

Russell 'Gus' Balling

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OBJECTIVE To apply 20+ years management experience to a progressive work environment.

SKILLS

- >Demonstrated ability to utilize strong communication, organizational and interpersonal skills to maintain a respectable working environment.
- >Ability to establish and manage fertility, cultural and IPM programs for warm season turf, landscape. ornamentals and bedding plants (Florida Pesticide License #CM27340)
- >Efficient in administration of daily reports, procurement of materials, interpreting company policies, recruitment and training of bi-lingual employees.
- >Experienced in complete sequence of new golf course construction and renovation.
- >Supervised installation of irrigation systems, pump stations and hydraulic/electric controllers.
- >Computer skills include Excel, PowerPoint, taskTracker, playbooks and Toro SitePro.

EMPLOYMENT **Altman Specialty Plants Inc., FL, Technical Services Supervisor (2022)**

Responsible for managing the combination of environmental, chemical, and biological tools utilized to ensure optimum plant growth.

Fountains Country Club, FL, Assistant Superintendent (2021)

Assist in the daily management of a private 36-hole golf facility.

Fernlea Flowers LTD, FL, Grower (2014-2021)

Manage all operations of Farm 1 location, including transplant schedules, grow times, cultural practices, new technology trials, scouting and subsequent scheduling of pesticide applications, fertigation mixing, beneficial insect programs, timing plant growth regulators -vs- forecast sale dates, shipping documents and maintaining compliance in all state regulations.

Polo Club of Boca Raton, FL, Assistant Superintendent (2013)

Assist in the daily management of Equestrian golf course, pesticide/fertilizer applications.

BallenIsles Country Club, FL, Assistant/Superintendent (2002-2012)

Participated in the management of each of the 3 golf courses (East, North and South).

Responsible for employee recruitment, training, and evaluation. Performed pesticide/fertilizer calibrations, applications, and scheduled irrigation.

Played an integral role in the 2008 Keith Foster \$9 million East course renovation and grow-in.

Mike Roach Irrigation Inc, FL, Installation Superintendent (2000-2002)

Projects include: The Everglades Club, Trump National-Jupiter, Medalist Golf Club, Polo Club Boca Raton, Mayacoo Lakes Country Club and Raptors Bay Golf Club.

Paragon/Weitz Golf International, FL, Survey/Drainage Foreman (1998-2000)

Projects include: The Bear's Club, Breaker's Ocean Course, Lost Tree Club and Spring Creek Ranch.

The Golf Club of Purchase, NY, Assistant Superintendent (1997-1998)

Supervise staff of 35 for a private 18-hole Jack Nicklaus signature golf course.

The Connecticut Golf Club, CT, Assistant Superintendent (1993-1996)

Richter Park Golf Course, CT, Spray Technician (1992)

EDUCATION

Rutgers University, 1996 Golf Course Management

New York Botanical Garden, 1994-1996 School of Horticulture

The University of Connecticut, 1990 Bachelor of Science Chemistry

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References

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