

DARREN J. DAVIS, CGCS



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Golf Industry Leadership

Exceptional Communicator

Premier Course Conditions

Nationally recognized Golf Course Superintendent with a passion for the golf industry and creating a championship experience for members on a daily basis. Leader in connecting with people, public speaking, and building winning teams. Driven individual always seeking cutting edge solutions in constructing and maintaining prominent golf courses. Detail oriented with excellent critical thinking skills along with authentic love of the game of golf.

CAREER SUCCESSES

Olde Florida Golf Club Naples, Florida 1992 to Present

Exclusive, private club with 18-hole golf course in natural setting designed by Rees Jones, awarded as one of the Best New Golf Courses in the United States by Golf Digest in 1994.

Golf Course Superintendent

Accountable to deliver a premier golf experience for members and guests. Oversee maintenance, operation and management of the golf course and grounds including construction, renovations, wildlife and habitat management, team leadership, and financial operations.

- > Managed the construction and turfgrass establishment of the golf course, and completed several successful renovation projects to continually seek golf course improvements for the membership
- > Champion environmental leadership, achieving Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary certification
- > Perform significant research and testing of various turfgrass species in collaboration with industry-leading researchers, professors, and companies

The Loxahatchee Club Jupiter, Florida 1991 to 1992

Signature Jack Nicklaus designed 18-hole golf course, ranked as a Golf Digest Top 100 Golf Course during tenure.

Assistant Golf Course Superintendent

Part of the leadership team accountable for management of the southernmost, year-round bentgrass greens in the continental United States.

- > Established and monitored a joint bentgrass research project with Dr. Joseph Duich (Pennsylvania State University) and Dr. Milt Engelke (Texas A&M University)

Augusta National Golf Club Augusta, Georgia 1990 to 1991

Apprentice Superintendent (1990) IPM Specialist (1991)

- > Involved in the preparation and operation of hosting the 1990 and 1991 Masters tournaments

Consultant Naples, Florida

Calusa Pines Golf Club and Golf Club of the Everglades in Naples, Florida: Designed their golf course operations facilities and assisted in the golf course specifications, design, and financial preparations, 1998 to 2000.

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GOLF INDUSTRY LEADERSHIP AND AWARDS

Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA)

Served as the 82nd President of GCSAA, 2018-2019

Elected to the Board of Directors 2012-2020

Environmental Institute for Golf, President 2018-2019 and Board Member 2015-2019

Served in leadership roles in all facets of the association, committees, events, public speaking, and representing GCSAA's 18,000+ members worldwide

Former President and Board of Directors for the Florida Golf Course Superintendents Association, Florida Turfgrass Association, and Everglades Golf Course Superintendent Association

Recipient of the 2013 Florida Golf Course Superintendents Association Presidents Award for Lifetime Service in recognition of a lifetime of dedicated service to the golf course industry

Recognized by *Golfdom* magazine as one of the most famous living superintendents, 2012

Recipient of the 2012 Kaminski Award for Outstanding Social Media Leadership, presented by *Golf Course Industry* magazine to recognize one "person of the year" who, through cutting-edge use of a combination of social media tools helped to raise the standard of effective communication in the entire profession

Recipient of the 2011 Florida Turfgrass Association Wreath of Grass, the association's highest award presented to recognize both personal and professional dedication to Florida's turf industry

Recipient of the 2004 Florida Golf Course Superintendents Association (FGCSA) Distinguished Service Award, the association's highest honor, awarded for outstanding contribution and leadership in the profession of golf course management

Tournament Volunteer: 1994 Masters, hosted by Augusta National Golf Club; 1995 USGA US Senior Open and 1997 USGA US Open, hosted by Congressional Country Club; 2005 Walker Cup Match, hosted by Chicago Golf Club.

EDUCATION

Florida Gulf Coast University

Bachelor of Arts in Communications, GPA 4.0

The Pennsylvania State University

Two-year Technical Program, Certificate in Turfgrass Management, GPA 3.91

REFERENCES

For additional awards, golf industry involvement, and recommendations please see career website and LinkedIn:
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