Agronomy

The Vaquero Club is an exclusive, private equity club enveloped in pristine Westlake, Texas, located just north of Fort Worth within the DFW Metroplex. The name Vaquero means “cowboy” in Spanish and fits perfectly as the golf course was carved into the natural topography and maintains the ranch feel throughout. Course Designer, Tom Fazio, describes Vaquero as one of his most dramatic golf courses with over seven acres of bunkers and undulating greens. In 2015, Vaquero teamed with Andrew Green, one of the industry’s top golf course architects, in the development of a new master plan. Phase 1 of the master plan was to build the world class practice facility which was completed in September of 2016. In addition, the recent completion of a $19.7 million dollar clubhouse renovation further adds to the luxurious amenities provided at The Vaquero Club.

Vaquero members expect perfection daily and our staff is trained to execute accordingly. Vaquero’s student interns will play an integral role in the daily operation of the course through training in tasks such as course set up, water management, and plant protection applications.

Student interns will work directly with the superintendent and other assistant turf crew members. The highly networked management staff here at Vaquero all have Top 100 golf course experience from regions across the United States in addition to USGA, PGA, and NCAA tournament experience. The Vaquero Club is maintained at championship conditions day-in and day-out, utilizing state-of-the-art equipment such as Jacobsen Eclipse, John Deere and Toro mowers; Field Scout moisture meters; Precision air conditioning units; and subsurface blowers. Additionally, Vaquero installed a reverse osmosis water treatment plant capable of treating up to 1.2 million gallons of water per day.

Vaquero is an excellent opportunity for students seeking experience in warm-season and cool-season turf. We currently maintain several types of turf grass species including L-93, 007, Pure Distinction, and AU Victory creeping bentgrass putting greens, Diamond Zoysia and overseeded 419 Bermuda tees, Cavalier Zoysia fairways on the course and a Latitude 36 fairway on the driving range, Tifton 10 Bermuda rough, Coastal Bermuda native areas, as well as one Tifeagle Bermudagrass and M-85 Zoysia practice green each.

Upon completion of an internship, future employment opportunities are available for career advancement internally or externally if desired.