Bidermann Golf Course

Bidermann GC sits on the quiet landscape of Winterthur, just northwest of the City of Wilmington, between the two towns of Greenville and Centreville offering the members of the Vicmead Hunt Club the most unique golf experience in the Philadelphia region.

Once a private nine hole facility constructed in 1928 on the Winterthur Estate for Henry F. du Pont, Bidermann was transformed into a private 18 hole course in 1965 to achieve the goal of having a small, intimate club dedicated solely to the game of golf in the Wilmington area.

The course was designed by architect Dick Wilson with the intention of making an enjoyable course to the +/12 handicap golfer and a quiet get-away atmosphere. Bidermann GC was never intended to host major championships or large corporate outings and that remains true today.

A short, 10 minute drive along scenic roads bordering the course to the young, diverse and growing city of Wilmington where many college graduates reside in the vibrant section of Trolley Square, Delaware is home to tax free shopping.

Bidermann GC is an ideal location as it is centrally located in the Northeast. Within two hours, one could easily drive to Philadelphia, New York City, Baltimore or Washington D.C. The proximity of the Delaware Beaches or the Jersey Shore enables one to get away and enjoy the ocean breeze.

Bidermann is very well known to many Club Managers, Golf Professionals and Golf Course Superintendents as a “Very Special Place” for golf.

Management Team Diversity

The Bidermann Golf Course boasts a diverse management team and work force. We bring a unique combination of education and golf course experience to the table to make a great learning environment.

**Jon Urbanski, Golf Course Superintendent:**
Jon has over 20 years of experience in the golf course maintenance industry, with the last 11 years as Superintendent. He graduated from Moravian College with a B.A. in Accounting in 1997 and the University of Maryland Institute of Applied Agriculture with a certificate in Golf Course Management in 1998. His past experiences include the Suburban Club, Wilmington Country Club, Club at Cordillera, Saucon Valley Country Club and DuPont Country Club. Jon has been employed with Bidermann GC since 2004.

**Timothy Friel, Assistant Superintendent:**
Tim was raised in Lafayette Hill, Pennsylvania and received his Turfgrass Management Certificate from Rutgers University in 2009. He began his career on the grounds crew in 1998 at Sandy Run Country Club located in Oreland, Pennsylvania. In 2005, Tim was hired as the Assistant-in-Training at Whitemarsh Valley Country Club, in Lafayette Hill, PA. In 2009, Tim joined the management team at Oakmont Country Club, the fourth highest rated golf club in America, as their foreman, before joining Bidermann’s staff in July 2012.

**David Smith, Assistant Superintendent:**
Dave received his B.S. in Agronomy and Environmental Sciences from Delaware Valley College in the spring of 2012, with a specialization in Turf Management. He interned at Fieldstone Golf Club in the summer of 2009 and 2011, gaining valuable staff management experience. He also interned in 2010 at Fenway Park for the Boston Red Sox. Dave came to Bidermann in May of 2012.

Travis Patterson, Assistant-in-Training:
Travis hails from Minnesota and graduated from Anoka Technical College in the spring of 2012. He most recently worked at Oakmont Country Club. Travis completed his internship at Plainfield Country Club in Edison, New Jersey gaining tournament experience during the 2011 Barclays PGA Tournament. He has also worked on the grounds crews at Deer Run Golf Club in Victoria, Minnesota.

**Golf Course Internship Program**

The internship program at Bidermann will take you through the brunt of the golf season in the Mid-Atlantic region. The climatic conditions of the region make it a challenging experience for your career.

As a team member, you will be mentored and become skilled at the necessities on achieving the conditions that are a requirement for a private golf club. Above all, you must keep a keen eye for detail.

Your duties will include, but are not limited to:

- Learning to operate all types of equipment utilized on a golf course.
- Achieve a fair course set-up including in accordance with the Rules of Golf.
- Understanding, learning, and employing calibration techniques of sprayers and spreaders and making plant protection and fertilizer applications.
- Updating records of chemical and fertilizer applications while maintaining control over inventory.
- Repair basic to advanced irrigation problems and employing proper hand watering techniques of greens and tees to achieve proper root zone moisture in bentgrass greens.
Unique Opportunities

During your internship you will be an integral part of two member guest tournaments; The H.F. du Pont Memorial Tournament in June and the Weymouth Cup in mid-September.

To round out your internship experience at Bidermann, we want to provide the student with an opportunity to manage the staff to get a taste of what it takes to run a successful operation on a daily basis.

We are very pleased with the success of our internship program. Over the past 5 years, participants in the program have been awarded over $12,000 in scholarships through various golf associations.

Requirements and Benefits

Golf Course interns are required to be enrolled in either an accredited two or four year institution in a field of study related to golf turf management.

Interns will be provided:
- A competitive hourly wage plus overtime
- Uniforms, safety shoes, lunch, and golf privileges
- Housing will be provided at no cost to the student

General Expectations

We consider our employees to be our most valuable assets. The loyalty and excellent performance of our staff is paramount to the Club's success.

Maintaining a reputation for quality, integrity and member service is our primary objective. Input on improving our operation, both to make your job easier and to improve the service we provide, is always welcome. An employee's commitment to bring a positive "can do" hands-on attitude to work is essential, as we maintain the answer to any members' question as always being YES! A sense of humor and willingness to have fun is encouraged.

Bidermann Golf Course is a small, private 18-hole course designed by Dick Wilson and opened for play on July 4, 1965. The golf course property encompasses over 300 acres and is situated on the Winterthur Museum and Country Estate.

The Club has embarked on a restoration project for the golf course. Phase I commenced in 2006 and included the fumigation of greens and approaches. The greens were seeded to A1/ A4 bentgrass while the approaches were seeded to L-93 bentgrass. The 45 greenside bunkers were restored by the renowned golf course construction company of McDonald & Sons, Inc.

If you are interested in applying for the internship at Bidermann Golf Course
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