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EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

JUSTIN'S TOP 10 FAVORITE GOLF COURSES IN VEGAS (THAT HE'S PLAYED) PART II

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5. Aliante- Recently voted "Best new Course in Las Vegas" by Vegas Golfer magazine, this course provides golfers with spectacular views. The course is well maintained and the greens are always spectacular. There are a couple of lakes, and an arroyo that runs throughout. Definitely check this one out!
4. Rio Secco- Home of the Butch Harmon School of golf, this is a premiere course located out in Henderson. Although it is usually pretty expensive to play 18, it is a challenge everyone should try at least once.
3. Legacy- This is the course I play the most. If you get the OB Sports Card you can usually play 18 with a cart for \$35. Although it is usually pretty backed up, the price for this championship course designed by Arthur Hills is worth the wait!
2. Spanish Trail Country Club- This club has three nine hole courses that are played in three eighteen hole combinations. The Lakes, Canyon, and Sunrise courses provide a challenge to all golfers, while providing a picturesque backdrop. This club hosted the Las Vegas Invitational in 1991. The Lakes Course has six waterfalls that come into play on seven holes.
1. Revere at Anthem- This course is number one due to the layout, price, and overall enjoyment! Although sometimes a little pricy, you can sometimes get out at twilight hours for a decent rate. The course is spectacular and is cut right out of the mountains. You can get beautiful views to the strip as well. Definitely make the time to play this course!

Meet Samantha Fuller. Samantha is the newest member of our SLA family and we are glad she's here! Originally from New Jersey, she moved to Las Vegas only a few years ago to attend UNLV. While she wasn't that excited about coming here at first she has found that she loves it. Since there is such a lack of humidity she says she doesn't have to worry about big hair!

A self proclaimed movieaholic, her goal is to become an urban/city/master planner. She discovered Landscape Architecture as a stepping stone to achieving this goal. She is currently attending UNLV and loves every minute of it. However, she is anxiously anticipating graduation.

Aside from movies, Landscape Architecture, and traveling, she says she's a complete SIMS geek. Samantha is also currently studying German and to become a master violinist! With so much talent wrapped up in one person we are happy to have her!



RIVER MOUNTAIN LOOP TRAILHEAD

The Equestrian Trailhead in southeast Henderson is an expansion of an existing park. A detention basin in the middle of the site separates the north and south sides which are connected by a meandering equestrian trail. The south end of the park includes a dog park. A shade shelter, trees and water; providing a pleasant space for users. Equestrian amenities include trailer parking and a connection to the equestrian trail with two bridges leading to the north side where the majority of the equestrian amenities are located. The park includes a horse arena, shade shelter, picnic area, horse corrals, pens, parking and drought tolerant plantings. The uniqueness of the park will attract users from the neighborhood as well as regional users.

RMLT segment 13 is a portion of an existing trail, looping around River Mountain. Safety is the main concern for the client. Steep slopes on the trail have been mitigated through signage and yellow warning stripping. A pull-off area has been added at the top of the hill and at the bottom a security rail and boulders have been added.

LAIT CERTIFICATION

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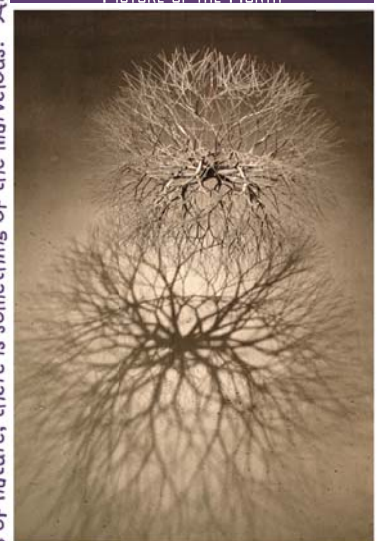
In 2002, the Nevada Board of Landscape Architecture created the designation: Landscape Architect in-Training (LAIT). This provided professionals working towards licensure a title that reflects their credentials, job description and responsibilities. Prior to this, there was no title they could legally use. Completing the requirements to become an LAIT is only slightly simpler than becoming a licensed Landscape Architect. I recently received my LAIT and have been asked to share about the process.

In order to earn the LAIT title, the nominee must have graduated with a degree in Landscape Architecture from an accredited University and successfully pass the first two sections out of the total five from the Landscape Architecture Registration Exam. The applicant must also provide three references from licensed Landscape Architects as well as a reference from a professor in an accredited Landscape Architecture program. A fee and passport size photo must be included and the candidate needs to authorize a full background check. Once all the information has been reviewed and verified, the board grants the individual the right to use the title: Landscape Architect in Training. A certificate is awarded and signed by the President and Secretary of the Nevada State Board of Landscape Architects.

To be honored with a Landscape Architect in Nevada license, one must fulfill the LAIT requirements, pass the remainder of the exams, and provide additional professional references attesting to the skill and ability the candidate has reached. Similar fees, paperwork and background checks must be completed. It sounds like a lot but we enjoy our work and realize there are some of you that have even more to go through.

PICTURE OF THE MONTH

In all things of nature, there is something of the marvelous. - Aristotle



SHADOWS
TAKEN BY: SARAH NABER