Mr. Hearn's golf course seminar is worth taking. The early chapters give you a history of the game and golf course architecture which is essential to understanding the subject of golf course design and ultimately becoming a golf course architect.

I had taken a golf architecture class in college but with this seminar you get feedback from Ray who is a member of the ASGCA. Getting his feedback after each assignment, someone who has designed courses in many different areas and has hands on experience in all aspects of the process, was insightful.

The chapter assignments help you to understand the process a golf architect goes through when designing the course.

Having a month to do each assignment is great, it can easily be fit around even the most challenging schedules (I had a full time job, moved more than once, and planned a wedding over the course of the seminar and got all assignments in on time). The readings were relevant, and the assignments were thought provoking. Anyone with an interest in golf architecture or design will enjoy this seminar.

I highly recommend this class for any superintendent or golf professional that may be involved in a course renovation or restoration in the future. Understanding the process from the architect's point of view will be invaluable to you and will help you communicate better with both the architect and your members.

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