

WILMINGTON COUNTRY CLUB

Agronomy Internship

2025



1901



HISTORY AND TRADITION

meet modern amenities

An invitation only membership, Wilmington Country Club is set among the rolling hills of the Delaware Valley and surrounded by land formerly owned by the renowned duPont family. Our storied history of over 120 years has solidified Wilmington Country Club as one of the finest and most prestigious clubs in the country

SOUTH COURSE

The South Course, designed by legendary architect Robert Trent Jones Sr., is our championship course and opened for play on October 8, 1959. Following a 2020 renovation by architect Andrew Green, the South Course is a great test of golfer's skills and plays a monstrous 7,521 yards.

NORTH COURSE

Designed by revered architect Dick Wilson, the North Course opened for play in 1961. While shorter than the South Course, the North Course still provides a great test of golf while playing a modest 6,390 yards.

RACQUETS FACILITY

Wilmington is home to an award-winning racquets facility that boasts over thirty courts, including eleven clay courts, two outdoor hard courts, two bentgrass tennis courts, five indoor tennis courts, four indoor pickleball courts, four paddleball courts, as well as a squash facility.

CHAMPIONSHIP GOLF

history in the making

After hosting the 1913 U.S. Women's Amateur on what is now known as the "Old Course," Wilmington has hosted five other USGA events, including the 1965 and 1978 U.S. Junior Amateur, the 1971 U.S. Amateur, the 1978 U.S. Girls' Junior and the 2003 U.S. Mid-Amateur. The club also hosted the 2013 Palmer Cup competition between Europe and a United States team that featured 2019 BMW Championship winner Justin Thomas and Daniel Berger. In 2022, we were proud to play host to the BMW Championship.

1913

USGA WOMEN'S AMATEUR
Gladys Ravenscroft

1965

USGA JUNIOR AMATEUR
James Masserio

1971

USGA AMATEUR
Gary Cowan

1978

USGA JUNIOR AMATEUR
Donald Hurter

2003

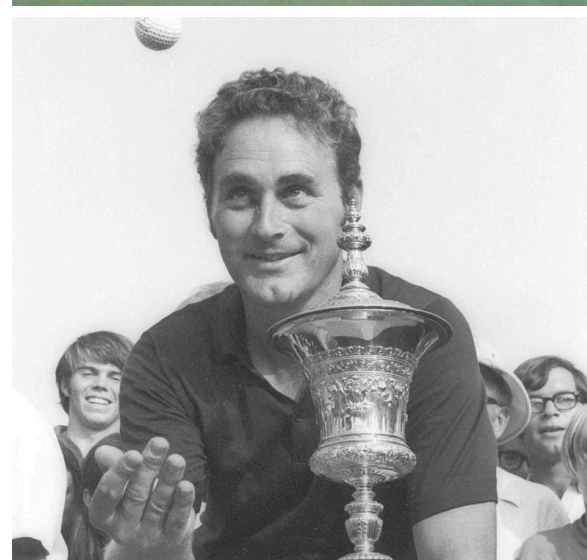
USGA MID- AMATEUR
Nathan Smith

2013

PALMER CUP
United States

2022

BMW CHAMPIONSHIP
Patrick Cantlay



TENETS OF EXCELLENCE

the wilmington way

Our Club has an outstanding reputation for its commitment to excellence in the quality of services and experiences we provide to our members. Below you will find the "Tenets of Excellence". As at any facility, we have our own unique culture. For those who join us and embrace the "Wilmington Way" you will find that you become a part of the Wilmington Country Club work-family.



- Continually exceed member expectations through empathy, understanding, active listening and sincerely valuing member needs and comments.
- Embrace a culture of dignity and respect by exhibiting a belief that all people add value, strength and purpose to our community.
- Protect and enhance the Club's legacy through the thoughtful consideration of words and actions using history, values and traditions as guiding principles.
- Maintain an impeccable image. Every detail, internal and external, represents Wilmington Country Club and deserves to be a source of pride.
- Hire staff who are friendly and engaged, service minded and will care for our members and Club.
- Develop and outstanding team by providing an environment that nurtures staff and fosters success. Give ownership to the role each individual plays in achieving objectives and goals.
- Assess performance honestly to identify strengths and weaknesses with the goal of continual improvement.
- Empower all employees to actively participate in problem solving, so that Wilmington Country Club will always find a solution, not an excuse.

AGRONOMY STAFF

leadership at its best

JONATHAN URBANSKI

Director of Golf Courses and Grounds

Originally from Wilmington, Delaware, 2025 will be Jon's seventh year at Wilmington Country Club. A graduate of Moravian University and the University of Maryland, Jon is a former president of the Philadelphia Association of Golf Course Superintendents and has mentored numerous professionals in reaching their goals in becoming golf course superintendents. Prior to arriving at Wilmington, Jon was the Superintendent at Bidermann Golf Club in Wilmington, DE and The Suburban Club in Baltimore, MD.

SOUTH COURSE

TOM MCFEELEY

South Course Superintendent

Tom has been the South Course Superintendent since May of 2021. Originally from Clifton Heights, Pennsylvania, Tom is a graduate of Rutgers University. Prior to Wilmington, Tom held positions at Philadelphia Cricket Club, Llanerch Country Club, Rolling Green Golf Club, and Radley Run Country Club.

BRADEN THOMAS

South Course Assistant Superintendent

Originally from Rising Sun, Maryland, 2025 will be Braden's fifth season at the club. A graduate of The Pennsylvania State University, Braden previously held positions at Winters Run Golf Club and Chesapeake Bay Golf Club.

GAVIN KOPCZYNSKIE

South Course Assistant Superintendent

Gavin has been at Wilmington since May of 2022. Originally from Freeland, Pennsylvania, Gavin is a graduate of The Pennsylvania State University. Prior to Wilmington, Gavin held positions at Blue Ridge Trail Golf Club and Liberty National Golf Club.

NORTH COURSE

CODY SANDER

North Course Superintendent

2025 will be Cody's seventh season at the club, working his way from Student Intern, to Assistant Superintendent, to North Course Superintendent. Originally from Damascus, Maryland, Cody is a graduate of The Pennsylvania State University. Prior to arriving at WCC, Cody held positions at Bonita Bay Club and Montgomery Country Club.

NICK LEGGIN

North Course Assistant Superintendent

Originally from Scranton, Pennsylvania, Nick has been at Wilmington since March of 2022. A graduate of The Pennsylvania State University, Nick previously held positions at the Ford Field and River Club and Glenmaura National Golf Club.

JOSHUA MULDOWNEY

North Course Assistant Superintendent

Josh is a native of Syracuse, New York, and has been at the club since June of 2023. A graduate of The Pennsylvania State University, Josh previously held positions at Penn National Golf Club and The Peninsula Club.

INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE

mentorship and expertise

The internship program at Wilmington Country Club will take you through the heart of the golf season in the Mid-Atlantic. The climatic conditions of the region make it a challenging, yet extremely beneficial experience for your career. You will be mentored and exposed to all of the necessities to maintain a high-end private country club.



INTERNSHIP DUTIES

learning through experience



1901

Learning to operate all types of equipment utilized on course

Applying plant protectants using the latest GPS technology

Assist with chemical inventory and understanding of budget management

Repair basic to advanced irrigation problems

Understand hand watering to promote firm conditions for greens, tees, and fairways

Small project development and execution

Understand grass tennis playability standards

Learn to calibrate spreaders and GPS sprayers

Become knowledgeable in reel mower technology

Exposure to front and back of clubhouse departments along with golf operations

COMMITMENT TO TEAM

what interns should bring

We consider our employees to be our most valuable assets. The loyalty and excellent performance of our staff is paramount to the Club's success. Maintaining a reputation for quality, integrity and member service is our primary objective. Input on improving our operation, both to make your job easier and to improve the service we provide, is always welcome. An employee's commitment to bring a positive "can do" hands-on attitude to work is essential, as we maintain the answer to any members' question as always being YES! A sense of humor and willingness to have fun is encouraged!



INTERNSHIP BENEFITS

requirements and opportunities

Golf course interns are required to be enrolled in either an accredited two or four year institution in a field of study related to golf turf management

A competitive hourly wage of \$16.50/hour plus overtime

Uniforms, lunch, and golf privileges

No cost housing within a five minute drive from the Club

Volunteer at either a PGA Tour, USGA, or LPGA Tour event

Opportunity to lead the staff for one week at the end of the internship

WHERE ARE THEY NOW

past intern participants



Cody Sander, 2019 - North Course Superintendent, Wilmington Country Club



Matt Gillespie, 2019 - Asst. Sports Turf Manager, Windview Athletic Fields



Nick Leggin, 2020 - Assistant Superintendent, Wilmington Country Club



Braden Thomas, 2021 - Assistant Superintendent, Wilmington Country Club



Michael Sheehan, 2021 - Assistant Superintendent, Whitford Country Club



Brett Wilcom, 2021 - Assistant Superintendent, Laytonville Golf Course



Jack Brown, 2022 - Assistant Superintendent, Applebrook Golf Club



Tyler Houghton, 2023 - Assistant Superintendent at Meadowbrook Golf and Country Club (Canada)



Zack Newsome, 2023 - Masters Student at Penn State



Thomas Walsh, 2024 - Returning to Penn State



Blaise Moyer, 2024 - Returning to Horry Georgetown Technical College



Jose Garduno, 2024 - Returning to Rutgers University



NEXT STEP - INTERNSHIP

contact us for more information

For more information regarding the Agronomy Internship Program at
Wilmington Country Club, please contact:

CODY SANDER

(301) 366-6849

csander@wilmingtoncc.com

www.wilmingtoncc.com

wcc1901_agro



