



OFFICE OF DIRECTOR



RYAN S. KRAUSHOFER, CGCS

WESTMINSTER NATIONAL GOLF COURSE

WESTMINSTER, MARYLAND

**GCSAA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE**

PERSONAL DATA

Name: Mr. Ryan S Kraushofer, CGCS

Title: Superintendent and General Manager

Home: 808 Great Day Ct

Club / Course: Westminster National Golf Course

City: Westminster

Number of Holes: 18

State: MD

Type of Course: Daily Fee

Zip: 21157-6994

Primary Phone: (410)876-4653

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Responsibilities: I am proud to be the Superintendent and General Manager of Westminster National Golf Course, a family-owned, 18-hole daily fee facility in Carroll County, MD. I oversee all operations of the course including the management of 120 acres of turf, an indoor simulator facility, clubhouse operations, food and beverage service, tournaments, and special events. I supervise an agronomy team of ten employees, plus oversee 40 part time employees that work in the pro-shop and food service. I hold the course pesticide licenses, liquor license, and am responsible for all state fertilizer reporting requirements. I do all pro-shop ordering, food and beverage ordering, and golf course purchases. I am responsible for ensuring we stay within my annual budget for the course and pro-shop. Being responsible for all operations at Westminster National Golf Course gives me a keen appreciation for the wide range of aspects involved in golf course management.

Outside of my paid hours, I am very active with the Mid-Atlantic GCS. I have been a member since 2005 and am a past-President. I am active in association events, meetings, and support and mentor other members in the chapter. Along with my fellow superintendents in the Mid-Atlantic GCSA, I lead and organize a local First Green program. In addition, I work directly with other chapters and GCSAA in promoting the program as a First Green Liaison.

Responsible to: Owners

EDUCATIONAL DATA

Institution	City	State	Degree Date	Major
University of Maryland	College Park	MD	5/23/2005	Assoc Degree Turf/Plant or 2 yr cert

EMPLOYMENT DATA

Employer	Title of Position	Start Date	End Date
Westminster National Golf Course	Superintendent and General Manager	1/12/2008	
The Timbers at Troy	Assistant Golf Course Supt.	4/2/2007	1/11/2008
Oakmont Green Golf Club	Assistant Golf Course Supt.	6/3/2006	4/1/2007
University of Maryland	Turfgrass Student	10/13/2003	6/2/2006

CIVIC PARTICIPATION

I am very passionate about the First Green Program. I began promoting this program in 2016 by first presenting it to local educators to bring awareness to what GCSAA has to offer their schools. Since that first presentation, I've hosted 18 First Green field trips bringing more than 1700 kids to my course and exposing them to our industry. In addition, I regularly reach out to local tv stations for live coverage on what GCSAA and the First Green Program is doing for our youth. To date, I have had 10 live television interviews about the First Green Program, helping to promote it in the mid-atlantic region.

Since 2017, I have been involved with the planning of National Golf Day and the annual community service project, working closely with Chava McKeel, GCSAA Director of Government Affairs. It is a complex event that takes several months of planning and coordination between GCSAA and the National Park Service. This year, I was able to secure \$8,000 in donations to allow the 200+ volunteers make turf and landscape improvements on the National Mall in Washington D.C.

My proximity to Washington D.C. has provided me the opportunity to assist with key legislative issues that impact GCSAA members. Recently, I was able to support the partnership between EPA Region 3 and GCSAA regarding pesticide stewardship and how superintendents utilize BMPs to protect the environment.

In addition, I actively support Craig Kirby of "Golf. My Future. My Game." His program works to expand diversity in golf. I've participated in his local events which were focused on outreach to inner-city children and adults. I would welcome the opportunity to promote the benefits of golf to underrepresented groups and increase the diversity of our workforce and customers.

Locally, I also sit on numerous golf tournament committees. One of my fondest is the Robert Fogel Memorial Golf Tournament. This tournament raises money in honor of Robert Fogel- a Baltimore County firefighter that died in the line of duty. Robert Fogel was on the planning committee for his fire departments annual golf tournament, which was hosted at my course. In addition, his son was on the high school golf team and played my course regularly. With my help, the committee has been able to raise over \$175,000 to be used as a scholarship for students pursuing a career in public safety. In addition to this annual tournament, I have also been active in hosting and planning tournaments to benefit the Wounded Warriors and the Carroll County Food Bank.

GCSAA ACTIVITIES

Committee	Position	Start Date	End Date
2024 Certification Committee	Volunteer	3/1/2024	2/28/2025
2024 GCSAA Scholars Competition Task Group	Volunteer	3/1/2024	2/28/2025
2024 First Green Liaisons	First Green Liaison	1/1/2024	12/31/2024
2023 Chapter Delegates Meeting	GCSAA Board of Directors Candidate	9/8/2023	10/26/2023
2023 Certification Committee	Volunteer	3/1/2023	2/29/2024
2022 Chapter Delegate Meeting	GCSAA Board of Directors Candidate	9/26/2022	10/27/2022
2022 Certification Committee	Volunteer	3/1/2022	2/28/2023
First Green Task Group	Volunteer	3/1/2021	2/28/2022
2020 Chapter Delegates Meeting	Chapter Delegate	9/25/2020	11/1/2020
First Green Task Group	Volunteer	3/1/2020	2/28/2021
First Green Task Group	Member Superintendent	3/1/2018	2/28/2019
2016 Chapter Delegates Meeting	Chapter Delegate	9/8/2016	9/8/2017
2015 Chapter Delegates Meeting	Chapter Delegate	9/14/2015	10/28/2015
2014 Chapter Leaders/Executives Symposium	Chapter Leader	3/10/2014	3/12/2014

LOCAL CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

Chapter	Position	Start Date	End Date
Mid-Atlantic Association of GCS	Director	12/10/2021	12/29/2022
Mid-Atlantic Association of GCS	First Tee Program	12/10/2021	
Mid-Atlantic Association of GCS	Voting Delegate	12/8/2020	12/9/2021
Mid-Atlantic Association of GCS	Director	12/1/2020	12/9/2021

Mid-Atlantic Association of GCS	Chapter Delegate	9/28/2020	9/13/2021
Mid-Atlantic Association of GCS	President	1/1/2020	12/31/2020
Mid-Atlantic Association of GCS	Chapter Delegate	11/6/2019	9/1/2020
Mid-Atlantic Association of GCS	President	1/1/2019	12/31/2019
Mid-Atlantic Association of GCS	Vice-president	1/1/2018	12/31/2018
Mid-Atlantic Association of GCS	Vice-president	1/1/2017	12/31/2017
Mid-Atlantic Association of GCS	Voting Delegate	1/1/2017	9/21/2017
Mid-Atlantic Association of GCS	Chapter Delegate	9/16/2016	12/31/2016
Mid-Atlantic Association of GCS	Secretary	1/1/2016	12/31/2016
Mid-Atlantic Association of GCS	Treasurer	1/1/2016	12/31/2016
Mid-Atlantic Association of GCS	Treasurer	1/1/2015	12/31/2015
Mid-Atlantic Association of GCS	Secretary	1/1/2015	12/31/2015
Mid-Atlantic Association of GCS	Newsletter Editor	1/1/2014	12/31/2014

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

Golf has been a part of my life for a long as I can remember. My fondest memories are from when I was 12 years old and I was more interested in working on a golf course than actually playing the game. While hanging out in the clubhouse while my parents would play golf in the evenings, I began to do small chores to stay busy- vacuuming, taking out the trash, and washing carts. That was the start of my career as a Golf Course Superintendent & General Manager. Now 27 years later, I'm still working for the same family that opened up the door to this amazing career path.

Working in the golf industry and being a member of GCSAA has brought so much joy and camaraderie to my life. I want others to have the opportunity to experience it as well, which is why I've been so passionate about advocating for our industry and association. From my efforts on Capitol Hill with law makers to local media outreach highlighting the First Green program, I want to keep improving the industry for our future generations so they will love it as much as I do.

If you had asked me 10 years ago if a Superintendent from a low budget, public golf course would have the opportunity to run for the National Board of Directors, I would have said "No way!" But, after serving on our chapter board for the past nine years (including as President in 2019-20), I know it's not about how popular your course is or how big your budget is. It's about the love of the game, networking, volunteering, and dedication that matters the most! That is why I know I am a good fit to serve on the GCSAA Board of Directors.

The previous board has done a fantastic job creating great initiatives, which I will seek to grow if elected. I'm very excited about The First Green Program, Facility BMP's, National Golf Day, the revamped CGCS process, and partnering with Region 3 of the EPA. I have hosted over 18 First Green events, planned and raised funds for the National Golf Day Community Service Project, and achieved a personal goal of receiving my CGCS designation. I look forward to bringing my passion and creativity to GCSAA in order to make our association the best it can be! As Rhett Evans would say, it's time to "Lead Out"! So, with the support of my wife and my employer, it's my turn to lead out, to support, and to grow our association!

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LETTER OF NOMINATION

June 28th, 2024

GCSAA Nominating Committee Chairman
c/o Shelia Finney, Senior Director, Member Programs
1421 Research Park Drive
Lawrence, KS 66049-3859

GCSAA Nominating Committee Chairman:

It is my pleasure to nominate Ryan Kraushofer, CGCS as Director for the 2025 GCSAA Board of Directors. Ryan has displayed tremendous commitment to the golf course management profession, the MAAGCS and GCSAA. The MAAGCS Board of Directors supports Ryan's decision to run for the GCSAA Board of Directors and acknowledges his passion for making a difference in the industry. Ryan has demonstrated each of the key factors listed below and we believe he is an ideal candidate for the GCSAA Board of Directors.

- Have demonstrated a personal and professional commitment to the association and the golf course management profession.
- Is a creative, visionary and strategic thinker who understands and embraces the mission, vision and goals of GCSAA.
- Has demonstrated the ability to work respectfully with other board members; committee/task group members; allied association leaders; industry partners; and GCSAA staff.
- Has been a leader in the First Green Field Trip initiative.
- Was a lead organizer and fundraiser for the 2023 National Golf Day Community Service Project
- Is comfortable speaking and making presentations in both small and large group settings.
- Is comfortable with utilizing social media.
- Is aware of national governmental and regulatory issues impacting the golf course industry.
- Have served as a Chapter or Voting Delegate.
- Have served on GCSAA committees/task groups.
- Have served on an affiliated chapter board as a director and/or executive officer.
- Previous experience chairing committees and/or task groups at the chapter level.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Chris Sandels'.

Chris Sandels
MAAGCS President
Mount Vernon Country Club