

Perry Whaley's career in turfgrass management originated in Ohio at the age of 16, when he got his first job as a seasonal grounds crewman at his local country club. It was his passion for the game of golf that led him to seek out a job on the golf course and playing golf after work became quite the privilege.

Upon graduating high school (and having two seasons of golf course maintenance on my resume), he enrolled at Wheeling Jesuit University in Wheeling, WV to pursue a double major in Mathematics and Computer Science. After his sophomore year (and now having 4 seasons of golf course maintenance experience), he decided to transfer to Ohio State ATI and earn his degree in Turfgrass Management.

Upon graduating from Ohio State in June 2003, he resumed the duties of Assistant Superintendent at Belmont Hills Country Club in St. Clairsville, Ohio before moving to Virginia in June of 2004 to begin working as Golf Course Superintendent at the Gauntlet Golf Club.

During his time as Superintendent at The Gauntlet, he gained priceless experience managing a variety of both cool and warm season turf in the heart of the transition zone. Managing a combination of bentgrass, poa, zoysiagrass, and bermudagrass required an ever-evolving management style in areas such as nutrient and water management.

Continuing to educate turf managers is what drives him in this industry. From golf course superintendents to home owners, he takes pride in helping others achieve their desired turf goals.