



CGSA Member Spotlight Q & A:

Name: Jarret Rempel, AAGS

Position: Assistant Superintendent

Golf Course: St. Charles Country Club

Are there any unique features that make your golf course stand out?

Our course holds a distinction unmatched anywhere in the world: nine holes designed by Alister MacKenzie and nine holes designed by Donald Ross, bringing together the work of two of golf's greatest architects on one property.

What inspired you to pursue a career in golf course management?

What started out as a summer job turned into a passion for being outdoors, working with my hands and being able to see what we are accomplishing on a giant canvas, that is the golf course.

What are some of the biggest challenges you face in your role?

I'd say one of the biggest challenges is producing the high-quality conditions our members expect while also communicating the realities of maintaining a golf course. Everyone wants perfect





conditions all the time, but factors like weather, turf health, staffing, and course traffic can affect what is possible. Setting realistic expectations, explaining the reasoning behind management decisions, and ensuring we're making choices that benefit the course both today and in the long term are very important. Another challenge is just dealing with staffing. Making sure that staff are staying focused and are put in positions where they know what is expected of them and that they are given the best opportunity to succeed and excel in their tasks.



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What do you enjoy most about your role?

I love the camaraderie amongst my peers at other golf courses. Seeing the sun rise and hearing the birds sing early in the morning can be so peaceful and serene. Just getting to be outdoors everyday and seeing members, guests and staff enjoy and take pride in golf course.

What's a moment in your career that stands out as particularly rewarding?

When we opened the Mackenzie nine up for play after being closed for 14 months to renovate and restore it was very rewarding. That





was our first nine that we renovated and the one I had the most hands-on involvement with. The whole construction project that we have been going through for last 4 years has been very challenging but also very rewarding and a cool experience to be apart of.

I also got to go volunteer at the 2017 US Open at Erin Hills. Was a very cool experience to be apart of.



What do you enjoy most about being a CGSA member?

Love the camaraderie amongst the members and my peers. So easy to chat with other members about our respective courses and what each person is dealing with and to share ideas and information. The CGSA conference in winter is also always a highlight. Always a great couple of days of education and networking.

What's something people might be surprised to learn about you/fun fact?

I'm trying to play every golf course in Manitoba. I have currently played 101 of the active 124 golf courses that I am aware of.





What advice would you give to someone pursuing a career in golf course management?

Ask your superintendent, assistant superintendent and anybody else in industry lots of questions and just be a sponge to soak up information.

