



OFFICE OF VICE PRESIDENT



T.A. BARKER, CGCS
FORE LAKES GOLF COURSE
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

**GCSAA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE**

PERSONAL DATA

Name: Mr. T.A. Barker, CGCS

Title: Golf Course Superintendent

Home: 9368 S Lea Heather Way

Club / Course: Fore Lakes Golf Course

City: West Jordan

Number of Holes: 18

State: UT

Type of Course: Daily Fee

Zip: 84081-3204

Primary Phone: (801)694-2803

Business Phone: (801)266-8621

Responsibilities: As the Superintendent of Fore Lakes Golf Course, I am tasked with the daily and long term success of the course. Including but not limited to, agronomic practices, staffing, training, irrigation, and mechanical work. Fore Lakes has two separate nine-hole courses, a nine-hole par 3 course and a nine-hole executive course. We also maintain a split tee driving range and two large practice greens.

Responsible to: Owner

EDUCATIONAL DATA

Institution	City	State	Degree Date	Major
Penn State University	University Park	PA	9/1/2010	Assoc Degree Turf/Plant or 2 yr cert

EMPLOYMENT DATA

Employer	Title of Position	Start Date	End Date
Fore Lakes Golf Course	Golf Course Superintendent	1/1/2006	
Fore Lakes Golf Course	Assistant Golf Course Superintendent	5/4/1995	12/31/2005

CIVIC PARTICIPATION

2018 Golfdom Magazine Herb Graffis Businessperson of the Year Recipient
 National Golf Day Attendee 2016 - 2023
 Utah Golf Day Speaker
 Coach to my three boys (Peyton 15, Boston 12, and Greyson 8)
 Former Co-Host of Utah Golf Radio
 Veterans on Course Instructor
 First Green Program Presenter
 Youth on Course Partner
 Golf Alliance of Utah (GAU) Executive Board Member

GCSAA ACTIVITIES

Committee	Position	Start Date	End Date
2023 Certification Committee	Vice Chairman	3/1/2023	2/29/2024
2023 Melrose Leadership Academy Task Group	Chairman	3/1/2023	2/29/2024
2023 Allan MacCurrach Jr. Award Task Group	Chairman	3/1/2023	2/29/2024

2023 GCSAA Scholars Competition Task group	Chairman	3/1/2023	2/29/2024
2023 Rounds 4 Research Task Group	Chairman	3/1/2023	2/29/2024
GCSAA Board of Directors	Secretary/Treasurer	2/10/2023	2/1/2024
2022 Chapter Delegate Meeting	GCSAA Board of Directors	9/26/2022	10/27/2022
2022 Conference Education Task Group	Chairman	3/1/2022	2/28/2023
2022 Political Action Committee	Chairman	3/1/2022	2/28/2023
2022 Allan MacCurrach Jr. Award Task Group	Vice Chairman	3/1/2022	2/28/2023
2022 Rounds 4 Research Task Group	Vice Chairman	3/1/2022	2/28/2023
2022 Government Affairs Committee	Chairman	3/1/2022	2/28/2023
2022 BMP Grants Task Group	Chairman	3/1/2022	2/28/2023
GCSAA Board of Directors	Director	2/1/2022	2/9/2023
2021 Chapter Delegates Meeting	GCSAA Board of Directors	9/22/2021	10/22/2021
Melrose Leadership Academy Task Group	Chairman	3/1/2021	2/28/2022
Conference Education Task Group	Vice Chairman	3/1/2021	2/28/2022
Equipment Manager Task Group	Chairman	3/1/2021	2/28/2022
Political Action Committee	Vice Chairman	3/1/2021	2/28/2022
Research Proposal Review Committee	Chairman	3/1/2021	2/28/2022
Government Affairs Committee	Vice Chairman	3/1/2021	2/28/2022
GCSAA Board of Directors	Director	2/4/2021	2/10/2022
2020 Chapter Delegates Meeting	GCSAA Board of Directors	9/24/2020	11/1/2020
Equipment Managers Task Group	Vice Chairman	3/1/2020	2/28/2021
BMP Facility Task Group	Chairman	3/1/2020	2/28/2021
Government Affairs Committee	Vice Chairman	3/1/2020	2/28/2021
Communications/Outreach Task Group	Chairman	3/1/2020	2/28/2021
GCSAA Board of Directors	Director	1/30/2020	2/4/2021
Political Action Committee	Vice Chairman	1/24/2020	1/23/2021
2019 Chapter Delegates Meeting	GCSAA Board of Directors	9/30/2019	11/1/2019
Environmental Awards and Education Task Group	Chairman	3/1/2019	2/28/2020
GCM Editorial Board Task Group	Vice Chairman	3/1/2019	2/29/2020
Technology Task Group	Chairman	3/1/2019	2/28/2020
Communications/Outreach Task Group	Vice Chairman	3/1/2019	2/28/2020
Research Proposal Review Committee	Chairman	3/1/2019	2/28/2020

GCSAA Board of Directors	Director	2/7/2019	1/30/2020
2018 Chapter Delegates Meeting	GCSAA Board of Directors	9/19/2018	11/30/2018
Environmental Awards and Education Task Group	Vice Chairman	3/1/2018	2/28/2019
Research Proposal Review Committee	Vice Chairman	3/1/2018	2/28/2019
BMP Resource Task Group	Vice Chairman	3/1/2018	2/28/2019
GCSAA Scholars Competition Task Group	Chairman	3/1/2018	2/28/2019
GCSAA Board of Directors	Director	2/8/2018	2/7/2019
2017 Chapter Delegates Meeting	GCSAA Board of Directors Candidate	9/20/2017	11/30/2017
Technology Task Group	Member Superintendent	3/1/2017	2/28/2018
Conference Education Task Group	Member Superintendent	3/1/2017	2/28/2018
2016 Chapter Delegates Meeting	Chapter Delegate	9/8/2016	9/8/2017
Conference Education Task Group	Member Superintendent	3/1/2016	2/1/2017
2015 Chapter Delegates Meeting	Chapter Delegate	9/14/2015	10/28/2015
Conference Education Task Group	Member Superintendent	1/1/2015	12/31/2015
2014 Chapter Delegates Meeting	Chapter Delegate	9/8/2014	10/16/2014
Grassroots Ambassadors		7/1/2014	
Conference Education Task Group	Member Superintendent	3/2/2014	3/1/2015
2013 Chapter Delegates Meeting	Chapter Delegate	9/9/2013	10/4/2013

LOCAL CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

Chapter	Position	Start Date	End Date
Utah GCSA	Voting Delegate	10/1/2016	9/21/2017
Utah GCSA	Director	10/8/2014	10/8/2015
Utah GCSA	President	10/1/2013	9/30/2014
Utah GCSA	Chapter Delegate	9/16/2013	9/22/2016
Utah GCSA	President	10/1/2012	9/30/2013
Utah GCSA	Newsletter Editor	1/6/2012	
Utah GCSA	Vice-president	10/1/2011	9/30/2012
Utah GCSA	Secretary	10/1/2009	9/30/2010

ALLIED ASSOCIATION DATA

Name	Position	Start Date	End Date
Golf Alliance of Utah (GAU)	Executive Board	2011	Present
Utah Golf Association	Member	1993	Present
Utah Junior Golf	Member	1986	1996

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 start by giving a sincere thank you to the nearly 20,000 members of GCSAA who have entrusted their association's future to the board and I. Thank you to the Utah Chapter for their continued support with my nomination for the office of Vice President. A huge thank you to Fore Lakes Golf Course and my staff for making the past six years so much easier. Finally, nothing would be possible without the love and support of my wife Natalie who is my rock, along with my three sons, Peyton, Boston, and Greyson. They are the driving force behind my desire and passion to serve.

Over the last six years, I have worked hard to ensure the success and future of our profession. My goal as Vice President is to continue to create a better personal and professional life for you and the valued members of our association. I will continue to drive growth and sustainability through my position as Vice President of GCSAA.

It is my opinion that GCSAA is the most essential organization in golf. Our members can, and will do more for the game and its future. I believe the members of GCSAA are the most essential workers employed at the golf facility. We are the men and women on the front line to government overreach, and are the ones that will halt bad policies on both local and national levels that will affect the way we do our jobs. Golf is more than a game to me - it is a vital part of my life. It is what feeds, shelters and clothes our families.

I am excited about the opportunity that is ahead for GCSAA, and I am confident that, together, we can continue to create positive changes in the lives of those we serve. With your support, I am eager to contribute my skills, passion and energy to serve as your Vice President and to work collaboratively with the rest of the board and staff to lead our organization to new heights.

Thank you for considering my candidacy. I look forward to the opportunity to discuss my vision for the future of GCSAA with you during the upcoming election. Together let's empower our communities and make a lasting impact.

**DATE
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Dear GCSAA Nomination Committee,

June 8, 2023

The Board of Directors of the Utah Golf Course Superintendents Association (UGCSA) would like to officially nominate T.A. Barker, CGCS, of Fore Lakes Golf Course in Taylorsville, Utah, as a 2023 candidate for the Vice President position for the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America.

We continue to feel that Mr. Barker has represented our members and members of GCSAA with pride and great enthusiasm. T.A. has given Utah Golf a voice on the national stage and remains as a strong leader in the industry. We are proud to nominate him to serve his fellow superintendents and golf community with determination and passion.

It is with great pleasure to officially nominate Mr. T.A. Barker, CGCS, as a candidate for the Vice President position for the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America's Board of Directors.

Joshua Virostko
President
Utah Golf Course Superintendents Association

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