

## ELECTION CANDIDATE STATEMENTS



### Jon Christenson, CGCS

*Candidate for Director*

Although I am new to California and the Bay area, I have enjoyed those of you I have gotten to know, along with those I have known before my move here from Iowa. I have been involved on a national level with the GCSAA through both the Education and Membership Committees for 5 years, along with two years as the Iowa Chapter Delegate to the GCSAA. I have also served the Iowa GCSA as Past President and Director and am a 16-year member of the GCSAA. Through these experiences on both the Chapter and GCSAA level, I have gained valuable knowledge of how a Chapter can benefit its members and their needs. As a Golf Course Superintendent for 16 years and a General Manager/Superintendent for 5 years, I have seen many of the challenges we face everyday on both a public and private level. On a personal note, I take great pride in being able to give back to the profession that has given so much to me. The opportunities I have had for volunteer service have been met with nothing but professionalism and dedication. I would appreciate the opportunity for continued service to my profession with the Northern California GCSA. I am sure you will find my knowledge and experience to be very beneficial for the Chapter and GCSAA. For those of you that I have not been able to meet yet, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.



### Tim Powers, CGCS

*Candidate for Director*

I got a summer job on a golf course in 1979 and haven't left yet. I worked all around the country in CT, NY, NC, SC, KY, and now 8 years in California. I had the great pleasure of doing construction for 6 years and it was a super learning experience. I have worked at public and private facilities. I work in an environmentally sensitive site and have learned how to be a good steward.

My love of the outdoors goes back to my days in the Boy Scouts. I know the passion that it takes to be good in this business. I know the value of networking and going to meetings and the GIS. You never know enough people. The golf world is very big but can be very small at the same time.

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### Jim Sherman

*Affiliate Director*

Jim was born in Los Altos, CA and graduated from the University of Arizona in 1987 with a degree in business.

He has worked at Turf and Industrial Equipment Company since 1979 (31 years?!), starting part time in the engine rebuild department, then the parts department where he went on to become the Parts Department Manager in the late 1980s.

In 1990 Jim began his sales career at Turf and Industrial; and became one of the owners of the company along with his Father. Jim and his Dad sold the company in 2007 to new ownership and Jim now serves as Vice President of Sales for the corporation. Turf and Industrial Equipment represents John Deere Co., Club Car, TurfCo top dressers, Redexim Charterhouse Verti-Drain products, STIHL, Gearmore, Cushman, Landpride and many others.

Jim enjoys calling on golf courses because "They are the nicest people you could ever meet. Superintendents are not only easy going but also easy to find—they are always working somewhere on the course." Golf courses tend to replace equipment consistently and take care of the equipment they have. "A golf course is one of the only rental customers I have that consistently returns the equipment back in virtually the same condition as they receive it."

Jim is proud to be able to serve bay area golf courses with quality equipment and specialized hard to find rentals. Regarding his CGSANC board position, "I want to give back to the association and the superintendents that have done so much for me during my career". Jim said. "I have developed significant friendships over the years and want to bring my expertise and experience to wherever I can best serve the golf industry."



### Jason Oliver

*Assistant Superintendent Director*

My name is Jason Oliver, Assistant Superintendent at the Stanford Golf Course and Siebel Varsity Golf Training Complex under the direct supervision of Superintendent Ken Williams, CGCS. I began working at Stanford in the winter of 2008. My love for the industry began in high school when I had the opportunity to design, build and maintain a small

practice facility complete with a bentgrass putting green, fairway, bunkers and water feature. There I also picked up the game of golf playing on the varsity team and have not let my love for the game ever lapse. I attended Oregon State University majoring in Agronomy and minoring in Business Administration. I have taken part in a variety of internships and work experiences, which are not limited to: Royal Oaks CC (WA), Pronghorn GC (OR), Bandon Dunes Resort (OR), Olympic Club (CA), and Cornerstone GC (CO). While in college, I was fortunate to receive the honor of a Chick Evans Caddie Scholarship. I am personally indebted to the Evans Foundation for making it possible for me to begin my career at Oregon State University. My involvement with the GCSAA began as a student member in 2003, alongside my involvement with the Oregon GCSA and has continued since then. One of my professional goals, since getting into this industry, is to lead by example, have fun while doing it and to always be involved. I have strong aspirations to be involved on a local and nation level throughout my career in the golf course industry. I can't explain how much I truly value continued education, networking and hard work. I am an extremely dedicated, loyal hard worker who wants to provide a helping hand at all times. I have a passion and desire for this wonderful industry and want to be there for every step it takes in its growth and development. I'm honored to be a candidate for this position on the board. I would thrive on the opportunity to serve and learn from the GCSANC. Thank you!

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