

Superintendent of the Year Award : Entry # 2680

Nominee Information

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Brief outline of Nominee's past employment history

1997 to Present Superintendent - The Links at Silvies Valley Ranch, Silvies, OR
1996-2017 Golf and Grounds Superintendent - Wildhorse Resort, Pendleton, OR
1989-1996 Project Manager/Superintendent - Ko'olau Golf Club, Kaneohe, HI

Basis of nomination (i.e. significant accomplishments, work performance, service to the profession, etc.)

1. Created a new Intern Program to welcome new students into the profession
2. Very eco-friendly management of the 4 golf courses at Silvies. Some examples are: zero use of insecticides because of the 5,000 bird houses that encourage natural insect removal by native birds; low water usage due to state-of-the-art course watering system and use of fescues and other low water grasses, only drought resistant native plants, and links-style courses that are allowed to brown in the summer; and wildlife on the courses including pronghorn antelope, deer, and bluebirds, as well as many other species of birds.
3. Courses that are very fun to play: 2 reversible 18-hole championship courses for players of all skill levels; ultra-short tees available for seniors and beginners; free lessons for first-time players; a great par 3 course for family play; and Goat Caddies and a challenge course specifically for buddy golf.
4. Great at developing team members, which results in low turnover year to year and internal promotions.
5. Welcomes ground crews, superintendents and other PGA professionals from other courses to play, enjoy, and learn about the unique attributes of the Silvies courses and golf course maintenance at 5,000 feet in the high desert.
6. Generous with free helpful advice and ideas for the many colleagues that call all the time from all over the world.
7. A Past President of the Golf Course Superintendent's Association of America.

Nominator Information

Name

Scott Campbell

Position

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President

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