



## **OFFICE OF DIRECTOR**



**RYAN S. KRAUSHOFER, CGCS**

**WESTMINSTER NATIONAL GOLF COURSE**

**WESTMINSTER, MARYLAND**

**GCSAA  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE**

**PERSONAL DATA**

**Name:** Mr. Ryan S Kraushofer, CGCS

**Title:** Superintendent and General Manager

**Home:** 808 Great Day Ct

**Club / Course:** Westminster National Golf Course

**City:** Westminster

**Number of Holes:** 18

**State:** MD

**Type of Course:** Daily Fee

**Zip:** 21157-6994

**Primary Phone:** (410)876-4653

**Business Phone:** (410)876-4653

**Responsibilities:** I am proud to be the Superintendent and General Manager at Westminster National Golf Course, a family-owned 18-hole daily fee facility in Carroll County which is in the northern part of the state an hour outside of the Baltimore metropolitan area. I started here in 2007 my role, I oversee all operations for the course including management of 120 acres of turf, the indoor driving range facilities, our clubhouse, Food and Beverage service, outings and special events. I manage our agronomy team of eight employees as well as the 36 part time employees that work in the proshop and food service. Having responsibilities for all operations at Westminster National Golf Course gives me a keen appreciation for all aspects of golf course management.

Outside of my paid hours, I am very active with the Mid-Atlantic GCSA, having been a member since 2005 and past-President. I am active in association events, meetings and get to provide support to and mentor other members in the chapter. Along with my fellow superintendents in the Mid-Atlantic GCSA, I lead and organize the local First Green program, and work directly with other chapters and GCSAA in promoting this program as a First Green Liaison.

**Responsible to:** Owners

**EDUCATIONAL DATA**

<b>Institution</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Degree Date</b>	<b>Major</b>
University of Maryland	College Park	MD	5/23/2005	Assoc Degree Turf/Plant or 2 yr cert

**EMPLOYMENT DATA**

<b>Employer</b>	<b>Title of Position</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
Westminster National Golf Course	Superintendent and General Manager	1/12/2008	
The Timbers at Troy	Assistant Golf Course Supt.	4/2/2007	1/11/2008
Oakmont Green Golf Club	Assistant Golf Course Supt.	6/3/2006	4/1/2007
University of Maryland	Turfgrass Student	10/13/2003	6/2/2006

**CIVIC PARTICIPATION**

As mentioned above, I'm passionate about the First Green Program and I've hosted over a dozen First Green field trips this also includes presenting the First Green program to educators so they are aware of the program and what GCSAA has to offer as well as reached out to our local tv stations to help spread the word. To this day we have had 10 live interviews about the First Green Program which was amazing for promoting it in the mid-Atlantic region.

I have also had the pleasure to be involved in National Golf Day and the Community Service Project since 2017, working with John Lobenstine, Mike Bostian, Chris Harriman, Paul Schultheis and Chava McKeel, GCSAA Director of Government Affairs. It is a complex event that takes several months of planning and coordination between GCSAA and the National Park Service. This year I had a key role in securing \$7,000 in tool donation for the 200-plus volunteers who did turf and landscape improvements on the National Mall in Washington D.C.

Being near Washington D.C. has also given me the opportunity to work on government issues that impact GCSAA members. I recently was able to support the partnership between EPA Region 3 and GCSAA on pesticide stewardship and to show how superintendents utilize BMPs to protect the environment.

I have known Craig Kirby of Golf. My Future. My Game. since 2018 and I support his efforts to expand diversity in golf. I have participated in his events focused on outreach to inner-city children and adults and would welcome the opportunity to do more to promote the benefits of golf to underrepresented groups.

Locally, I also sit on numerous golf tournament committees when they ask for help. One of my fondest committees is for the Robert Fogel Memorial Golf Tournament that raises money in honor of a Baltimore County fire fighter that died during a training exercise. This firefighter happened to be on the planning committee for his local fire department tournament that was hosted at Westminster National and his son was on our local high school golf team. With my help over the last few years, we have been able to take a golf tournament that was only raising a few thousand dollars a year to a tournament that has now raised over \$150,000 in scholarship money for students pursuing a career in public safety. I'm also happy to announce that the Mid-Atlantic GCSA donated \$4,000 to this worth cause. I have also been active in hosting and planning tournaments benefitting the Wounded Warriors and the Carroll County Food Bank.

#### **GCSAA ACTIVITIES**

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
2023 Certification Committee	Volunteer	3/1/2023	2/29/2024
2022 Chapter Delegate Meeting	GCSAA Board of Directors Candidate	9/26/2022	10/27/2022
2022 Certification Committee	Volunteer	3/1/2022	2/28/2023
First Green Task Group	Volunteer	3/1/2021	2/28/2022
2020 Chapter Delegates Meeting	Chapter Delegate	9/25/2020	11/1/2020
First Green Task Group	Volunteer	3/1/2020	2/28/2021
First Green Task Group	Member Superintendent	3/1/2018	2/28/2019
2016 Chapter Delegates Meeting	Chapter Delegate	9/8/2016	9/8/2017
2015 Chapter Delegates Meeting	Chapter Delegate	9/14/2015	10/28/2015
2014 Chapter Leaders/Executives Symposium	Chapter Leader	3/10/2014	3/12/2014

#### **LOCAL CHAPTER ACTIVITIES**

<b>Chapter</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
Mid-Atlantic Association of GCS	Director	12/10/2021	12/29/2022
Mid-Atlantic Association of GCS	First Tee Program	12/10/2021	
Mid-Atlantic Association of GCS	Voting Delegate	12/8/2020	12/9/2021
Mid-Atlantic Association of GCS	Director	12/1/2020	12/9/2021
Mid-Atlantic Association of GCS	Chapter Delegate	9/28/2020	9/13/2021
Mid-Atlantic Association of GCS	President	1/1/2020	12/31/2020
Mid-Atlantic Association of GCS	Chapter Delegate	11/6/2019	9/1/2020
Mid-Atlantic Association of GCS	President	1/1/2019	12/31/2019

Mid-Atlantic Association of GCS	Vice-president	1/1/2018	12/31/2018
Mid-Atlantic Association of GCS	Vice-president	1/1/2017	12/31/2017
Mid-Atlantic Association of GCS	Voting Delegate	1/1/2017	9/21/2017
Mid-Atlantic Association of GCS	Chapter Delegate	9/16/2016	12/31/2016
Mid-Atlantic Association of GCS	Secretary	1/1/2016	12/31/2016
Mid-Atlantic Association of GCS	Treasurer	1/1/2016	12/31/2016
Mid-Atlantic Association of GCS	Treasurer	1/1/2015	12/31/2015
Mid-Atlantic Association of GCS	Secretary	1/1/2015	12/31/2015
Mid-Atlantic Association of GCS	Newsletter Editor	1/1/2014	12/31/2014

**ALLIED ASSOCIATION DATA**

Name	Position	Start Date	End Date

**IMPORTANT NOTE:**

Only Class A superintendents whose classification truly reflects their current employment are eligible for office in GCSAA.

**500 WORD STATEMENT**

Golf has been a big part of my life for a long as I can remember. My fondest memories are from when I was 12 years old, and I was more interested in working on a golf course than actually playing the game. My parents would ask the owners of our local family run golf course if it was ok for me to hang out in the clubhouse while they would play. This led me to a job with small chores such as vacuuming, taking out the trash and washing carts. That was the start of a career as a Golf Course Superintendent & General Manager, working for the same family at Westminster National Golf Course. Now 26 years later, I'm still working for the same family that opened up the door for this amazing career path.

Working in the golf industry and being a member of GCSAA has brought so much joy and camaraderie to my life. I want others to have the opportunity to experience it as well, which is why I've been so passionate about advocating for our industry and association. From my efforts on Capitol Hill with law makers to local media outreach highlighting the First Green program, I want to keep improving the industry for our future generations so they will love it as much as I do.

If you would have asked me 10 years ago if a guy from a low budget public golf course would have the chance to run for the National Board of Directors, I would have said no way! But after serving on our chapter board for the past nine years (including as President in 2019-20), I know it's not all about how popular your course is or if you have the biggest budget. It's about the love of the game, networking, volunteering, and dedication that matters the most! That is why I know I am a good fit to serve on the GCSAA Board of Directors.

The previous board has done a fantastic job creating great initiatives, which I will seek to grow if elected. I'm very excited about The First Green Program, Facility BMPS, National Golf Day, the revamped CGCS process and most recently, partnering with Region 3 of the EPA, which happens to be the Mid- Atlantic, my area. I have hosted over a dozen First Green events, planed and raised funds needed for the National Golf Day Community Service Project, and achieved a personal goal of receiving my CGCS designation. I will have no trouble picking up where the board has left off. As Rhett Evans would say it's time to "Lead Out"! So, with the support of my wife and my employer, it's my turn to Lead Out, to Support, and to Grow our association to be the best it possibly can be!

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## LETTER OF NOMINATION

June 8, 2023

GCSAA Nominating Committee Chairman  
c/o Shelia Finney, Senior Director, Member Programs  
1421 Research Park Drive  
Lawrence, KS 66049-3859

GCSAA Nominating Committee Chairman:

It is my pleasure to nominate Ryan Kraushofer, CGCS as Director for the 2024 GCSAA Board of Directors. Ryan has displayed tremendous commitment to the golf course management profession, the MAAGCS and GCSAA. The MAAGCS Board of Directors supports Ryan's decision to run for the GCSAA Board of Directors and acknowledges his passion for making a difference in the industry. Ryan has demonstrated each of the key factors listed below and we believe he is an ideal candidate for the GCSAA Board of Directors.

- Embraces and understands the mission, vision, and overall goals of the GCSAA.
- Exhibits a personal and professional commitment to the association and the golf course management profession.
- Is a creative, visionary and strategic thinker.
- Works respectfully with other board members; committee/task group members; allied association leaders; industry partners; and GCSAA staff.
- Continues to lead and build upon the foundation for the First Green Field Trip initiative.
- Proficient in presenting to both small and large groups.
- Utilizes social media as a form of communication to reach a large audience.
- Well-informed in national governmental and regulatory issues currently impacting the golf course industry.
- Lead organizer and fundraiser for the 2023 National Golf Day Community Service Project.
- Provided volunteer services as a Chapter or Voting Delegate.
- Served on GCSAA committees/task groups.
- Served on an affiliated chapter board as a director and/or executive officer.
- Successfully chaired committees and/or task groups at the chapter level.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads 'Chris Sandels'.

Chris Sandels  
MAAGCS President  
Mount Vernon Country Club