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## SUPERSpotlight: Eric Pinkham Golf Course Superintendent

Eric is very well liked by the Membership and does a great job keeping the course in the best possible shape year round. He has done a fabulous job improving the playability of our greens and improving the overall member satisfaction. Eric has to work around the 50,000 plus rounds a year that Riverwood averages, and he is able to do this with incredible diligence and an understanding of the big picture that most superintendents don't have.

## **Cultural Practices from Eric**

During the fall/winter months Riverwood tries to accomplish at least three pencil tine aerifications on the greens using the Toro SR-54. They will also groom the greens every two weeks followed by a light topdressing. If temperatures are higher they may throw a light verticutting in once a month. They put out a liquid fertilizer package with a growth regulator once per week.

During the warmer summer months they will core aerate the greens three times, spaced about 6 weeks apart using 3/4" x 10" tines. They also use a Graden on the greens to deep verticut and remove grain usually once per summer. They use a Goosen VC-60 to double verticut the fairways, tees, collars and approaches

**Education:** Lemon Bay High School, Englewood Florida, Graduated 1998

Lake City Community College, degree in Golf Course Operations 2002

**Professional** Affiliations: Florida Golf Course Superintendents Association Suncoast Chapter

GCSAA, Class A Superintendent since 2008

Started working on the grounds crew at a local golf course during high school. The superintendent at that course got me interested in the business and referred me to the Work History:

Lake City golf operations program. Upon graduation in 2002, I started working at River wood Golf Club as the Assistant Superintendent. In 2006, our company moved the Superintendent to a new golf course they were building in Ft. Myers and I was given the

opportunity to advance to the Superintendent position.

Competing in BBQ competitions throughout Florida in the Florida BBQ Association **Hobbies:** 

Scuba Diving and Spearfishing, certified Helitrox Diver

Wife Kim, Son Drew. Met Kim while attending college, have been married for 13 years. Family:

Drew joined the family a year and a half ago.







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