



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 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, the Regional Vice President, and the Senior Vice President of Agronomy, of Invited, to utilize our resources in the best ways possible.

Along with the one hundred acres of golf course property, we maintain a half-acre practice facility, a multiple tee driving range, and range floor, a private event tee used for weddings and other celebrations along with green belt residential areas within Canterwood. I oversee special projects within the clubhouse grounds and its surrounding areas, and surveying and managing tree and shrub removal throughout our heavily forested tracks. 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. Throughout the seasons, I meet and confirm changes, and plans, with the local HOA office to ensure all residents and Canterwood Golf members have full use of our facilities.

Responsible to: Sam Niland, GM,
Canterwood Golf & Country
Club - Mr. Jay Abbott,
Senior Vice President of
Agronomy, Invited Clubs -
Mr. James Irvine, Regional
Vice President of
Agronomy, 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
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CIVIC PARTICIPATION

Although I could not serve at the state level in Ohio, due to my schedule, I have spent years in service at the National Level of GCSAA. I have served as a member of Task Groups, (Assistants Task Group, Scholar's Competition Task Group, Women's Task Group, Membership Appeals Task Group) the GCSAA PAC Board, and the Nominating Committee. Currently, I serve on the Western Washington Chapter Education Committee. This group guides educational opportunities and presentations to choose speakers/educators for chapter meetings and selects courses for the annual Washington Turf Landscape and Nursery Show.

Beginning in the Summer of 2025, I am implementing Canterwood Golf & Country Club's first Golf Course Maintenance Internship Program. Using resources through my colleagues and our parent company Invited, I have created a framework, duties, and benchmarks for our interns.

Since 2023, I have had the joy of presenting "Taking the Next Next Step" at the Toro Assistant Superintendent Experience in Minnesota. It focuses on encouraging and educating current assistants who hope to become superintendents and leaders in the turf management business. I have volunteered for First Green Events within the Western Washington Chapter of GCSAA; my intention is to produce Canterwood's inaugural First Green event this autumn when school is back in session.

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 Chapter Delegates Meeting	GCSAA Board of Directors Candidate	9/27/2024	12/31/2024
2024 Women's Leadership Academy	Volunteer	9/6/2024	11/30/2024
2024 GCSAA Women's Task Group	Volunteer	6/5/2024	6/5/2025
2024 Membership Appeals Task Group	Volunteer	3/1/2024	2/28/2025
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 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 collaborate 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 18 years later, I still proudly have my gold GCSAA membership card with me always.

Upon graduation, I began work 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 small at that time) 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 4 years, Canterwood has given me the opportunity to put my agronomic, managerial, and public relation skills to work. Every day, I work to find the best outcomes for the property, solve problems, 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 opportunity to start giving back pieces of what has been shared with 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.

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Craig Benson, President

Bill Ackerley, Executive Director

Dear Chapter Delegates,

As the 2026 GCSAA Conference and Tradeshow approaches, we would like to express our enthusiastic support for Renee Geyer, CGCS, as a candidate for the National Board of Directors.

In her brief four years here in Western Washington, Renee has made an indelible mark on our community. She has actively contributed to local fundraising initiatives, participated in Rounds for Research, mentored students, serves on our Chapter Education Committee and provides invaluable job-shadowing opportunities through the grassroots "Career Pathways" program.

While Renee has not served as our local Chapter President, we wholeheartedly indorse her as an exceptional professional and a valued member of our organization. Renee brings a unique combination of communication skills, diplomacy, business acumen, and financial expertise to the table. We are confident that her leadership qualities and passion for this industry will enable her to represent not only Western Washington, but Golf Course Superintendents across the country with excellence.

Thank You for your consideration and support of Renee Geyer, CGCS.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Benson', followed by a long horizontal flourish.

Craig Benson, 2025 President

Western Washington Golf Course Superintendents Association