

# ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT PROFILE



**Name:** Chris Eckstrom

**Employer:**

The Course at Wente Vineyards

**Position:** Assistant Superintendent

**Years in the Business:** 10

**Previous Employment:** El Dorado Golf and Beach Club, Los Cabos, Mexico

**Education:** Cal Poly San Luis Obispo

**Other Organizations:** GCSAA

**What was the first car you ever owned?** 1993 Jeep Cherokee

**How fast did you drive it?** As fast as she'd go...70?

**How did you get into the business?** Started as a summer job in high school. I used to spot water at the Moraga Country Club in the afternoons.

**What did you learn that they never taught you in college?** Iron does a lot more than turn grass green.

**Please list your fantasy foursome:** George C. Thomas, Ronald Reagan, my grandpa and myself at LACC North.

**What is #1 on your bucket list?** Get my British citizenship.

**What's the best bit of professional advice ever tossed your way?** "Put some seaweed on it, laddie."

**What accomplishment are you most proud of?** Living in a foreign country for three years, and learning the language and culture.

**Beer or wine?** Both

**Favorite course to play:** El Dorado Golf and Beach Club or Laguna Lake GC in SLO.

**Ipod top 5:** MGMT, Time to Pretend; Green Day, Are We The Wating; Yellowcard, Rock Star Land; Arcade Fire, Ready to Start; Matchbox Twenty, How Far We've Come

**What's your favorite vacation spot?** Yosemite National Park

**Favorite hobby:** Camping

**Strangest thing you've ever seen on a golf course:** A bag of Doritos conveniently placed in the smile drain of a green.

**Few people know I like to:** Stand-up paddle board.

**If you weren't in the business of growing grass what would you be doing?** Practicing law.

**What's in your garage?** I'm still working up to the day where I can own one.

**What's in your closet at home?** Wine and sports gear.

**What's in your office?** An extensive collection of hats, flags and books.

**Worst piece of equipment ever owned?** JD greens aerifier.

**Closest to death you ever came?** Let's just say it involved a John Deere Gator and a wicked 1080 spin.

**Do you expect to collect on social security?** Ha! The \$1.20 a month that they are offering me now is starting to look pretty good.

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