Unrivaled Golf

The heart of Vaquero is a spectacular private golf course created by famed designer Tom Fazio. The course features a classic, playable design that makes artful use of the rolling terrain, shady oaks, quiet ponds and unique bunkers. This easy-to-walk Par 71 course is designed to gratify golfers of all levels. Highlights of the Vaquero Golf Club include:

- A private member owned club that currently has 350 Golf Memberships
- 18 Hole Championship Golf Course designed by Tom Fazio
- Comfort stations on front nine and back nine
- Vaqueroville, a unique outdoor grill at the turn with an a la carte menu
- Newly remodeled & expanded Golf Shop
- Newly renovated in 2018, state-of-the-art Training Center featuring technology such as: TrackMan 4™, Foresight™, Swing Catalyst™ and Slow Motion Video Capture
- Premier practice facility with two practice tees
- Five short-game practice areas
- 7 full-time Agronomists on staff
About The Course

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.

Our Internship Program

The Vaquero membership expects perfection daily, and our staff is trained to execute accordingly. Vaquero’s student interns will play an integral part in the daily operation through training in tasks such as course set up, water management, and plant protection applications. Student interns will work directly with the superintendent and assistants ensuring the experience meets expectations. As a club, Vaquero focuses on career development of our employees that wish to pursue a future in the golf business.

Each intern will gain exposure to all operational areas of the Club as we feel this will help aspiring superintendents understand the business as a whole. This position caters to students that wish to pursue a career as superintendents servicing a club that is of the highest caliber. All training and operations at Vaquero will lay the foundation for the next generation of leaders in the club business.
What You’ll Do

TURFGRASS MANAGEMENT
Interns will have the exclusive opportunity to manage over 10 types of turfgrass ranging from Tif Eagle Bermudagrass, M85 Zoysiagrass, 007 Bentgrass, Pure Distinction Bentgrass, Cavalier Zoysia, Diamond Zoysia and Zion Zoysia turfgrass and others. The opportunity to manage and maintain these elite turf types in one location is an unparalleled experience. You will work closely with assistants/superintendents to:
• Maintain warm and cool season turfgrasses
• Calibrate/apply pesticide and fertilizer applications
• Learn the product, purpose and timing for certain applications
• Practice hand-watering and syringing of greens to manage bentgrass
• Partake in green surface management
• Collect data from our greens daily and upload this information into software so we can monitor trends and the plants’ response to both physical and environmental factors
• Manage/involved in decision-making

COURSE SET UP
We feel it is important to understand the game, environmental conditions, and to be the final eyes catching anything out of place before the players hit the course. We execute course set up with close attention to detail such as painting, changing, and cleaning our cups daily. Tee markers and yardage plaques are shined daily and no object should ever appear to be out of place while preparing the golf course for the day.

EQUIPMENT & OPERATIONS
Part of the internship will include time with the Equipment and Operations Manager both in the shop and out in the field. Basic reel maintenance and setup is one of the major focuses the mechanic will cover while in the shop. Also, the operation and the maintenance of our subsurface blower systems, pump stations, reverse osmosis plant, and all specialty tools will be covered during this period.
What to Expect

We provide housing in the town of Southlake for all student interns, approximately 10 minutes from the Club. The house is fully furnished with the exception of personal bedding and offers a private patio on 1 acre of property for when it’s time to relax.

Throughout the year, our turf professionals are offered an opportunity to work a major golf event. Our 2019 tournament experience consisted of Memorial at Muirfield Village Golf Club, Riviera Country Club, U.S. Open at Pebble Beach, and the Presidents Cup. We look forward to the 2020 golf season and our agenda for improvements this coming year.

Please only consider this internship if you are dedicated to completing the full experience and have a passion for a career in turf and golf.

**SALARY**
$14-$16/hour based on experience + overtime

**BENEFITS**
Free Housing; Golf Tournament Experience; Uniforms; Meals & Golf; On Property Fishing
Sun: 8am – 5pm (Spring/Summer)

**REQUIREMENTS**
Must be Enrolled in a 2 or 4-Year Turfgrass Management Program

*Please send cover letters and resumes to Mweitz@vaqueroclub.com – or – Jdanton@vaqueroclub.com*
State-of-the-Art Equipment

TORO LYNX IRRIGATION SYSTEM, REVERSE OSMOSIS AND PRECISION AIR OPERATIONS
Vaquero built a reverse osmosis plant capable of cleaning 1.2 million gallons of well water per day to replenish our 8-acre irrigation lake. Having the opportunity to work with an RO treatment facility is a rare and valuable experience.

As an intern at Vaquero you will be exposed to all facets of irrigation system operation, including programming and scheduling. You will also gain valuable experience operating subsurface precision and subair systems essential for the growth of bentgrass in Texas.
About Dallas/Ft. Worth

The town of Westlake is located in the heart of the DFW Metroplex, 30 miles northwest of Dallas and 20 miles northeast of Fort Worth. As the wealthiest town in Tarrant County, it is home to many top athletes and CEOs. Westlake and the Vaquero Club offer a small hometown feeling just outside of the busy business lifestyle of the Metroplex, meaning that top executives are able to escape to their pristine neighborhoods while still being close to work. Vaquero is also conveniently located just 15 miles from the DFW Airport, making it easy for residents to travel for both work and fun.

Just 30 minutes from downtown Dallas, residents of Vaquero are never far from world-class restaurants, as well as plenty of sports and entertainment venues. Home to the Mavericks and Stars, the American Airlines Center also hosts many live concerts and shows throughout the offseason of their sports teams. Just down the road in Arlington, football fans can head to the AT&T Stadium and catch a Cowboys game.

The Fort Worth Area has a lot to offer as well. Globe Life Field (Texas Rangers) and AT&T Stadium are located in Arlington, about 20 minutes from the Club. The historic Fort Worth Stock Yards is another attraction to the area. It’s a representation of the old days of Fort Worth. It’s home to many great steak houses and has a busy nightlife country atmosphere. Weekly rodeos, concerts and mock cattle drives are just a few examples of the activities you can expect.