



OFFICE OF DIRECTOR



JON M. CHRISTENSON

SPANISH TRAIL GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

**GCSAA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE**

PERSONAL DATA

Name: Mr. Jon M Christenson

Title: Golf Course Superintendent

Home: 5846 Golden Wing St

Club / Course: Spanish Trail Golf & Country Club

City: Las Vegas

Number of Holes: 27

State: NV

Type of Course: Private

Zip: 89113-0759

Primary Phone: (408)857-7960

Business Phone: (702) 364-0357

Responsibilities: I am the Golf Course Superintendent for a 27-hole Private country club, as well as the Vice President of Agronomy for Elite Golf. My responsibilities entail overseeing all duties that go with the daily operations of a club such as administration, HR, agronomy, etc. for Spanish Trail CC. My VP of Agronomy role is one of overseeing the maintenance operations for 11 other properties in 3 states.

Responsible to: Elite Golf, Keith Flatt CEO

EDUCATIONAL DATA

Institution	City	State	Degree Date	Major
Western Iowa Tech. Community Col	Sioux City	IA	11/15/1988	Assoc Degree Turf/Plant or 2 yr cert

EMPLOYMENT DATA

Employer	Title of Position	Start Date	End Date
Elite Golf Management	VP of Agronomy	2/6/2019	
Spanish Trail Golf & Country Club	Golf Course Superintendent	10/23/2017	
Oakhurst Country Club	Golf Course Superintendent	6/25/2013	10/22/2017
Monarch Bay Golf Club	Golf Course Superintendent	1/31/2010	6/24/2013
Santa Clara Golf & Tennis Club	Golf Course Superintendent	1/15/2009	1/29/2010
Whispering Creek Golf Club	General Manager	3/2/2004	1/14/2009
Whispering Creek Golf Club	Golf Course Superintendent	3/2/1999	3/1/2004
Willow Creek Golf Course	Golf Course Superintendent	3/2/1997	3/1/1999
Majestic Oaks Golf Course	Assistant Golf Course Supt.	2/1/1995	3/1/1997

CIVIC PARTICIPATION

GCSAA ACTIVITIES

Committee	Position	Start Date	End Date
BMP Facility Task Group	Volunteer	3/1/2020	2/28/2021

2019 Chapter Delegates Meeting	Chapter Delegate	9/30/2019	11/1/2019
Strategic Communications Committee	Member Superintendent	3/2/2013	3/1/2014
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Professional Development Committee	Member Superintendent	3/2/2011	3/1/2012
Standards/Bylaws Committee	Member Superintendent	3/2/2010	3/1/2011
2008 Chapter Delegates Meeting	Chapter Delegate	9/19/2008	9/19/2009
Standards/Bylaws Committee	Member Superintendent	3/2/2008	3/1/2009
Membership Committee	Member Superintendent	3/2/2008	3/1/2009
Membership Committee	Member Superintendent	3/2/2007	3/1/2008
Education Committee	Member Superintendent	3/2/2006	3/1/2007
Education Committee	Member Superintendent	3/2/2005	3/2/2006
Education Committee	Member Superintendent	3/2/2004	2/28/2005

LOCAL CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

Chapter	Position	Start Date	End Date
Southern Nevada GCSA	Voting Delegate	1/10/2020	
Southern Nevada GCSA	Chapter Delegate	10/9/2019	
Southern Nevada GCSA	Secretary	3/31/2019	
Southern Nevada GCSA	Treasurer	3/31/2019	
GCSA of Northern California	President	1/14/2013	1/13/2014
GCSA of Northern California	Media/Public Relations	1/18/2012	1/25/2016
GCSA of Northern California	Vice-president	1/1/2012	12/31/2012
GCSA of Northern California	Director	1/1/2011	12/31/2011
Iowa GCSA	Chapter Delegate	9/19/2008	3/11/2009
Iowa GCSA	Voting Delegate	8/29/2007	3/11/2009
Iowa GCSA	President	1/1/2005	12/31/2005
Iowa GCSA	Vice-president	1/1/2004	12/31/2004

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

Like many in our industry, I started in the industry when I started playing golf at the age of 10. After 4 years of playing 36 holes a day, I was told I should start working there since I spent so much time there. That has turned into 37 years in the industry so far. It took a year and a half of thinking I could play professional baseball for me to quickly realize I was meant to be a Golf Course Superintendent. I have spent years at 9 hole private clubs, municipal courses, semi-private clubs, and private clubs. These experiences have given me the chance to build, renovate, and

step outside my comfort zone and be a General Manager. With those varying roles and experiences have also come learning the challenges that go along with growing both cool season and warm season grasses in different parts of the country. While as challenging as these experiences were, they also brought the rewards of being able to serve on three different GCSAA Chapter Board of Directors, with two as President. I became involved early on the GCSAA committee level, which prepared me for my board service. That board service has brought me so much satisfaction with the ability to serve the profession that has given me so much. I have had many years of wishing to serve on the GCSAA board of directors without ever taking the step, and always regretting not submitting my name for service. My recent additional role as Vice President of Agronomy for Elite Golf has given me the ability to mentor, educate, and share my experiences with other professionals. This role has given me the desire to finally do what I can to give back to my profession, and I am honored to be considered as a candidate.

**DATE
SUBMITTED:**

7/5/2020 12:19:27 PM

SIGNATURE: _____



June 25, 2020

GCSAA Nominating Committee
c/o Shelia Finney
1421 Research Park Drive
Lawrence, KS 66049-3859

RE: Jon Christenson Nomination

Dear Nominating Committee Members,

The Southern Nevada Golf Course Superintendents Association (SNGCSA) is honored to nominate Jon Christenson for the Board of Directors position with the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA). Our membership strongly believes that Jon has done an outstanding job representing our Chapter at both the local and national levels. Jon is a current member on our board and has been a GCSAA member for 32 years.

Jon continues to demonstrate exceptional leadership skills through his current position and previous positions held with three additional chapters. Jon has served on numerous committees, including Chapter Delegate, Director, Vice President and President. We believe the combination of these experiences have helped Jon to develop the skills needed to further his leadership journey by serving as GCSAA Board of Director.

His dedication and service to our association has positively impacted our profession and provided superintendents across our region with great resources and information that has helped further their careers. Jon displays the utmost professionalism and ensures that he is available to help any of his fellow superintendents.

Thus, it is with honor and great respect that we nominate Jon and offer him our support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'James Symons'.

James Symons
President
Southern Nevada GCSA

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