

# Scott Tuggle, CGCS

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## **SUMMARY**

Highly qualified professional with over 25 years experience at various championship golf courses throughout the United States including active participation leading to the National Environmental Steward Award. Extensive knowledge of irrigation design and installation, water quality management, the management of environmental challenges related to specific turfgrass varieties, the formulation of sustainable agronomic programs, environmentally sensitive management and construction, and remodeling of course specific needs.

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

1996 – 2009

*Director of Agronomy, Troon Golf Management, Southern California  
Most recently located at The Crosby Club, Rancho Santa Fe, California*

- Golf Course Superintendent at 4 high-end properties throughout Southern California including irrigation management, set-up and initiation of agronomic programs unique to site specific conditions with relation to turfgrass variety, strict adherence to local and national regulations, budget formulation and accountability, human resource management, membership relations and monthly newsletter, etc.
- Additional responsibilities beyond the scope of role as superintendent:
  - Senior Agronomist throughout Southern California and Mexico resulting in over 100 site visits and owner meetings.
  - International Consultation and Due Diligence work for Troon Golf Japan. Clients included Sanwa Bank, Morgan Stanley-Dean Witter and Lehman Brothers.
  - Construction and grow-in management of five additional championship golf courses in California and Mexico.
  - Performed critical role in the formulation, documentation and enforcement of Troon Golf's Minimum Agronomic Standards throughout the organization including the application of complex and fundamental scientific principles of soil chemistry, as well as adherence to the guidelines of "Sustainable Agriculture".
  - Golf Course Photography used in several advertising brochures, national magazines and promotional material.

1992 – 1996

*Golf Course Superintendent, Legacy Ridge at Westminster, Westminster,  
Colorado*

- Construction, grow-in and turfgrass management for a "Top Five" rated public golf course in Colorado.
- Construction, grow-in and turfgrass management for City Park Sports Complex.
- Development of agronomic programs in accordance with strict environmental guidelines set forth by local and national regulatory agencies.
- Create and implement specific job requirements throughout the turf care team and equipment specific "Code of Safe Practices".
- Tailoring of course construction programs to respect local species including the preservation of mature cottonwoods that served as the habitat for a family of red tail hawks, etc.
- Management of out-reach programs with local community groups to build avian habitats throughout the property, fostering the growth of an American Kestrel population.
- Complete photographic documentation of the construction and grow-in process.

1990 – 1992                      *Course Superintendent, Pelican Hill Golf Club, Newport Coast, California*

- Construction, grow-in and turfgrass management for “Top Five” rated public golf course in California.
- Managed environmental challenges related to course proximity to Pacific Ocean including direct responsibility for Storm Water Protection Program and Groundwater Sampling Project throughout property.
- Successful year-round management of warm season turfgrass varieties in a coastal environment.
- Daily supervision of irrigation design and installation of all turfgrass and native grass areas throughout construction period, as well as on-going daily operations.

1986 – 1990                      *Assistant Superintendent, Singing Hills Country Club, El Cajon, California*

- Scaled intensive learning curve from entry-level position to management role, including mentorship by industry leader in turfgrass management at a 54-hole facility.
- On-site responsibility for off-hours irrigation including pump stations, central computer systems, and security.
- Managed all periodic pesticide applications throughout the property.

## **EDUCATION**

1996                      Bachelor of Science, Colorado State University, Ft. Collins, Colorado  
Landscape Horticulture, Turfgrass Management Concentration

1991                      Associate of Science, Cuyamaca College, El Cajon, California  
Landscape Horticulture, Irrigation Technology Concentration

## **INDUSTRY AFFILIATIONS AND AWARDS**

- Class A Member - Golf Course Superintendents Association of America
- Member – Sports Turf Managers Association
- State of California - Pest Control Advisor
- State of California - Qualified Applicator’s License
- State of California - Qualified Applicator’s Certificate
- 1995 Speaker, Environmental Innovations Forum, GCSAA Conference & Show
- 1993 National Environmental Steward Award, Public Course Division

**REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST**