



## Crew Member Highlight: Tim Powers, San Jose

I have worked as an Off-Ice Official in San Jose since the 2004-2005 season. My duties have included Official Scorer, Penalty Box Attendant, Goal Judge, and occasional computer entry. I grew up in New York when the New York Islanders were getting started. I used to skate on the ponds which would freeze back then. I was in the Boy Scouts and achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. This helped me gain a love for the outdoors and attended the University of Maine at Orono for Forest Management. I only missed two home games in four years at Alfond Arena and really loved watching the Black Bears compete. I have been able to follow careers from college through the pros in baseball and hockey. There is a Stanley Cup winning coach who was a year ahead of me in Maine.

I got a summer job on a golf course in 1979 and haven't left yet. I now tell people that I cut small trees and am able to work and play on some of the nicest landscaped lands in the world. Environmental stewardship is really important these days. I have received ten Environmental Leader in Golf Awards from the GCSAA and Golf Digest including National Public/Overall in 2011. I also received an Excellence in Turfgrass Management Award in 2004 from the GCSA of Northern California. I became a Certified Golf Course Superintendent in 1995. Over the years, I have met some really terrific people thanks to the golf business. I have worked in Connecticut, New York, the

Carolinas, Kentucky, and California. The golf business is very big but very small when you have been in it for over 34 years. I have developed a pretty decent network throughout the industry. I have been able to volunteer at many tournaments and get to meet people from around the world. We know what it takes to put on an event such as a U.S. Open or the Masters and we are all willing to help our friends. I have worked at five U.S. Opens and two Masters so far and over 25 other events. I have also attended many other tournaments and always run into somebody I know. Every golf tournament donates millions to local charities and it is nice to know that you are helping out. The PGA Tour has donated over two billion dollars to charity. I also help a friend who runs an event called Birdies for the Brave which helps various military causes.

Hockey players are usually pretty good golfers so both of my jobs are tied together. I know some that are golf pros and directors of golf after they retire. I have been able to see some of the greatest players in the history of the game and see guys I grew up watching. I am pretty lucky.

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