



OFFICE OF DIRECTOR



RICHARD A. WIT, CGCS

GOLF CLUB AT RED ROCK

RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA

**GCSAA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE**

PERSONAL DATA

Name: Mr. Richard A Wit, CGCS

Title: Certified Golf Course
Superintendent

Home: 7102 Prestwick Rd

Club / Course: Golf Club at Red Rock

City: Rapid City

Number of Holes: 18

State: SD

Type of Course: Daily Fee - Public

Zip: 57702-9527

Primary Phone: (605)718-7631

Business Phone: (605)718-4710

Responsibilities: I am currently the CGCS of The Golf Club at Red Rock, in Rapid City, SD. The Golf Club at Red Rock sits on roughly 120 acres in a residential community of 360 homes. The golf course is a daily fee/public facility with a membership of 375 members. I am responsible for the day to day activities associated with the maintenance of a public golf course. I have a crew of 15 that help with the maintenance, of the course, as well as the equipment fleet. Besides taking care of the golf course I am also responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of 180 townhome yards and sprinkler systems.

Responsible to: Owners

EDUCATIONAL DATA

| Institution | City | State | Degree Date | Major |
|--------------------------------|---------|-------|-------------|--|
| University of Nebraska-Lincoln | Lincoln | NE | 12/1/1994 | Bachelors Degree in Turf/Plant Science |

EMPLOYMENT DATA

| Employer | Title of Position | Start Date | End Date |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------|----------|
| Golf Club at Red Rock | Certified Golf Course Superintendent | 8/15/2001 | |
| Minnehaha Country Club | Assistant Golf Course Supt. | 4/1/1994 | 8/1/2001 |
| Shadow Ridge Country Club | Assistant Golf Course Supt. | 4/1/1993 | 1/1/1994 |

CIVIC PARTICIPATION

Coached U6-U10 girls soccer
 Coached U6-U14 little league baseball
 Consulted on little league baseball fields & club soccer fields
 Consulted on local residential and commercial yards as well as surrounding golf courses within the Black Hills region of South Dakota.

GCSAA ACTIVITIES

| Committee | Position | Start Date | End Date |
|--------------------------------|------------------|------------|-----------|
| Rounds 4 Research Task Group | Volunteer | 3/1/2021 | 2/28/2022 |
| 2020 Chapter Delegates Meeting | Chapter Delegate | 9/24/2020 | 11/1/2020 |
| Rounds 4 Research Task Group | Volunteer | 3/1/2020 | 2/28/2021 |
| GCM Editorial Board Task Group | Volunteer | 3/1/2020 | 2/28/2021 |

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|--------------------------------|------------------|------------|------------|
| 2019 Chapter Delegates Meeting | Chapter Delegate | 9/30/2019 | 11/1/2019 |
| 2018 Chapter Delegates Meeting | Chapter Delegate | 10/26/2018 | 11/30/2018 |
| 2017 Chapter Delegates Meeting | Chapter Delegate | 10/3/2017 | 11/30/2017 |
| 2016 Chapter Delegates Meeting | Chapter Delegate | 9/8/2016 | 9/8/2017 |
| 2015 Chapter Delegates Meeting | Chapter Delegate | 9/14/2015 | 10/28/2015 |
| 2014 Chapter Delegates Meeting | Chapter Delegate | 9/8/2014 | 10/16/2014 |
| 2013 Chapter Delegates Meeting | Chapter Delegate | 9/9/2013 | 10/4/2013 |
| 2012 Chapter Delegates Meeting | Chapter Delegate | 10/5/2012 | 10/7/2012 |

LOCAL CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

| Chapter | Position | Start Date | End Date |
|----------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| GCSA of South Dakota | Treasurer | 3/1/2021 | |
| GCSA of South Dakota | Secretary | 3/1/2021 | |
| GCSA of South Dakota | Voting Delegate | 12/7/2020 | |
| GCSA of South Dakota | Chapter Delegate | 10/1/2020 | |
| GCSA of South Dakota | Secretary | 4/1/2020 | 3/1/2021 |
| GCSA of South Dakota | Treasurer | 4/1/2020 | 3/1/2021 |
| GCSA of South Dakota | Chapter Delegate | 10/9/2019 | 9/1/2020 |
| GCSA of South Dakota | Voting Delegate | 10/3/2017 | 12/1/2020 |
| GCSA of South Dakota | Executive | 3/24/2014 | 7/1/2021 |
| GCSA of South Dakota | PDI Representative | 2/25/2013 | 7/1/2021 |
| GCSA of South Dakota | Director | 3/6/2007 | 3/1/2008 |
| GCSA of South Dakota | President | 3/1/2005 | 3/1/2007 |
| GCSA of South Dakota | Vice-president | 3/1/2003 | 3/1/2005 |
| GCSA of South Dakota | Newsletter Editor | 1/1/1999 | 1/1/2005 |

ALLIED ASSOCIATION DATA

| Name | Position | Start Date | End Date |
|-------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| GCSA of SD | Vice President | 03/2003 | 03/2005 |
| GCSA of SD | President | 03/2005 | 03/2007 |

IMPORTANT NOTE:

Only Class A superintendents whose classification truly reflects their current employment are eligible for office in GCSAA.

500 WORD STATEMENT

I would like to thank the GCSA of South Dakota for nominating me for Director of GCSAA. It is humbling that my peers and colleagues, within the GCSA of SD, feel I would make a great candidate at the board level of GCSAA. I would also like to thank the nomination committee at GCSAA for their support as well. Since joining the GCSA of SD back in 1994 I have always had a love to volunteer and help the association where I could. Starting out as helping with the local Trade Show at the annual conference then becoming the Newsletter Editor all the way up to President and now currently the Executive Director of the Chapter.

I want to thank The Golf Club at Red Rock membership and the ownership for their full support. I have been the superintendent at Red Rock since 2001 when it was still under construction. Red Rock has been the #1 Public golf course in South Dakota since 2002. I take pride in providing a quality golf course to my members.

It is this pride I have in providing a quality golf course that I will bring to the table when serving on the board at GCSAA. It is about serving the members of GCSAA and promoting this great profession that we all love. Yes it has its ups and downs, but it is my personal belief that this is the best profession around. We as a group are willing to help our neighbors, local as well as afar, to make the golfing experience as good as we can for the golfer.

The last couple of years I have had the pleasure of serving on the Task Group for Rounds for Research. It has been a rewarding experience reaching out to my local Chapter members and asking them to help support this great cause. The members of GCSA of SD have supported this whole heartedly and I thank them for that. The biggest reward I see from this is the reach we have with the golfer who "benefits" from this program by getting great deals of golf at local and national golf courses. This is just one way that I see we reach out to the golfing public and show them just a little of what we do on a daily basis. The First Green is another way I see that we can promote this great profession. Showing our youth just a sample of what we do on a daily basis is another way to promote our profession.

In conclusion, I again want to thank the members of GCSA of SD for nominating me for Director of GCSAA. I look forward to working with and for the members of GCSAA. I ask for your support at the annual meeting in San Diego in 2022.

Thank you,
Richard A. Wit, CGCS

**DATE
SUBMITTED:**

7/26/2021 8:41:46 PM

SIGNATURE: _____



Kyle Rausch, CGCS

Sutton Bay

28950 Sutton Bay Trail

Agar, SD 57520

June 11, 2021

Dear GCSAA Nominating Committee,

This is Kyle Rausch, President of the South Dakota Chapter of the GCSAA. I am writing this letter to formally nominate Richard Wit, CGCS, to a director position on the GCSAA board of directors. Mr. Wit has an extensive career as a golf course superintendent and has been very active in the South Dakota chapter of GCSAA for many years. Some of the highlights of his career include:

- Member of GCSAA since 1990
- Certified Golf Course Superintendent since 2004
- Member of SDGCSA since 1994, holding positions of Vice President (2003-2005), President (2005-2007), and Secretary/Treasurer, Executive Director (2011-present)
- GCSAA Chapter Delegate (2005-2007, 2012-present)

Mr. Wit's commitment and love for the GCSAA and SDGCSAA was never more evident than this past year's Rounds 4 Research campaign. Through Mr. Wit's efforts and persistence, South Dakota was able to donate 45 rounds, which ended up being in the top 10 of all states.

Mr. Wit is currently the superintendent at Red Rock Golf Club in Rapid City. Red Rock has consistently been rated in the top 5 courses in the state, and they hold numerous state level tournaments every year.

As President of the SDGCSA, I speak on behalf of all our members and say that we fully support Mr. Wit's desire to become involved with the GCSAA board of directors. He is one of the most respected superintendents in the state, and would be a great asset to the GCSAA.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kyle Rausch".

Kyle Rausch, CGCS