

Dear Nomination Committee,

I am pleased to offer my strong support for Stephen Bright as a nominee for the Oregon Golf Course Superintendents Association Superintendent of the Year Award. In my role as Director of Operations at Rose City Golf Course, I have had the opportunity to work closely with Stephen and see firsthand the level of professionalism, leadership, and dedication he brings to his work each day. I also had the privilege of working with Stephen during my previous role at Colwood Golf Center, which has allowed me to see the consistency of his leadership and expertise across multiple facilities.

Stephen oversees the agronomic operations at both Rose City Golf Course and Colwood Golf Center, managing the unique challenges of two busy public facilities with impressive organization and attention to detail. In addition to these responsibilities, Stephen also stepped in to help oversee Red Tail Golf Course during a transition period while a new superintendent was being hired. His willingness to take on additional responsibility while maintaining the high standards at his primary properties speaks volumes about his work ethic and commitment to the Portland golf community.

Stephen also plays a key role in overseeing equipment management across the entire Portland Parks Golf system. This includes helping coordinate equipment use, maintenance planning, and long-term replacement considerations across multiple properties. His ability to manage these additional system-wide responsibilities while maintaining excellent conditions at his own courses demonstrates both his technical expertise and strong organizational leadership.

Through Stephen's leadership, both Rose City and Colwood have experienced noticeable improvements in overall course conditions. His ability to manage resources effectively, plan proactively, and communicate clearly with operations staff has helped create courses that are consistently enjoyable and playable for the thousands of golfers who visit each year. Player feedback and customer satisfaction at both facilities continue to reflect the pride Stephen takes in his work.

Beyond his daily responsibilities, Stephen is someone who genuinely cares about the industry and the people within it. He is always willing to share his knowledge, support his peers, and contribute to the broader golf community. Whether it's helping with association events, mentoring others in the profession, or simply lending a hand when another facility needs support, Stephen consistently demonstrates the values that define great leadership in this industry.

I strongly believe Stephen Bright represents the very best of what a golf course superintendent should be. His dedication, professionalism, and positive impact on the courses and communities he serves make him an outstanding candidate for this award.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Zach Sickler  
Director of Operation Rose City Golf Course

Dear Nomination Committee,

I am writing to wholeheartedly nominate Stephen Bright for the Oregon Golf Course Superintendent's Association Superintendent of the Year award. As the Director of Operations at Colwood Golf Center, I have had the privilege of witnessing Stephen's exceptional leadership, dedication, and impact firsthand over the past several years. Stephen exemplifies the highest standards of our profession through his multifaceted responsibilities and unwavering commitment to excellence.

Stephen currently manages two golf properties—Rose City Golf Course and Colwood Golf Center—with remarkable efficiency and foresight. In addition, he seamlessly managed Red Tail while they were looking for a new superintendent at that property.

Under his stewardship, both Rose City and Colwood have seen significant improvements in course conditions and customer reviews with feedback that consistently earn praise from players and rank among the region's best facilities.

Stephen's achievements are not just operational—they reflect a deep passion for golf course management and community service. He balances demanding workloads without compromising quality, often going above and beyond, such as volunteering for association events or mentoring young superintendents.

I have no doubt that Stephen Bright is eminently deserving of the Superintendent of the Year award. His leadership has elevated Rose City and Colwood, benefiting players, staff, and the broader Oregon golf community. Please feel free to contact me at [jcrook@kempersports.com](mailto:jcrook@kempersports.com) for any additional information or references.

Thank you for considering this nomination.

Sincerely,

Joe Crook

Director of Operations

Colwood Golf Center

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