



Meadow Springs superintendent
Greg Simmonds

GREG SIMMONDS
(Meadow Springs Country Club, WA)

Full Name: Greg William Simmonds
Age: 41
Family: Wife Michele and daughter Sarah
Years as a superintendent: 19
Years at current club: 17
Number of staff: 7
Course specs: 80 hectares – 48 irrigated valve-in-head, Santa ana fairways, Penncross greens, 1020 buffers, 67 bunkers.
Favourite piece of machinery?
 Silvan spray units (2 x 2000l). Where would I be without them?

Most embarrassing moment as a superintendent?

After changing a hole and turning around and seeing my ute rolling down the fairway 200m away.

Funniest moment you have seen as a superintendent?

A staff member was spraying the 8th green using a fish eye nozzle and felt the hose start pulling. He turned around to see the Massey Ferguson tractor and 2000l spray unit sailing over a 600mm retaining wall into the lake.

However, because of the air in the tyres and tank, it floated in 2.5m of water. We now call the tractor 'SS Titanic' and the spray unit 'Bob'.

Plans for the course over the next 12-18 months?

Reconstruction of tees 4 and 8. Continued transition to Santa ana fairways.

Best advice you have ever received on the job?

It's only when you get close to perfection that you know how far away it is.

If you could change one thing about your job what would it be?

Western Australia's dry summers and wet winters.

Best part about being a golf course superintendent?

The continued competition between Mother Nature and myself. She keeps you on your toes.

Worst excuse you have ever heard from one of your staff?

I smashed the Cushman because I saw a snake.

Career highlight?

Six years spent at Royal Melbourne - preparing the course for the PGA and Australian Open and the staff camaraderie.

The overseas course you'd most like to visit?

Augusta National during The Masters.

Favourite sporting team?

Essendon.

Sporting team you despise?

West Coast Eagles.

Dream car?

Current model Monaro.

Favourite movie?

Serpico (1973, Al Pacino)

Food you could not live without?

Seafood.

Meadow Springs came in at 44 in the recent Top 100 Australian Golf Courses list compiled by Australian Golf Digest in March. 🏌️

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