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The Utah GCSA is a community of golf course management professionals and a go-to information source to enhance and grow the profession.





UPCOMING EVENTS

- ✓ October 5-6: Annual Meeting, Wendover, NV
- ✓ October 10-11: GCSAA Golf Championships, Palm Springs, CA
- ✓ October 19: Assistant's Meeting @ Glenwild Golf Club
- October 28: Riley Stottern, CGCS Hall of Fame Induction
- ✓ November 2: Registration opens for GCSAA Conf. & Trade Show
- ✓ November 16: Virtual Facility BMP Meeting
- February 5-10: GCSAA Conf. & Trade Show, San Diego, CA
- February 9: Chapters of the NW Hospitality Room, Blind Burro, San Diego, CA
- February 24: Winter Education Conf. @ Weber State University
- ✓ May 2: Spring Meeting @ Bountiful Ridge Golf Course
- ✓ August 29: 10th Annual Chapter Championship



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Nate James, Soldier Hollow Golf Course

Hi UGCSA Members,

As the season draws to an end, it's now time to begin to reflect on the season that just passed. In sport, every golf tournament only has one person who emerges victorious, which means there is a greater chance of not being a winner. How can you rise above the emotional response of winning or losing and see a path to success?

I have two favorite expressions: "If you aren't winning, you are learning" and "F.A.I.L. = First Attempt In Learning."

The message in both quotes is clear—you always learn something. In having this continuous growth mindset, superintendents can turn almost every season into a learning opportunity. When it's time to look at a whole season, you have the learning points to help you improve.

Nevertheless, as superintendents we only really get paid to see results, and the outcome of the season usually defines or undermines the superintendent's input. But as all superintendents will tell you, the process and progress made throughout the season is a much better future performance indicator than any single club championship result or tournament outcome.

In other words, it's less about what you achieved, and more about how successful you were in the process.

At the end of the season there will always be winners and losers, but it's important that, no matter your result, you continue to be a learner.

If you are in a position where you didn't win, this is fantastic as you have a measurable difference between the successful and not-so-successful practices. For example, if your goal was to complete 10 on-course projects and you only completed 5, then how do you accomplish more during the season? You have a yardstick.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (cont'd)

Nate James, Soldier Hollow Golf Course

It's important to remember that we often look externally before we look internally for any problems. For example, we might opt to buy a piece of equipment or get a new staff leader before identifying the real problem. Try to focus internally and have an open mind to everything—it may provide a better route to success than just buying improvements, and sometimes we may find it was the wrong thing to do in the first place.

What can we do to improve? Asking yourself "what went well?" and "what could you improve?" are great starting points to identify weaker areas. Better yet, apply those questions across different areas.

Clearly, when things have been going well it's tempting to relax and not change much. However, unless you understand how you were successful, you won't be able to repeat it. In many instances, this is the hardest and most important reflection to make, and perhaps you missed the important learning point.

Things might have worked by chance, or maybe you just got lucky. What you need to do is work out how to get lucky every time so that it becomes a routine. Unless you understand why your plan worked, you cannot guarantee success.

When you understand all of these moving parts, all the *principles* behind your success, then you can repeat them. If you've had a successful season, you want to back it up—after all, they say the hardest championship to win is the second one.

Sincerely,

Nathan James





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UTAH GOLF HALL OF FAME INDUCTION BANQUET

Save the date for the long overdue induction of Riley Stottern, CGCS!

Riley was a lifetime member of GCSAA, serving as president in 1986 and the Utah GCSA in 1968 and 1978. He was involved in the design and construction of eight golf courses in his 49-year career. We would love to have as many superintendents there as possible and show Riley's family our support. Further information will be sent out as it becomes available.



Date

Thursday, October 28th, 2021

Time

Cocktail hour 5:30 pm Dinner & induction 6:30 pm

Location

Salt Lake City Marriott University Park at 480 Wakara Way, Salt Lake City, UT 84108 (Ballroom)





EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Each received a \$1,333 scholarship to use toward their education.

Aubrey Haws (Daughter of Brian Roth, CGCS, Oquirrh Hills Golf Course)



I am loving my journey at the University of Utah. Studying in their Arts program is exciting and I have gained so much from my few classes I have attended so far. This year will be filled with first year classes where I will get to explore the various options for my emphasis and I am excited for all of them. Outside of school and a busy homework schedule, I love getting to play with my husband and 1 year old daughter Ezlyn. We are exploring our new neighborhood in Salt Lake City and take frequent trips to enjoy time with our families in rural Utah.

Kayla Dinkel (Daughter of Daryl Dinkel, Target Specialty Products)



I am a Colorado native that moved to South Carolina in 2018. I moved after I finished my associates degree in Radiologic Technology from Colorado Mesa University. I found a job doing weekends at Lexington Medical Center. About a year ago I adopted a cat, Pepper, and she is the light of my life. I enjoy spending time with my family and look forward to every trip back home to Colorado. I always knew I wanted to get more schooling and I finally decided it was time. I am going to be doing Computed Tomography at Greenville Technically College. I am very excited to further my career in health care.

Nikell Woodland (Daughter of Justin Woodland, The Barn Golf Club)



I have been accepted to Weber State University where I will be studying to be a radiology / sonography technician. I am currently working at McKay-Dee Hospital as a patient transporter.



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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



10 Questions with
Jason Robert, Superintendent @
Thanksgiving Point Golf Club in Lehi, UT

1. HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED IN UTAH?

Two years

2. WHY UTAH?

I love the mountains and this is the best place to live!



I've lived in a lot of different places so I don't really have a hometown. I moved here from Vail, CO and I'm enjoying the milder winters on the Wasatch Front.

4. WHAT DREW YOU TO YOUR CURRENT FACILITY?

This is the third golf course I have managed for Troon Golf. I was asked to move here to undertake a "rescue mission".

5. ENJOY CITY OR COUNTRY MORE?

Country

6. HOBBIES / INTERESTS?

Exploring Utah and the surrounding western states. Hiking, fishing, concerts, BBQ, and the glorious winter hibernation!

7. HOW IS YOUR GOLF GAME? HOW MANY TIMES DO YOU PLAY A YEAR?

My golf game is terrible. I spend enough time on the golf course so I try to play as little as possible.

8. FAVORITE PRO / COLLEGE TEAMS?

Spoiled rotten KC Chiefs fan! It helps make up for my under achieving Colorado State Rams. Bandwagon Jazz Fan!

9. WHAT IS THE MOST INTERESTING SITUATION (WORK OR PERSONAL) YOU'VE BEEN IN?

Too many! None of which are appropriate for this forum. The experience of living in a third world country provided a lot of interesting situations and helped shape who I am and allowed me to recognize how lucky I am everyday.

10. WHAT ARE THREE THINGS IN YOUR "TOOLKIT" THAT YOU CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT?

Given the frequency I clean my cart probably a lot of broken irrigation parts sandwiched between a layer of rusty tools and a layer of sod chunks/weeds/muck.







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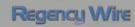
























AUGUST

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

10 Questions with
Jeremy Tye, Superintendent @
The Ridge Golf Club in West Valley City, UT

1. HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED IN UTAH?

I have lived here my entire life.

2. WHY UTAH?

Born and raised here. I have traveled to many different states and have always loved coming home.



3. WHERE ARE YOU FROM ORIGINALLY / RELOCATED FROM RECENTLY?

I grew up in Taylorsville, UT, and have moved a handful of times around the valley, throughout my lifetime. I currently live in Herriman, UT, since 2011.

4. WHAT DREW YOU TO YOUR CURRENT FACILITY?

I started my career in the golf industry here, in 2001, when it was West Ridge Golf Course. I always hoped/thought that I would eventually come back, and in Feb of this year it finally came true - 20 years later.

5. ENJOY CITY OR COUNTRY MORE?

Country for sure! (As long as I don't have to drive more than 30 mins for groceries) which might be considered contradictory by some.

6. HOBBIES / INTERESTS?

I have always loved golf since I was little. As an adult, I have since picked up pretty much anything that has to do with the outdoors. I love riding my dirt bike, camping, and paddleboarding with my wife and kids.

7. HOW IS YOUR GOLF GAME? HOW MANY TIMES DO YOU PLAY A YEAR?

My game is just like everyone else's, in that it can fluctuate tremendously in any direction. My best score I have ever shot is 64 (4 times), however, 80-85 is a possibility every time I tee it up! I try and play at least once a week. I would also encourage anyone (especially superintendents who don't) to play their courses regularly. It really helps to put things into perspective and gives you direct and instant feedback about the product that you are offering to customers.

8. FAVORITE PRO / COLLEGE TEAMS?

Honestly, watching sports is something that I have never been into. I have played just about every one of them on an organized team throughout my lifetime. I have just never gotten in to following them.

9. WHAT IS THE MOST INTERESTING SITUATION (WORK OR PERSONAL) YOU'VE BEEN IN?

Back in 2016, my wife and I decided to take our 3 children at the time, on a 6-day self-guided canoe trip down the Green River. We invited another couple, and their 3 kids to come with us. We have experience floating down the river and have done it with a guide multiple times. The water is very mellow, and we felt very safe, and well prepared leading up to the trip. The first thing that needs to be done when river rafting by yourself, is to shuttle a vehicle down to the end, so that you have a car there when you arrive. (Easy enough right!?) Well, in the process of dropping the car off where we had mapped out to exit the river. I mistakenly made a wrong turn along the way and ended up 2 hrs upriver from where we wanted to go. With absolutely no time to make the trek back to the correct pickup spot, I decided (after many choice words, and a little uncontrollable panic) to tie a bright colored tie down strap to a tree right along the side of the river, in hopes that we would see it in 6 days on our way down in the canoes and know right where to get out. (If not, the alternative is to float too far downstream, with no car to get back to where you need to go! Long story short, we didn't miss the spot to get out, we had an amazing time, it was one of the best trips I have ever been on in my life, and we laugh about it often!

10. What are three things in your "toolkit" that you can't live without?

I always carry my EC meter. The water here is horrendous, and I spend a lot of my time battling the biggest necessity a golf course needs — WATER! I always have my TDR moisture meter, for the same reasons. Lastly is a Blizzard brand snow shovel (surprising I know). I never thought it would have so many uses in summer, in the Utah desert. It is the best tool for cleaning anything you can think of off turf, without doing any damage. It cleans mower clippings, spilled topdressing sand, left over dirt from an irrigation fix, you name it.





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SEPTEMBER

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

8 Questions with

Jeff Tracy, Assistant Superintendent @

Hubbard Memorial Golf Course in Hill AFB, UT

1. HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED IN UTAH?

Born and raised in Utah (47yrs)

2. WHAT DREW YOU TO YOUR CURRENT FACILITY?

After 18 years at Ben Lomond Golf Course. I was ready for a change. I accepted the position at Hubbard Memorial Golf Course and saw it as a challenge to bring it back to the Hubbard of the past.



3. ENJOY CITY OR COUNTRY MORE?

I enjoy both.

4. HOBBIES / INTERESTS?

Golfing, fishing, music, growing grass, and anything outside.

5. HOW IS YOUR GOLF GAME? HOW MANY TIMES DO YOU PLAY A YEAR?

My golf game can be best described by one word FOG – Flashes of Greatness!

6. FAVORITE PRO / COLLEGE TEAMS?

I don't really have a favorite team(s). I enjoy watching all the local high school/college teams (it's where I'm from).

7. WHAT IS THE MOST INTERESTING SITUATION (WORK OR PERSONAL) YOU'VE BEEN IN?

Recently the most interesting situation I have found myself in (work related) is, coming from my previous position where I did it all, to my current one where I work with a guy that has the same passion for the job as I do.

8. WHAT ARE THREE THINGS IN YOUR "TOOLKIT" YOU CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT?

Three things I can't live without (1) family (2) work ethic (3) and a medium length flat head screwdriver it is the original multi tool.





We have reserved a cool location for our hospitality room at the at the 2022 GIS in San Diego, Wednesday, Feb 9, 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.

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