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Gerald M. Henry  
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Dear Mr. Henry:

Card Sound Golf Club is looking for eager individuals who are driven to become professional Turf Managers. We are a private golf club within the prominent Ocean Reef Club in Key Largo, FL. We are an 18-hole, private facility that offers championship playing conditions in our winter season and a challenging learning environment for interns in the summer. Our Tif-Eagle greens, Celebration fairways, tees, and approaches offer our interns a great opportunity to advance their knowledge and practical skills within the turf industry.

We are formally closed June 1st through October 1<sup>st</sup> each year. This allows us to accomplish all cultural practices and construction projects without the stress of regular play. Our interns are a vital part of those practices. They are involved with multiple core aerifications on all low mowed playing surfaces, they operate Graden verticutters and also witness in-house fraze mowing of fairways. Along with our cultural practices, interns learn water management, reverse osmosis water production, fertilization and calibration of sprayers and spreaders while gaining experience in all aspects of course grounds maintenance.

We have some upcoming, long-term projects which include both irrigation and greens renovation, as well as short grass expansions projected to take place over the next couple of years. We would love the opportunity to involve some of your students in our summer cultural practices and construction projects. This will also allow them to meet and work with our architect, Andrew Green as well as Mr. Chip McDonald and crew from McDonald and Sons Construction Company.

Our internship program is about to launch its 20th year. The program has outstanding support from our membership and we would be honored to become a part of your educational institute's network. We provide off-site housing in Key Largo that allows our interns to experience all of The Florida Keys and the South Florida region in conjunction with the internship.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,  
Ryan Oliver, Head Superintendent  
Card Sound Golf Club

