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### ABOUT ME

I am a creative and enthusiastic environmentalist, horticulturalist and a landscaper. I have experience in agriculture- crop production, floriculture and turf grass management that enables me perform tasks in turf care, Nursery management, food production and landscape development. These tasks include being able to operate agricultural and turf machines, advise farmers on agricultural techniques to improve production. My career objective is to promote and advance turf grass management, promote sustainable food production and ensure a constant growth of the industry through various research, trials and sharing of knowledge ;while at the same time caring for the surrounding biodiversity

### WORK EXPERIENCE

**10/03/2022 - CURRENT - WOKING, United Kingdom**

#### Assistant greenkeeper

The wisley Golf club

- To assist in ensuring the golf course is properly laid out and prepared for Members and guests.
- To assist in the turf maintenance including mowing, irrigation and control of pests and diseases on the greens and other playing surfaces.
- To promote good environmental practice.
- Ensure the safe storage and handling of all materials, tools, equipment and chemicals, making certain that they are maintained in an ordered manner.
- Daily course check on greens, tees and fairways.
- Irrigation and drainage repair.
- Where requested, to carry out suitable tasks at other open spaces and sites owned by the course.

**04/10/2021 - 20/01/2022 - Nairobi, Kenya**

#### Management trainee

Sian group

I worked with Sian group of flower farms where I have been allocated some roles to run in the company. These include:

- Daily flower nutrition control, through fertilizer application, Ph and Ec control.
- Quality checks on cut stage, cut points and damages for cut flowers.
- Crop pathology.
- Cultural practices on flowers
- Irrigation installation and repair
- Temperature control in greenhouses.
- Greenhouse construction and repair.
- Roses and summer flowers propagation.
- Internal auditing of the company.
- Marketing and invoice generation.

**09/09/2020 - 04/08/2021 - Nairobi, Kenya**

#### Horticultural produce/Turf grass consultant.

Seimoss co ltd

I was working with various golf course and farmers who produce tomatoes, strawberry, bell pepper and vegetables. I was able to:

- Install drip irrigation systems.
- Prepare and plant greenhouses.
- Develop a fertilizer application regime for farmers.
- Set up a trial organic tomato production farm.
- Advise golf courses on proper ways to improve their greens.

- Repair bunkers and drainage systems on golf course.
- Create a planting design for home owners and install lawns.
- develop a sod farm and supply sod to clients.

**15/04/2019 – 16/08/2020 – Hilton head island, United States**

### **Trainee greenkeeper.**

Sea pines Resort

I was able to work in two sister 18 hole courses where I was able to:

- Spray technology with Toro sprayers.
- Spearheaded bunker renovations.
- Maintained fairways, greens, tee boxes, and roughs at the golf course.
- Turf management -irrigation, drainage and maintenance on the heavy equipment.
- Operation of all type of machines related to maintaining greens, fairways, tees, sand traps.
- Assisted in training of all grounds crew for daily schedules of the course.
- Drainage and Irrigation system repair.
- Course set up for tournaments.
- Green contamination repair.

**02/06/2017 – 04/08/2017 – Thika, Kenya**

### **Student trainee**

Thika Sports Club

my duties were:

- Turf grass maintenance.
- Irrigation, Pest and weed control.
- Fertilizer application and Flower planting.
- Mowing.
- Golf club and general workplace aesthetic improvement, interior and exterior.
- Duty assigning and coordination of day to day activities.
- Writing reports on the condition of the golf course lawns and the expenditure.

**04/05/2016 – 02/08/2016 – Kericho, Kenya**

### **Student trainee**

James Finlay co ltd

I was trained under the health and safety department where I was able to train on:

- Worker training on health and safety measures at work and ensuring their compliance.
- Internal auditing against recommended international and national standards.
- Workplace conflict resolution
- Preparation for external audits.
- Identification of hazardous areas, putting warning, cautionary and informatory signs.
- Ensuring workers comply to the use of personal protective equipment. (PPEs)
- Report writing on weekly, monthly and annual incidents of health and safety at work place.
- Ensuring appropriate measures are taken in case of an accident.
- Dealing with non-compliances.

## CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

**26/01/2020 – 29/01/2020 > – ORLANDO, United states.**

### **2020 Golf industry show**

I was able to attend and get trained on these aspects:

- Successful Bent grass management on greens and fairways.
- Mindful leadership.
- Managing out of play areas.

- Best turf Management practices.
- How much is too much shade.

## VOLUNTEERING

**15/04/2019 – 22/04/2019**

### ● **PGA Tours, RBC Heritage**

Hilton head island, United states of America.

I participated in course set up for the tournament. I was tasked with leading the fairway mow team and rough in the evenings.

**18/06/2020 – 21/06/2020**

### ● **PGA Tour, RBC Heritage**

Hilton head island, United states of America

I was able to join the lead superintendents in their course walk and learned the key components to correct that could affect the tournament.

I also had an opportunity to gain insights on agronomy from a PGA agronomist alongside fellow team members from all over the globe.

## CREATIVE WORKS

### ● **Fertilizer program**

- While working with Sian flowers, I was able to run a successful pilot test on vermicomposting. I used red worms to obtain vermicompost tea and organic manure. This helped reduce the cost of flower production by cutting down the expenses on fertilizer
- I have also developed a fertilizer and pesticide regime for tomato production in local small scale farms.

## EDUCATION AND TRAINING

**04/09/2014 – 06/08/2018**

### ● **Bachelors degree**

Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology

**Field of study** Environmental Horticulture and Landscaping Technology | **Final grade** Second class upper

### ● **Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education**

Kapsabet Boys High school

**Final grade** A PLAIN

## HOBBIES AND INTERESTS

### ● **Hobbies and interests**

- Playing Golf
- Playing Football
- Playing hockey

## RECOMMENDATIONS

### ● **Andrew weeks**

course superintendent

Wisley Golf Course

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