# Russell 'Gus' Balling

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**OBJECTIVE** To apply 20+ years management experience to a progressive work environment in south Florida.

**SKILLS** 

- >Demonstrated ability to utilize strong communication, organizational and interpersonal skills to maintain a respectable working environment.
- >Efficient in administration of daily reports, procurement of materials, interpreting company policies, recruitment and training of new employees.
- >Ability to listen and extract important relevant information in establishing team goals and objectives.
- >Experienced in measuring performance-vs-goals, anticipating and adjusting for deviations.
- >Knowledgeable in working with budgets to ensure financial limits are not exceeded.
- >Computer skills: Microsoft Office, Excel, PowerPoint, Word, taskTracker, playbooks, and Evolution.

## 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 Golf Course 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 Golf Course Superintendent (1997-1998)

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

The Connecticut Golf Club, CT, Assistant Golf Course 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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