

Superintendent Profile, Jeff Arneson



Employer: Redwood Empire GCC

Position: Golf course superintendent

Years in the business: 20

Previous Employment: Eureka Municipal Golf Course

Education: B.S. Business Management, San Jose State

Other Organizations: GCSAA, PAPA, USGA

Family: Wife Laurie, son Brandon(18), daughter Amanda(15)

What was the first car you ever owned? Ford Escort hatchback.

How fast did you drive it? Not very.

What is your favorite band? Metallica.

How did you get into the business? Lost job in pro shop, hired by supt.

What did you learn that they never taught you in college?
This job is cold!

Please list your fantasy foursome: Jack Nicklaus, Phil Mickelson, my dad.

What is #1 on your bucket list? Play golf in Australia or Ireland.

What's the best bit of professional advice ever tossed your way? Frost damage may not show up right away.

What accomplishment are you most proud of? Finishing construction/grow in of our back 9

What's your favorite restaurant? Ivanhoe (in Ferndale).

Beer or wine? Beer (unless there's only wine!)

Favorite course to play: The Frog (in Georgia), Bandon Dunes Resort

Ipod top 5: Metallica, AFI, Blink 182, Godsmack, Beastie Boys.

What's your favorite vacation spot? What's a vacation?

Favorite hobby: Golfing.

Strangest thing you've ever seen on a golf course: My backhoe on its side with me in it!

Name your top superintendent influences: Mark van Lienden, Don Roller, Barry Mueller.

Name your top life influences: parents.

Lowest score you ever shot and course: 61, Redwood Empire GCC and Eureka Muni

The hardest part of your job: Budget constraints

The most rewarding thing in your job is: Seeing the hard work pay off with quality conditions.

Few people know I like to: Play on my PS3.

If you weren't in the business of growing grass what would you be doing? Something in the golf business.

What's in your garage? 1955 T-Bird.

What's in your closet at home? Far too many old golf clubs.

What's in your office? A mess.

What magazines do you subscribe to? GCM, Golfdom, Turf.

Do you collect anything, and why? No collecting, at least not intentionally!

Worst piece of equipment ever owned? LESCO fairway mower.

Worst place you have ever slept? Tent with no padding attending the Masters.

Stupidest thing your wife has asked you to do? Stay home on frosty morning

Closest to death you ever came? Aforementioned backhoe incident

Do you expect to collect on social security? Sure hope so.



He Should Have Taken a Drop

This happened on a desert golf course in the upper Scottsdale area. Trying to hit the shot, he fell backwards into the cactus. It took paramedics over 3 hours to pull cactus out before he could go in an ambulance to the hospital. He should have taken a drop.