



**ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF THE YEAR
NOMINATION FORM**

NOMINATIONS DUE BY MARCH 31, 2019

Name of Nominee: Aaron Prellwitz

Name of Golf Course/Club: Oswego Lake Country Club

Contact Information of Nominee:

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Please include with completed form:

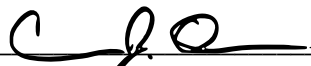
- 1) Brief outline of Nominee's past employment history.
- 2) Basis for nomination (i.e. current course conditions, major projects, work ethics, significant accomplishments, work performance, etc.

Nominator Information:

I certify that the information in these nomination papers is true, accurate and complete.

Nominator Name: Conner Olsen Position: Assistant Golf Course Superintendent

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Signature:  Date: 3/30/2019

We ask that this nomination paper be co-signed by another representative from your club or company or by another member of the Oregon Golf Course Superintendents Association.

Co-Signer Name: (See Nolan Wenker, CGCS) Position: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

SUBMIT NOMINATIONS BY MARCH 31, 2019

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March 30th, 2019

OGCSA Board of Directors
P.O. Box 1556
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Dear OGCSA Board of Directors,

I would like to nominate my colleague and work companion, Aaron Prellwitz, for the award of Assistant Superintendent of the Year. Aaron currently holds the position of Assistant Golf Course Superintendent at Oswego Lake Country Club (OLCC). While I share a title with Aaron at OLCC, I can't help but look to him as a mentor. His wealth of experience as an Assistant Superintendent has quite obviously prepared him to take that next step to become a Superintendent whenever the right opportunity comes around. He continues to impress me with his ability to manage a diverse crew, no matter how unmotivated, uneducated, or unwilling some individuals may be, all the while maintaining a positive and fun attitude that makes you look forward to coming to work every morning.

Aaron began his work on golf courses as a seasonal crewmember at Glendoveer Golf Course in Portland, OR from 2008 until 2010, at which point he moved into his first position as an Assistant Golf Course Superintendent at Orchard Hills Golf & Country Club. He worked there from 2010 to 2013, when he returned to Glendoveer in the role of Assistant Superintendent. He continued to work as Assistant Superintendent at Glendoveer (often taking responsibilities of a typical Superintendent) until 2017, for which he took the position of Assistant Golf Course Superintendent at OLCC.

Aaron and I started work at OLCC just a week apart in December of 2017. Although he only has one week more of experience as Assistant Superintendent at this club than I, it has always felt more like he has had a full year head start on me based on his natural ability to supervise while learning from and communicating with coworkers and members of the club. He always seems to know every detail of what is happening around the property, even on his days off I will find him checking in and catching up with myself and/or our supervisor. But it is not just his understanding of how to manage the crew or his attention to detail that makes him deserving of this award, he also shows such strong work ethics on a day-to-day basis that it inspires everyone around him to work at a higher level. I truly believe that without Aaron's hard work over the last year, our course conditions would not

be where they are today and the crew wouldn't be nearly as unified as we all have become. I know my development as a young Assistant Superintendent has been greatly accelerated by sharing an office with such a positive influence, and I look forward to continuing to work beside such an upstanding and knowledgeable individual.

I hope my words have expressed my sincere appreciation for Aaron as my fellow Assistant Golf Course Superintendent at OLCC over the last year, and I hope you will give him your full consideration for this award.

Sincerely,

Conner J. Olsen

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Nolan Wenker, CGCS
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March 30th, 2019

Re: 2019 Assistant Superintendent of the Year Nomination

OGCSA Awards Committee,

With this letter, I would like to strongly recommend Oswego Lake Country Club (OLCC) Assistant Aaron Prellwitz for the 2019 OGCSA Assistant Superintendent of the Year.

Aaron has shown continued and consistent growth in his golf course maintenance career since beginning in 2008. His first experience in the industry was as a seasonal Greenskeeper at Glendoveer Golf Course. After nearly three seasons at Glendoveer, Aaron became a full time Greenskeeper at Orchard Hills Golf & Country Club where he continued to learn the industry, while experiencing a new venue. During this time he received a Landscape Service Technician Certificate from Portland Community College. Ironically enough, Aaron then returned to Glendoveer Golf Course in the early spring of 2013 as an Assistant Superintendent. At this time, Aaron became a member of the OGCSA and GCSAA. Aaron's most recent progression was accepting the Assistant Superintendent position at OLCC in December of 2017.

At OLCC, Aaron has demonstrated invaluable leadership skills while quickly integrating into a well tenured staff. Aaron has shown the ability to multitask well beyond his current responsibilities and see the "big picture." For the past two winters, he has worked right alongside his co-workers completing a major irrigation head raising project. Some 1,800 heads later, the project is complete. I do not recall a day during this period that Aaron would not point out another project for the list well outside the scope of the irrigation project. He has taken the lead on spray applications at OLCC as a licensed Oregon Commercial Applicator as well as organizing and updating required SDS sheets. Aaron has also lead as our department representative for the club safety committee. While Aaron may not have the formal education of our other Assistant Conner Olsen, Aaron's real world experience and mentorship skills have made them both very valuable assets to myself as Superintendent and the members of OLCC. Every example above of why Aaron would be the best choice for OGCSA Assistant Superintendent of the Year wouldn't be complete without doing it all with a smile. Head to toe covered in mud, hand watering for days on end, no matter the situation, Aaron always portrays a positive attitude.

Thank you for considering Aaron Prellwitz for this prestigious award with the OGCSA.

Nolan Wenker, CGCS

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nolan Wenker". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.