Dear Turf Students,

As the summer season comes to a close and students begin heading back to class, I wanted to take this time to inform you about internship opportunities available here at Bellerive Country Club in St. Louis, Missouri. As our staff moves forward preparing for the 100th PGA Championship in 2018, we aspire to bring the best and brightest turf students here from the US and abroad to be a part of the outstanding tradition the club has to offer.

Bellerive was founded in 1896 and continues its legacy today of hosting championships, including the US Open, PGA Championship, World Golf Championship, Senior PGA Championship, Senior US Open, and BMW Championship. As interns in our Agronomic Development Program, students can expect to learn different methods of moisture management, fertility and pesticide management, cultivation practices, and positive career development. Interns will also be exposed to ongoing projects and will have the opportunities to lead staff members to achieve our daily goals.

The candidates who will obtain these positions will show exceptional character traits, must be hard working and show a willingness to stay beyond the normal hours. These candidates should aspire to be assistant golf course superintendents, and most importantly, should be able to carry themselves correctly as he/she will represent Bellerive Country Club.

Bellerive Country Club offers full housing, golf privileges, club provided lunch, hourly pay with overtime, uniforms, and golf shop discounts. Our housing is right across the street from the maintenance facility.

I have attached a copy of our Agronomic Development Program brochure.

If you are a turf student dreaming of success and wanting to put his/her best foot forward, please send us a cover letter with resume to the address below.

Sincerely,

Chris Fletcher
Assistant Course Superintendent

314.275.9458 | cfletcher@bellerive.net

12925 Ladue Rd. St. Louis, MO 63141 | 314.434.4400

100th PGA Championship—2018 | St. PGA Championship—2013
BMW Championship—2008 | U.S. Senior Open—2004
U.S. Open—1985
Bellerive

Bellerive Country Club
12925 Ladue Road, St. Louis, Missouri 63141
314-275-9458
Fax: 314-439-5231

Agronomic Development
Program
Our History

Bellerive Country Club, founded originally in 1897 in north St. Louis as a nine-hole course with 166 members. In 1910, the membership incorporated as Bellerive Country Club, naming the club after Louis St. Ange De Bellerive, the last French commander in North America. In 1955, the club membership decided to move west, and allowed renowned architect Robert Trent Jones, Sr. to pick a prime farm for the location of the new site. On Memorial Day, 1960 the “Green Monster of Ladue” opened.

The Championship tradition of Bellerive Country Club began in 1965 when the club became the “youngest” course too ever host a US Open. South African, Gary Player won the event, and completed his career grand slam. Since its unveiling to the world, Bellerive has went on to host many national and world championships, 1981 the club hosted the US Mid-Amateur Championship, won by Jim Holtgrieve. Nick Price captured his first major by winning the 1992 PGA Championship here at Bellerive. In 2001 the American Express World Golf Championship, scheduled for September, was cancelled due to the events on 9-11. Major Championship golf returned to the club in 2004 with the US Senior Open won by Peter Jacobsen. In 2008, Bellerive put out its hosting mat welcoming the BMW Championships. The PGA returned to the club this past May as we hosted the 2013 Senior PGA Championship. The 2018 “Glory’s Last Shot” returns to our historic facility, as we will play host to the 100th PGA Championship.
The Program

Bellerive Country Club has a goal of being the premier private club in the country, which offers a great opportunity for student interns to work and learn in an environment that consistently wants to improve. As a part of the Agronomic Development Program, you will have the opportunity to learn many skill sets including fertility and pesticide management, moisture management, cultural practices, and career mentoring. Our goal here at Golf Operations is to help you lay a solid foundation on which to build a great career on. The 2014 season is a significant time for our Golf Ops staff as we move forward to 2018 and 100th PGA Championship.

Fertility and Pesticide Management: The correct amount of fertility a plant receives is extremely important to its health, growth rate, and stress tolerance. The intern will be directly involved in liquid/granular applications as well as soil and tissue testing in order to determine the proper needs of the plant. Our interns will play a key role in our pesticide applications as well.

Moisture Management: At Bellerive, moisture management is held as the utmost priority due to the extreme environmental stresses that the Missouri weather puts on the bentgrass plant. With the use of moisture meters, the intern will learn to water greens to an exact percentage based on physical analysis, in order to optimize the balance between water and air in the soil profile.

Cultural Practices: Due to the ever-changing environment that exists in the soil profile, modifying the root zone and soil surface via means of cultural practices is vital to plant health. Interns will learn and participate in various cultural practices: topdress, venting, aerifying, etc.

- Equipment Operation
- Course Setup
- Irrigation Scheduling and repair
- Herbicide Applications
- Disease and Pest Identification
- Project Management
Career Mentoring: Building a strong agronomic foundation is important, but many interns miss building a strong professional background, which can help land them the job they want. At Bellerive, we hope to inspire, motivate, and coach you to the success for the future.

Benefits:
- $9.50-10.00/hr plus ample over time
- Intern Housing Available on-site
- Complimentary Lunch Provided
- Uniforms Provided
- Pro shop discounts
- PM Monday golf privileges

Requirements
- Currently enrolled in a 2 or 4 year turfgrass program
- High School diploma or equivalent
- Some golf course experience preferred, but not required
- Valid driver’s license required
- 9 month(March-November) and 3 month(May-August) internships available

Bellerive Country Club is seeking interns with a true desire to learn and grow in our profession, persons who demonstrate a solid work ethic ,and a positive attitude.

Course Descriptions
- 18 holes
- Par 72
- 7177 yards
- Originally designed by Robert Trent Jones in 1960, redesigned in 2006 by Rees Jones, 2013 modifications where completed
- A-4 Bentgrass greens equipped with Sub Air Elite Vaults, and Turf Breeze Fans
- Meyer Zoysia Tees and Fairways
- Turf-type tall fescue roughs
- Complete bunker renovation features Bunker Solutions Liner, and crushed quartz bunker sand “Bunker White”
Bellerive Country Club Golf Operations Management Staff

John Cunningham, Certified Golf Course Superintendent, Valencia College
Jon Prange, Assistant Superintendent, Linn State Technical College ’02
Chris Fletcher, Assistant Superintendent, University of Kentucky ’06
Jared Brewster, Assistant Superintendent, Southern Illinois University ’09
Sarah Worely, Landscape Manager, University of Missouri ’82
George Lindsey, Irrigation Manager
Chris Rapp, Equipment Manager

Please send cover letter and resume electronically to the contact information below.

Chris Fletcher
Assistant Superintendent
cfletcher@bellerive.net