



2020-2021 CANDIDATES: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Name Kenton Brunson

Facility Desert Mountain Club

Class B

Why do you wish to be elected as a Member of the Board of Directors?

I would love to serve the members of the Cactus and Pine. Continue to increase a presence on social media and increase member input. Emphasis on being an industry leading chapter in policy and communications.

Please furnish any additional Work Experience & Biographical information that may be helpful:

Worked at Desert Mountain Club and Pebble Beach. Received my Master of Business Administration from UA specializing in Finance.

Name Peter Ferlicca

Facility Trilogy at Vistancia

Class B

Why do you wish to be elected as a Member of the Board of Directors?

I have a very strong passion for golf and want to be part of a program that is very influential on its future. Cactus and Pine is a great organization, one that I would be proud to represent.

Please furnish any additional Work Experience & Biographical information that may be helpful:

I have worked in the golf business for 18 years. Have a strong knowledge of golf course design and have worked all over America in different climates.

Name Matthew Guilfoil

Facility Desert Canyon GC

Class A

Why do you wish to be elected as a Member of the Board of Directors?

I served on the Board of Directors in the past. After looking back at my experience, I feel I took the wrong approach. I want to bring a more positive attitude to the Board, help be a Leader within the Cactus and Pine.

Please furnish any additional Work Experience & Biographical information that may be helpful:

Past Cactus and Pine Board member, Eight years as GCS, Class A GCS, GCSAA member for 17 years, Cactus and Pine member 17 years.

Name John Hardin

Facility Oro Valley CC

Class A

Why do you wish to be elected as a Member of the Board of Directors?

To represent the greater Tucson area with a board member and have an annual event here as well. There should be more focus on member participation even if it means golf only. My focus would be to create a benevolent fund via an annual golfing event for our members in need as well as their families.

Please furnish any additional Work Experience & Biographical information that may be helpful:

I served on the board in 2013 for GCSA So. California chapter and was on the tournament committee. I have been in the golf industry for 20 years, a scratch golfer, and was once a golf professional. I love the game and love the golf industry.

Name Chuck Hyppa

Facility RCSC Lakes East/West

Class B

Why do you wish to be elected as a Member of the Board of Directors?

I would like to be on the board to continue to grow this industry and bring to light the importance of the challenges we superintendents and staff face day in and day out. The willingness and ability to continue to network and learn in this profession is something that really drives me. I hold myself to very high standards in regards to relational values and feel as though this is an area where I could truly prosper not only for myself but for the entire team of colleagues in the valley. From my previous experiences in turf or my past high school basketball coaching days my desire to motivate others around me is purely inspiring.

Please furnish any additional Work Experience & Biographical information that may be helpful:

20 plus years as an Assistant Supt/Golf Course Supt. Began my turf career managing Poa Annua greens at Tacoma Golf and Country Club under the tutelage of Joel Kachmarek. Since my arrival here in the valley in 2003 I have worked at various golf clubs in the valley

which include The Boulders Resort, Blackstone Country Club, Arrowhead Country Club and Lakes East/West with Recreation Centers of Sun City. Born and raised in Western Washington. Graduated Deans List from Clover Park Tech with a Golf Course Management degree. Married to my high school sweetheart Erin and we have 2 daughters Kaitlyn (12) and Camryn (5).

Name Matthew Rusch

Facility Thompson Golf Group

Class A

Why do you wish to be elected as a Member of the Board of Directors?

I want to help grow the association and to make it strong for our members and be there as a representative to all AZ superintendents. I want to be on the forefront of all water issues, agronomy issues that we can tell to all as these items become available.

Please furnish any additional Work Experience & Biographical information that may be helpful:

Started my Supt. career in CO and worked there for 9 years, and then moved to AZ to do a \$3.2 million renovation and stayed there until 2018. I am now the Director of Agronomy for Thompson Golf Group and operate maintenance for 3 properties in the Valley.

Name Curtis Tyrrell, CGCS, MG

Facility Desert Highlands

Class A

Why do you wish to be elected as a Member of the Board of Directors?

The Cactus and Pine Chapter was the first local organization that I joined as a young Superintendent in the late 90's. As my career has blessed me full circle back to the Cactus and Pine, it would be an honor to serve our fellow members and our industry as a member of the Board of Directors. I would like to offer my time, service, and experience to the goals and mission of our organization because this profession, and organizations like the Cactus and Pine have given me so much over the years and I'd like to give back and help others through a role in this organization.

Please furnish any additional Work Experience & Biographical information that may be helpful:

Certified Golf Course Superintendent 2005, Master Greenkeeper 2011. Director of Golf Course Operations – Medinah Country Club, Chicago, IL – 10 Years – Host 2012 Ryder Cup. Wife – Bridget (22 Years), Daughters – Kaylie (Sr. University of Arkansas), Meredith (Freshman ASU)