

Assistant Superintendent Profile, Justin Brimley



Name: Justin Brimley

Employer: Santa Clara Golf and Tennis

Position: Assistant Superintendent

Years in the Business: 16

Previous Employment: Stockton Golf and Country Club, Green Hills Country Club, N.C.G.A. Intern at Diablo Country Club, Sunset Whitney Country Club, and Sun City Roseville.

Education: N.C.G.A. Superintendent Intern Graduate, Associates in Business Adm. from Sierra College, and Certificate in Horticulture and Landscape Technology.

GCSANC Work or Interests: Attending more meetings and getting to know my peers.

Other Organizations: N.C.G.A.

Family: Single-never married.

What was the first car you ever owned? '84 Honda Accord.

How fast did you drive it? Took to the red line at 110, was probably burning more oil than gas at that point.

What is your favorite band? Disturbed.

How did you get into the business? I started with a grow in/seed in at Sun City Roseville then progressed to the various clubs through my maturation.

What did you learn that they never taught you in college? People skills, how to really manage turfgrass.

Please list your fantasy foursome: Phil, Freddy, Clint, and Palmer.

What is #1 on your bucket list? An exotic car on Nurburgring for a day.

What's the best bit of professional advice ever tossed your way? It's not the quantity of the work you perform, but the quality.

What accomplishment are you most proud of? The propagation of an upper putting green during my internship at Diablo Country Club.

What's your favorite restaurant? T & T at the Luxor, Las Vegas.

Beer or wine? N/A.

Favorite course to play: Troon North.

Ipod top 5: Disturbed-Ten Thousand Fists and The Sickness, Pink Floyd-The Wall, Metallica-Master and And Justice.

What's your favorite vacation spot? Phoenix/Scottsdale.

Favorite hobby: Golf.

Strangest thing you've ever seen on a golf course: Watched a snow flurry work its way down 18 fairway at Diablo Country Club—lasted all of 30 seconds.

Name your top superintendent influences: Todd Lyijynen, Jim Alwine, Mike Kaveny, and Grayson Coney.

Name your top life influences: The values my parents installed in me tops the list.

Lowest score you ever shot and course: 73 after bogies on the last 3 holes at Santa Clara Golf and Tennis. Couldn't bring it home.

The hardest part of your job: Staying ahead of the dew draggers who tee it up at the crack of dawn daily.

The most rewarding thing in your job is: Cruising the course on a Friday and seeing everything manicured and ready for the weekend.

Few people know I: Like to sing.

If you weren't in the business of growing grass what would you be doing? Probably using my Associates degree to manage in another market.

What's in your garage? Stuff if I had one.

What's in your closet at home? The usual: clothes, books, and other things I haven't used in some time.

What's in your office? Central, asbuilts, putting green flags, books, mudder boots, rain gear, clothes that need washing.

What magazines do you subscribe to? None, don't subscribe to rags or mags.

Do you collect anything, and why? I seem to collect my fair share of golf balls (never pearls)—go figure.

Worst piece of equipment ever owned? '84 Accord that had a faulty Locktronics security system in it. It would shut the car down and you never knew when it was going to happen.

Worst place you have ever slept? Fishing on the Feather River we camped and were eaten alive by mosquitoes. Cover yourself up and find about a thousand of them on your bag after a minute or two.

Stupidest thing your wife has asked you to do? Don't have to worry about that yet.

Closest to death you ever came? Almost slid into a ravine I was edging with a 72 at Sunset Whitney when I hit a leaker on the edge of it.

The invention that you thought of but someone else made the million dollars and not you? GPS.

Do you expect to collect on social security? Are you kidding—that fund is a ponzi scam.