Central Florida Crowfoots

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Spruce Creek Golf and Racquet Club

Central Florida President

Joel Jackson, President of the Central Florida Golf Course Superintendents Chapter, is Superintendent at Walt Disney World’s Lake Buena Vista Golf Course. The Lake Buena Vista course is the site of the Crowfoot Open Golf Tournament and also hosts with the other Disney courses, The Walt Disney World Classic, held in Mid-October and it is also a PGA Tour stop.

Joel’s background is unique and indicates a hard working individual who wants to excel in all facets of the Golf Management Business.

Joel received his BA degree in Geology from the University of South Florida, then attended 1-1/2 years of graduate school at the University of South Florida again majoring in Geology. He served in the United States Coast Guard before starting his career in Golf Management. While at Apollo Beach G.C. in Tampa, he worked on the crew to build and plant the course. Joel then helped with golf course design and construction with “Ecologolf.” He then worked for Pembrook Lake C.C. as a foreman for one year, before coming to work for Walt Disney World. He started at Disney as an hourly employee and has worked his way up to his present position of Superintendent.

As President of the Central Florida Chapter Joel has many goals that he hopes to accomplish as President. Joel believes that an important item in the chapter is increased participation from all members.

He will try to visit a lot of the courses in the chapter area that don’t belong to the chapter. Through this he wants to upgrade the professionalism and the Superintendents’ image which he hopes will promote a more friendly atmosphere to expand the membership in the chapter.

Joel is a fine example of the modern Superintendent. In the Golf Management Business world we all need to follow Joel’s example to better our profession.

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