintendent, Renee Geyer, hits all four of these attributes and more with a bullseye!

Since Renee's arrival at Canterwood the membership often speaks in glowing terms concerning course conditions as was often viewed at golf courses with exceptional superintendents. But with Renee, it is more than that. Her ability to communicate both with her staff and especially the membership takes her a notch above our previous superintendents. From her incredible singing voice to her understanding of all skill levels of players, she is the embodiment of a true professional in her field.

On the volunteer side of the equation, she has not become fully active in the local organization in her short time (2 ½ years) here in the Pacific Northwest , however she is an integral part of the "Women in Turf Team" that has volunteered at numerous USGA Championships during her tenure and has participated at several meetings at the GIS over her years as a golf course superintendent.

In short. Renee Geyer would be a perfect addition to the GCSAA Board of Directors. She is bright, thoughtful, and energetic while representing a large portion of golfers that will continue to grow in the future. It is hoped that she will be given very serious consideration for this position.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Gilhuly, USGA agronomist (retired)