

THOMAS POPE

Golf Course Agronomy & Leadership

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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Assistant Superintendent with experience in private club agronomy, championship conditioning, course renovation, irrigation management, and staff leadership. Committed to delivering outstanding playing conditions and building cohesive, accountable teams. Seeking to lead a grounds department as a Golf Course Superintendent.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Sycamore Hills Golf Club | Fort Wayne, Indiana

Assistant Superintendent | October 2024 to present

- Assist in leading daily agronomy operations, optimizing turf health and playing conditions.
- Helped complete two bunker removals, cart path re-routing by the 10th tees, and nursery establishment with multiple creeping bentgrass cultivars.
- Enhanced integrated pest management and introduced technology for chemical application records, task delegation, and hole location selections.

Exmoor Country Club | Highland Park, Illinois

Assistant Superintendent | First assistant role after graduation, 2.5 years

- Staff training, task delegation, and operational planning in a high-level private club.
- Heavily involved in the spring 2022 Andrew Green renovation, including work on holes 1, 9, and 18, construction coordination, contractor communication, and grow-in.
- Integral role in preparation and execution of the 2022 Western Amateur.

Colorado Golf Club | Parker, Colorado

Golf Course Maintenance Intern | Summer internship following Warren Golf Course

- Developed irrigation management knowledge in a drier climate and an understanding of firm, fast playing conditions and private club expectations.

Warren Golf Course | South Bend, Indiana

Golf Course Maintenance Intern | 2019

- Contributed to preparation, execution, and recovery for the 2019 U.S. Senior Open.

Purdue University & Patriot Park | Indiana

Sports Turf Crew & Summer Internship | During undergraduate studies

- Maintained football, baseball, softball, and soccer fields at Purdue University.

- Maintained baseball diamonds, soccer fields, and park areas at Patriot Park with a small staff and limited equipment and irrigation resources.

EDUCATION

Purdue University

Bachelor of Science, Turf Management and Science | Spring 2021

CORE CAPABILITIES

Turfgrass health and conditioning • Strategic irrigation • Integrated pest management • Renovation coordination • Grow-in management • Staff training • Task delegation • Operational planning • Contractor communication • Digital record keeping