

# SUPERINTENDENT PROFILE



## Jason Goss

Sonoma Golf Club

**Position:** Golf Course Superintendent, 2007-present

**Years in the Business:** 18

### Previous Employment:

Superintendent at Sonoma County Golf Park 2005-2006; Assistant Superintendent, Santa Rosa Golf & Country Club 2002-2005

**Education:** Turfgrass Management from Michigan State University 2001

**Family:** Wife Stephanie, daughter Reilly, baby #2 due July 2011

**How did you get into the business?** Summer job at a course close to home so I could get free golf.

**Please list your fantasy foursome:** My dad, Fred Couples, Bubba Watson and myself

**What is #1 on your bucket list?** Family trip to Ireland, play Royal County Down

**What's the best bit of professional advice ever tossed your way?** Its just grass!

**What accomplishment are you most proud of?** My family

**Favorite course to play:** San Francisco Golf Club

**iPod top 5:** Phish, Widespread Panic, Avett Brothers, Yonder Mountain String Band, Grateful Dead

**What's your favorite vacation spot?** My family beach house on Lake Michigan

**Favorite hobby:** Skiing

**Strangest thing you've ever seen on a golf course:** Black flags. Could not see them at all!

### Name your top superintendent influences:

Former employers Kurt Galisdorfer of Exmoor CC in Highland Park, IL; Mat Dunmyer now at Valley Hi CC in Elk Grove, CA; my current GM, Mike Kosak, CGCS, formerly of Lahontan GC in Truckee.

**Lowest score you ever shot and course:** 75 at Sonoma Golf Club. Not sure what happened that day!

**The most rewarding thing in your job is:** Being able to care for 170 acres of the beautiful Sonoma Valley. I'm not sure there is a better place to work!

**Few people know I like to:** Cook almost every meal at home.

**What's in your office?** Just about everything!

**Worst piece of equipment ever owned?** Jacobsen LF100

**Worst place you have ever slept?** A very suspect hotel in Mexico.

**Closest to death you ever came?** Lightning strike right in front of my car when I lived in Tucson. It hit the ground less than ten feet from my bumper. I can still hear that crack in my head!



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