



Launceston Golf Club superintendent Phil Hill with apprentice Sophie

PHIL HILL
(Launceston Golf Club, TAS)

Full Name: Phil Hill
Age: 41
Family: Married
Years as a superintendent: 15
Years as an AGCSA member: 15
Years at current club: 7
Number of staff: 5
Course specs: Bentgrass/*Poa* greens, Rye/Fescue tees and fairways.
Favourite piece of machinery?
Our old Cushman – a grand old lady of the fleet.

Most embarrassing moment as a superintendent?
Springing a lady member squatting in the rough.

Plans for the course over the next 12-18 months?
Eradication of *Poa annua* from greens. Resurfacing tees and mounding and reshaping fairways.

Best advice you have ever received about the job?
Look outside the square. You need thick skin.

If you could change one thing about your job what would it be?
The weather pattern.

Best part about being a superintendent?
The satisfaction you get after manicuring the course for competition play or a tournament.

Worst excuse you have ever heard from one of your staff?
It was not me! This was after he had trampled Round-up from bunker to bunker, across greens and surrounds on the soles of his boots.

Career highlight?
Appointment at Launceston Golf Club.

Overseas course you'd most like to visit?
Augusta National.

Favourite movie?
Double Jeopardy.

Name 3 CDs you could not live without.
Bryan Adams – Unplugged, Bee Gees, The Corrs.

If you could be any musician, who would you be?
Robbie Williams.

Food you could not live without?
Steak and veg.

Favourite sporting team?
St Kilda Football Club.

Dream car?
New model Jaguar.

Irritations?
People that whinge.

What book are you reading now?
Anything turf related.

Golf handicap?
24

Beer or Bundy?
Beer – James Boag. 🍺

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