Twenty-three Delaware Valley College Alumni and Students Help Prepare Course for US Women’s Open

DOYLESTOWN, Pa., — (July 14, 2009) — Twenty-three Delaware Valley College alumni and current students helped prepare the grounds of Saucon Valley Country Club, Bethlehem, Pa., for the US Women’s Open. Jim Roney, director of grounds and a Delaware Valley College alumnus, used his connection with Delaware Valley College turf professor Dr. Doug Linde to help land so many workers that attended the College. When Jim asked for volunteers, Dr. Linde encouraged all current students and all alumni to get involved. The twenty-three were part of a 100-person crew led by Roney for the week of the tournament.

Staff members and volunteers included Jim Roney, director of grounds at Saucon Valley; Gabe Wochley, assistant superintendent; Curtis Harder, second assistant superintendent; Scott Gingrich, second assistant superintendent; Alumni: Frank Heery, Derrick Hudson, Kim Stumpf, Shaun Henry, Dan Andrus, Mike Calkins, Chris Butler, Tom Marshall, Jason Kahr, Dan Finlayson, Dr. Doug Linde; Current students: Dan Johnson, Chris Burnell, Sheldon Champion, Kevin Keezer, Doug Schrader, Ashley Zajac, Mike Kachurak and Mike Molchan. Refer to list below.

Delaware Valley College’s Turf Management program prepares students for careers as golf course superintendents, sports turf managers, grounds managers, researchers, educators and industry professionals. To learn more about the Turf Management Program at Delaware Valley College, visit http://delval.edu/turf or contact Dr. Linde at douglas.linde@delval.edu

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Sixteen of the twenty-three Delaware Valley College alumni and current students that helped prepare the grounds for the 2009 US Women’s Open.

Front L-R: Shaun Henry, Chris Butler, Derrick Hudson, Mike Calkins, Gabe Wochley, Jason Kahr

Back L-R: Dan Finlayson, Mike Molchan, Scott Gingrich, Sheldon Champion, Ashley Zajac, Dr. Doug Linde, Doug Schrader, Dan Johnson, Chris Burnell, Kim Stumpf

Missing from photo: Jim Roney, Frank Heery, Curtis Harder, Dan Andrus, Kevin Keezer, Mike Kachurak, Tom Marshall
List of Delaware Valley College alumni and students that were involved

Full time Employees at Saucon Valley CC:
Jim Roney    Director of Grounds
Gabe Wochley     Assistant superintendent
Curtis Harder    Second assistant supt.
Scott Gingrich   Second assistant supt.

Summer Interns at Saucon Valley CC (Current Turf management Students):
Dan Johnson
Chris Burnell
Sheldon Champion
Kevin Keezer
Doug Schrader

Graduates that volunteered:
Frank Heery  Westmoreland Country Club  superintendent
Derrick Hudson  Bellewood Golf Club  supt.
Kim Stumpf    Ledgerock GC  assistant supt.
Shaun Henry   Golf Property Analysts, Inc.
Dan Andrus  Lehigh University  grounds supt.
Mike Calkins   Maryland Dept of Agriculture
Chris Butler  Lawn and Golf Co., Inc.  salesperson
Tom Marshall  Neshanic Valley GC  supt.
Jason Kahr   Plainfield Country Club  assistant supt.
Dan Finlayson  His company installed temporary roads at the golf course
Dr. Doug Linde  Professor of Turf Management and advisor to all Turf Management
majors at Delaware Valley College

Current Turf management Students that volunteered:
Ashley Zajac
Mike Kachurak
Mike Molchan
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