

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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