



AUSTIN MCNEIL

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Summary

Experienced turfgrass management professional with a strong background in high-end golf course operations, agronomic planning, irrigation management, and team leadership, including hands-on experience with golf course renovation projects. Known for maintaining championship-level playing conditions while efficiently implementing sustainable irrigation practices and integrated pest management programs.

Experience

Trinity Forest Golf Club | Dallas, TX
Assistant Superintendent

06/2025 - Current

- Assist in overseeing daily golf course maintenance operations at a championship-level facility.
- Oversaw employee timekeeping and payroll reporting, ensuring accurate hour tracking and on-time weekly payroll submission.
- Coordinate fertilization, chemical application, and integrated pest management programs alongside Director of Agronomy and Superintendent
- Supported USGA agronomists during the 2025 U.S. Junior Amateur Championship, assisting with championship setup, agronomic preparation, and daily course conditioning
- Worked closely with the Superintendent and Director of Agronomy to build and maintain the annual operating budget.

2025 20th Anniversary Green Start Academy

Attendee

12/2025 - 12/2025

- Selected as one of 50 Assistant Superintendents nationwide for the 20th Anniversary Green Start Academy, a highly competitive professional development and leadership program for assistant golf course superintendents.
- Engaged directly with superintendents, directors of agronomy, and industry leaders through panel discussions, site visits, and guided networking.
- Gained insight into long-term career planning, professional presence, and operational decision-making at high-performing golf facilities.

Brookhollow Golf Club | Dallas, TX
Assistant Superintendent

04/2023 - 06/2025

- Managed daily maintenance operations and crew assignments to maintain pristine playing conditions
- Implemented fertilization and pest control programs to support turf health and playability
- Maintained and troubleshot Toro 2-Wire irrigation system, ensuring efficient water management
- Managed tree health and maintenance programs through proper pruning, hazard assessment, and disease identification to promote long-term plant health and course safety.

Eldorado Golf and Country Club | Palm Desert, CA

Maintenance Worker

09/2022 - 04/2023

- Operated turf and landscape equipment for routine maintenance of greens, tees, fairways, collars, and rough
- Applied fertilizers, herbicides, and insecticides using manual and

automated application equipment

- Assisted with full overseeding programs using ryegrass and Poa annua on greens and fairways
- Performed palm tree maintenance and assisted with tree removal operations.

Bearpath Golf and Country Club | Eden Prairie, MN

Turfgrass Intern

04/2021 - 09/2022

- Gained comprehensive, hands-on experience across all aspects of private club golf course maintenance.
- Assisted in the planning and execution of a full golf course renovation.
- Operated heavy equipment for renovation, construction, and course improvement projects.
- Played an active role in rebuilding green complexes, bunkers, including the installation of new irrigation lines and valves.
- Assisted with the management and establishment of new bentgrass greens and tees, including monitoring turf health and grow-in progress.

Stonehenge Landscape Construction | MN

Landscaping Crew Member

03/2020 - 09/2020

- Assisted with residential and commercial landscape installation and maintenance projects
- Developed foundational skills in teamwork, job-site efficiency, and equipment operation.

Education and Training

College of The Desert | Palm Desert, CA

Associate of Science in Turfgrass Management

- Men's Golf Team 2021 & 2022

Certifications & Licenses

GCSAA – Class C Member

Texas Department of Agriculture Commercial Pesticide Applicator License (Turf & Ornamental)

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Arborist Technician Certificate

Irrigation Technician Certificate

Pest Management Technician Certificate

References

- Kasey Kauff – Director of Agronomy Trinity Forest Golf Club | kkauff@trinityforestgc.com | (940) 703-9370
- Ben Zawacki – Superintendent Trinity Forest Golf Club | b.zawacki@trinityforestgc.com | (414) 708-0214
- Ryan Gurrola - Assistant Superintendent Panther National | Ryan.gurrola@panthernational.com | (760) 238 -7475
- Jim Snell – Superintendent Bearpath Golf & Country Club | jsnell@bearpathgolf.com | (612) 702-8179

Professional References

- Brandon Richey - Director of Agronomy, Jupiter Hills Club | brandon.richey@jupiterhillsclub.org | (561) 427-5446
- Kevin Banks - Superintendent, Vineyard Golf Club | kbanks@vineyardgolf.com | (508) 813-6500
- Eduardo Vaca - Professor, College of The Desert, Turfgrass Management | Evaca@collegeofthedesert.edu | (760) 899-3585
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