



OFFICE OF DIRECTOR



MICHAEL L. UPCHURCH

LONGVIEW COUNTRY CLUB

LONGVIEW, TEXAS

GCSAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

PERSONAL DATA

Name: Mr. Michael L Upchurch

Title: Golf Course Superintendent

Home: 906 E Pinecrest Dr.

Club / Course: Longview Country Club

City: Marshall

Number of Holes: 18

State: TX

Type of Course: Public - Private

Zip: 75670

Primary Phone: (903)930-2922

Business Phone: (903)759-9251

Responsibilities: Recently assuming the role of Superintendent at Longview CC, owned and operated by the Buster Cupit family, I oversee the daily operations out on the golf course. Built in the late 40's this facility has always catered to the blue collar worker and beginning golfers. A public facility with 18 holes and a small crew it is a daily challenge to maintain the facility. I oversee the irrigation, mowing, fertility and agronomics with limited budget and equipment. I also remain employed at Old Bonita, currently a 5 green 7 tee facility that will eventually become a 9 hole private practice facility for the owner. This course started with one green to chip at and putt on, now it has 5 greens with 4 cultivars of grass and lighted so the owner can play at night. A three man crew is responsible for all of the construction and daily maintenance of this property. I keep the irrigation up as well as doing most of the chemical applications. I am responsible for the design work and planning for the future construction of greens and tees. With common bermuda fairways and celebration tees it is fun to challenge the crew to maintain a resort look with the mowing on a daily basis. At both facilities I maintain all of the records as well as the hiring and training of the crews. For my wife's benefit I always make sure that in the irrigation area there is a package of hot dog buns for irrigation repair, and in the chemical room a jar of fairy twinkle to put out when fungus is abound.

Responsible to: owners at both facilities

EDUCATIONAL DATA

Institution	City	State	Degree Date	Major

EMPLOYMENT DATA

Employer	Title of Position	Start Date	End Date
Longview Country Club	Golf Course Superintendent	4/9/2020	
Cherokee County Golf Association	Golf Course Superintendent	4/1/2018	3/23/2020
Carthage Country Club	Golf Course Superitendent	5/12/2015	6/29/2016
Palmetto Country Club	superintendent	6/17/2014	5/1/2015
Tempest Golf Club	Golf Course Superintendent	3/8/2013	5/31/2014
Marshall Lakeside Country Club	Golf Course Superintendent	7/22/2004	3/7/2013
Glen Garden Country Club	Golf Course Superintendent	5/1/2001	7/21/2004
Irving Golf Club	Golf Course Superintendent	1/1/1999	5/1/2001

CIVIC PARTICIPATION

I am currently a Grassroots Ambassador working with the office of Louie Gohmert. I attend the Catholic Church when not at a golf course and work with the local First Tee Program.

GCSAA ACTIVITIES

Committee	Position	Start Date	End Date
2022 Chapter Delegate Meeting	GCSAA Board of Directors Candidate	9/26/2022	10/27/2022
2022 GCSAA Scholars Competition Task group	Volunteer	3/1/2022	2/28/2023
2021 Chapter Leader/Executive Symposium	Chapter Leader	10/28/2021	11/10/2021
2021 Chapter Delegates Meeting	Chapter Delegate	9/22/2021	10/22/2021
2020 Chapter Delegates Meeting	Chapter Delegate	9/24/2020	11/1/2020
2020 Chapter Leader/Executive Symposium	Chapter Leader	2/24/2020	3/19/2020
Technology Task Group	Member Superintendent	3/1/2019	2/28/2020
GCSAA Scholars Competition Task Group	Member Superintendent	3/1/2018	2/28/2019
Membership Appeals Task Group	Member Superintendent	1/1/2015	12/31/2015
Grassroots Ambassadors		7/1/2014	
Conference Education Task Group	Member Superintendent	3/2/2012	3/1/2013
Conference Education Task Group	Member Superintendent	3/2/2011	3/1/2012
Compensation & Benefits Task Group	Member Superintendent	3/2/2010	3/1/2011
Membership Committee	Member Superintendent	3/2/2009	3/1/2010
Membership Committee	Member Superintendent	3/2/2008	3/1/2009

LOCAL CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

Chapter	Position	Start Date	End Date
Texas Gulf Coast Superintendents Association	Voting Delegate	2/6/2022	
North Texas GCSA	Secretary	1/15/2022	
North Texas GCSA	Treasurer	1/1/2022	
Lone Star GCSA	Vice-president	12/15/2021	
Lone Star GCSA	Chapter Delegate	8/17/2021	
North Texas GCSA	Voting Delegate	2/3/2021	1/10/2022
Texas Gulf Coast Superintendents Association	Voting Delegate	1/29/2021	1/12/2022
Central Texas GCSA	Voting Delegate	1/29/2021	1/10/2022
Lone Star GCSA	Secretary	12/9/2020	12/15/2021
Lone Star GCSA	Treasurer	12/9/2020	12/15/2021
Lone Star GCSA	Voting Delegate	12/7/2020	
North Texas GCSA	Director	10/5/2020	1/15/2022

Lone Star GCSA	Chapter Delegate	9/25/2020	8/16/2021
North Texas GCSA	Director	12/31/2019	10/5/2020
Lone Star GCSA	Director	12/1/2019	12/9/2020

ALLIED ASSOCIATION DATA

Name	Position	Start Date	End Date

IMPORTANT NOTE:

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

500 WORD STATEMENT

From day 1 as a golf course superintendent I have believed in the professionalism of our business. I have always maintained that as a professional you should be apart of you organization. I feel like the best way to achieve your professional goals is to get the backing and knowledge from others, and to pass that wisdom to others seeking information from you. This is all achievable through the GCSAA. Serving on committees, on both the national and local levels helps to better your confidence in your daily routine by learning from your peers and applying that knowledge at your facility.

Growing up on a farm and working with livestock on a daily basis I have always had a passion for the outdoors. Learning to play the game at a early age through my grandfather it only seemed right to pursue a career in the golf industry. In college I quickly came to the realization the i would never beat Jack Nicklaus or Arnold Palmer so the front office or outside on the grounds were going to be my options. Glad I didn't get a job behind the desk. I have served on both the Local and State boards for the GCSAA and have known several past GCSAA presidents to whom I call friends.

I love the Golf Course, weather it is 2am watching the irrigation run or 8pm watching the sun set behind the clubhouse it is always different. There is a inner joy to be able to see a slight refinement of God's creation at the end of the day. I enjoy fishing with my son and spending time with my wife. Learning early in my career the two things that are applied daily at any course that I have been at is, If you do something to one green do it to all of them, it might work. Number two is to have fun, don't kill yourself trying to finish a project that will be there tomorrow. Accomplish what you can do to provide quality playing conditions for the members and guests. Finish the project tomorrow.

Life is what we make of it. I go every day seeing people who hate their job and life in general. I tell my crew if you are not happy lets find you something that will make you happy. The Golf industry is not for everybody, I am fortunate that it was the right career move for me. I have owned several businesses in my life, none of which were as satisfying as the work of being a Superintendent.

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GCSAA Nominating Committee Chairman
c/o Shelia Finney, Senior Director, Member Programs
1421 Research Park Drive
Lawrence, KS 66049-3859

Dear GCSAA Nominating Committee,

On behalf of the North Texas Chapter of the GCSAA, I would like to formally nominate Mike Upchurch for consideration for the 2023 GCSAA Board of Directors. I have personally witnessed Mike's dedication and commitment to the North Texas chapter since first meeting him a few years ago. In those few years I've come to realize that I've only witnessed a small portion of his impact and work within our organization during his time of service.

Mike's membership and service span the 22 years that he has been a GCSAA member. Serving on local boards as far back as 2003, and as recently as his current service on both the North Texas and Lone Star chapters' board of directors, Mike has taken active leadership rolls. He has also been an active member in several GCSAA task groups, such as the 2019 Technology Task Group, 2018 Scholars Competition Task Group, 2015 Membership Appeals Task Group, and a handful of others. In addition, he has also served as a Grassroots Ambassador for many years and has taken a leading role in our BMP development and adoption process here in Texas.

Aside from his local leadership rolls, Mike has served our chapter in countless other ways by attending and representing North Texas at the national level. His attendance at Chapter Delegates meetings and participation in the GCSAA Leadership Symposiums has demonstrated his commitment to support his chapter and widen the communication channel between the national and local levels.

Thank you for considering Mike Upchurch as a candidate for the 2023 GCSAA Board of Directors. I am excited for the potential to see the hard work and dedication that he has demonstrated in the great state of Texas to be witnessed on the national level at GCSAA. Please accept this letter as my official nomination.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jason Wiedeman".

Jason Wiedeman
President, North Texas Golf Course Superintendents Association