

# Gerald R Smith

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31 Knowles St. Pawtucket, RI 02860

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### **Wannamoissett Country Club – Rumford, RI**

**January 2017 – Present**

*A private country club providing a family oriented upscale atmosphere for members. Wannamoissett is home to a championship Donald Ross designed golf course and to the prestigious Northeast Amateur Tournament.*

#### **Assistant Superintendent**

- Develop short and long range plans for golf course improvements in collaboration with the Superintendent
- Oversee the proper execution and overall outcome of all assigned tasks and chemical application
- Schedule and implement efficient and effective daily, weekly, and monthly job assignments
- Interview, hire, mentor, lead, and train seasonal employees, summer interns, and other assistants
- Provide championship course conditions and golf experiences meeting member expectations on a daily basis
- Successfully started labor-tracking to decrease inefficiencies and provide detailed labor expense reports
- Implemented an aggressive greens topdressing and greens aerification program, recommended by industry experts, to increase firmness, speed, plant health, infiltration, and consistency of putting surfaces
- Work with architect, Mr. Andrew Green, to develop a master plan that will restore, enhance, and modernize the golf course while maximizing membership enjoyment and staying true to Donald Ross's intent.

### **Victoria National – Newburgh, IN**

**October 2014 – December 2016**

*A private resort providing exceptional experiences to members and guests. Victoria National is "America's Private Retreat" and is home to a championship golf course ranked 45<sup>th</sup> greatest course by Golf Digest.*

#### **Assistant Superintendent**

- Developed, implemented and tracked a 1.8 million dollar budget in collaboration with the Superintendent
- Created and applied a maintenance schedule for a crew of 35 resulting in a 10% savings in the labor budget
- Reconstructed eroding banks, slumped tees, and eroding bunker faces
- Implemented an OSHA approved employee safety and training program
- Successfully mentored and prepared interns for industry advancement
- Drafted quarterly newsletters effectively explaining agronomic practices to members and guests
- Coordinated and oversaw movement of all vendors and contractors involved with the United Leasing Championship
- Recruited and coordinated 20+ agronomy volunteers for the week of the United Leasing Championship
- Oversaw daily course conditioning such as water management, frequency of mowing, chemical applications, and bunker maintenance

### **Oak Hill Country Club – Pittsford, NY**

**January 2012 – October 2014**

*A private country club providing unrivaled golfing and club experiences. Oak Hill consists of two Donald Ross designed golf course and the East Course is currently ranked the 16<sup>th</sup> greatest course by Golf Digest.*

#### **Assistant-in-Training/Spray Technician**

- Managed an exact up to date chemical and fertilizer inventory with a yearly budget of \$300,000
- Successfully and reliably maintained over \$250,000 chemical application equipment
- Efficiently communicated all status of all inventories and equipment to the Director of Grounds
- Educated all chemical applicators on the importance of safety protocols and precise applications
- Ensured Oak Hill CC was in compliance with all DEC regulations and guidelines
- Performed daily calibration and inspection of all chemical application equipment
- Lead large-scale projects and course improvements in preparation for the 2013 PGA Championship
- Repaired and troubleshot irrigation problems both in the field and at the control center
- Worked with arborist on large scale tree removals and yearly pruning of trees
- Installed 3000+ of feet of drainage providing firmer and drier conditions for golf and cart

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## EDUCATION

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Montana State University - Bozeman, MT	August 2007 – December 2011
Bachelor of Science – Environmental Horticulture	

## INTERNSHIPS

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Oakland Hills Country Club – Bloomfield Hills, MI	May 2011 – August 2011
Fenway Park – Boston, MA	May 2010 – August 2010
Yellowstone Mountain Club – Big Sky, MT	May 2008 – August 2009

## Associations and Licenses

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GCSAA – Class B Member	February 2012 – Present
Rhode Island Certified Pesticide Applicator	January 2018 – Present
Toastmasters International – Providence, RI	February 2017 – Present

## Tournament Experience – Host Course

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2017-18 Northeast Amateur – Wannamoisett Country Club – Providence, RI	Assistant Superintendent
2015-16 United Leasing Championship – Victoria National – Newburgh, IN	Assistant Superintendent
2015-16 Big Ten Championship – Victoria National – Newburgh, IN	Assistant Superintendent
2013 PGA Championship – Oak Hill Country Club – Rochester, NY	Assistant-In-Training

## Tournament Experience - Volunteer

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2017 President's Cup – Liberty National – Jersey City, NJ	Volunteer
2014 The Player's Championship – TPC Sawgrass – Ponte Vedra, FL	Volunteer
2013 President's Cup – Muirfield Village Golf Club – Dublin, OH	Volunteer
2012 BMW Championship – Crooked Stick Golf Club - Carmel, IN	Volunteer