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The Club at Rolling Hills

# President's Message

I want to start off by saying that I am extremely excited to be next President of the Rocky Mountain Golf Course Superintendents Association. It has been a goal of mine and I am very grateful to have achieved it. I wanted to give everyone a small preview of what the Board of Directors will be focusing on and a look at the 2026 season.

For the upcoming year, our Board of Directors have already done a phenomenal job of organizing and putting together events that will be fantastic for our membership. They have done a great job in planning ahead and working hard to organize these events. The educational events that are extremely popular such as the Shop Tours and online pesticide education will be back again along with some other events that we have ideas for and will begin to plan. The Annual Conference, which we do an incredible job with lining up speakers and filling over a day and a half full of pertinent information, helps us all provide better conditions for all of our customers. The Golf Event schedule is looking fantastic with Denver Country Club hosting the Best Tournament Ever, Pole Creek hosting the Affiliate Cup, and Legacy Ridge hosting the Memorial Tournament to name a few that have already committed to 2026. Our first golf event will once again be the West Slope Event, so make sure you arrange your calendars appropriately so you don't miss this one. I'm enthusiastic about working with all of our committees to bring as many benefits as possible and provide value to our membership this next year.

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# President's Message

As part of our annual planning, the Vice-President of the RMGCSA is invited to go to Lawrence, Kansas to participate in the annual GCSAA Chapter Executive meeting each year in March. Besides some takeaways on how we can provide better for our membership using examples from other chapters, such as promoting Rounds 4 Research, there was another major takeaway that I had from those two days. It was that the RMGCSA is one of the most well-respected, admired chapters in the entire nation. Areas we are leading by example are how we get members involved in committees, our succession planning and recruitment for future board members, and how we are setting an example in Government and Legislation relations with our Best Management Practices initiatives are being noticed by many in our industry. I'm excited to be able to help lead these efforts and I commend the membership for being involved as they are and challenge each and everyone of you to become more involved.

To become more involved, please reach out to any board member or fill out the form on the website ([https://rmgcsa.org/form.php?form\\_id=16&c=1](https://rmgcsa.org/form.php?form_id=16&c=1)) and we will be in touch with you as soon as possible. We are looking forward to a great 2026 and look forward to hearing from you and how you are willing to help us continue to be one of the best chapters in the country.

*Joe Kuxxe, CGCS*  
President, City of Arvada



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# West Slope Event Recap

Well, I apologize that this article did not make it into the reporter earlier this year, but honestly it couldn't be a better time for an article about birds during the start of winter, Raptors to be more specific.

Earlier this spring in April, Battlement Mesa hosted our 2026 Western Slope Golf and Education Outing, presented by Colorado Golf and Turf. A big Thank you to Battlement Mesa for hosting the event and a huge acknowledgement of gratitude to Doug Choate, Ashley Rothe, and the entire staff at Battlement mesa for offering a meticulously maintained golf course to play and making us feel so welcomed at their facility. The hospitality given to our association during these events really makes you proud to be part of this industry. Turnout was wonderful and the weather was even better. As if playing that wonderful course in such great shape wasn't a treat on its own, we were treated to a spectacular social event the night before at the clubhouse restaurant, Callahan's.

The event was hosted by Target Specialty Products where we were able to catch up with colleagues we haven't seen since winter set in. A big thanks once again to Heritage, Mile High Turfgrass and all sponsors that helped support another great event on the western slope. And to all of you that made it out there this spring, thanks for making the Journey. To all others who were not able to attend our west slope gathering this year, well, unfortunately you missed out on a mind-blowing presentation by Nature's Educators supported by Jeff Mayberry and wonder soil. Thank you to Andy Nikkari for setting up our speaker this year, Devin Jaffe who is the executive Director and founder of Nature's Educators based in Florence Colorado.

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# West Slope Event Recap

Devin graduated from Hastings College in 2008 with a BA in Wildlife Management (she created the major for the school). She founded Nature’s Educators in 2008 after interning with the Pueblo Raptor Center Conservation Alliance to learn wildlife education, husbandry, and rehabilitation. She is a master falconer and is the President of the High Plains Falconry Club in Colorado. She also works as a Falconer for Wings Over Colorado performing falconry-based abatement. She is a licensed raptor propagator and has her own program, Mile High Falcons. This part is where she really got a large amount of interest from attendees who stayed after her presentation talking with Devin about hunting pests like ground squirrels and other rodents on our golf courses. She has worked with numerous properties like ranches and golf courses to help rid their land of invasive rodents. She also went into detail about her rescue efforts and that many raptors she uses to hunt with are rescued birds that have been rehabilitated. Devin brought numerous Raptors with her for the presentation and talked about each bird’s habitat, characteristics, and differences in their hunting techniques.

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# West Slope Event Recap

Raptors thrive in Colorado because of its diverse habitats. The eastern plains support species that rely on wide open spaces for spotting prey while mountains forests and alpine zones offer secluded nesting sites and abundant small mammals. Riparian corridors and wetlands attract migratory species during spring and fall making the state a raptor crossroads. Iconic raptors in Colorado include the Bald Eagle, Golden Eagle, Red Tailed Hawk, Peregrine Falcon and the Great Horned Owl just to name a few, which she brought with her. Despite strong populations of some species, Colorado Raptors face a range of pressures from habitat loss and climate change to human disturbance. As stewards of our land with an abundance of habitat at our facilities for raptors, we can do our part in protecting and preserving the population of our precious raptors. Installing raptor perches is another technique mentioned in her presentation that can help encourage more raptor activity on your property. Our facility will definitely be adding some raptor perches this spring. More information can be found about Devin and her staff's efforts/services at their website [natureseducators.org](http://natureseducators.org)



# West Slope Event Recap

Congratulations to this year's golf tournament winners.

**Gross:**

1st Tyler Gillete

2nd Michael Melka;

**Net:**

1st Chris Carter

2nd Kyle Postlethwaite;

**Closest to the pin winners:**

Hole #3: Kris Gayer

Hole #8: Kris Gayer

Hole #13: Eric Foerster

Hole #16: Jake Falke



# Superintendent Spotlight

Overview: An interview with Jess Humphrey from The Snowmass Club



## Describe Your Facility?

The Snowmass Club is a private Jim Engh designed golf course located at the base of Snowmass ski area. We currently have a full golf membership of 350. The Club spans 270 acres with amazing views of the surrounding Elk Mountains.

## What's the biggest challenge you face at your facility?

Amphitheater style green surrounds and existing collar dams have proven to be great ice creators. With the seemingly warmer winters as of late, Ice formation has been our biggest challenge. We have become very proactive in dealing with ice pressure and try to remove snow before ice forms. In cases where we still end up getting ice, we clear snow and then hope it gets warm again so we can remove it.

## What makes your facility unique?

We are a Jim Engh designed golf course which if you have worked or played one before, you know how challenging his designs are to maintain.

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# Superintendent Spotlight

## What are you getting right at your facility?

I think we are building a rewarding and fun culture to be a part of. Our staff retention is high season to season. We generally only hire off crew recommendations. We work hard and have a good time doing it.

## How many years have you worked in golf and how did you get started in the industry?

I have been in the industry for 26 years. I started working in golf at Elmwood Golf course in my hometown of Pueblo, CO. I was 15 years old and was a cart and range attendant. I transferred to maintenance when I turned 18. I played high school golf. I wasn't good enough to take that anywhere, but I really wanted to stay in the business somehow. After a few years on the maintenance staff at Elmwood (shout out to Gene Lucero for not firing me and always welcoming me back each summer) I followed a best friend and a girlfriend to Colorado State University. After a couple of semesters, I enrolled and committed to the turf program with Dr. Kosky.

## What's the most rewarding part of being a superintendent for you?

I enjoy when a staff member after a season or two working with us, decides to get serious about the industry and enrolls in turf school.

## Mentor? Or how did you get into the business?

Too many to list, each one of my supers had a hand in shaping how and where I ended up. Appreciate all of them for putting up with and believing in me.

## Without incriminating yourself, what's the stupidest thing you've done on the job?

Friday evening about 7 pm at Lahontan Golf Club, I flipped a material handler fully loaded with compost. Took all 3 tires off the rims. Had one more hole to go and got in too big of a hurry to get out with the boys. Sorry Kevin! There's are plenty more examples.....

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# Superintendent Spotlight

## What do you do when you're not on the job?

Ski, MTB bike, and Camp

## Favorite Movie?

True Romance

## Favorite Sports Team?

Go Broncos!

## Tell us a little about your family

Beth, my wife of 11 years and girlfriend 10 years before that, she absolutely rocks! Beth makes every situation more fun. She is my best friend and wanders the west with me as life allows.



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## Director's Corner

November 14th marked the end of the 2025 golf season. Ordinarily, this would signal a time for the course to wind down, but this year has been quite the opposite. With beautiful weather continuing through the end of November and no snow or rainfall in sight, the golf course has remained busy, and we have continued watering the turf. Hopefully, some meaningful weather will arrive soon and give us a much-needed break as we finish out the year.

To accommodate the high demand, we implemented a double-tee start, sending players off both holes 1 and 10 beginning at 10 a.m. This adjustment has helped us maximize play and revenue during some of the shortest days of the year.

The RMGCSA conference was a great success, and in February several of us will attend the national conference in Orlando. With Thanksgiving approaching, I want to express my gratitude to my friends and family for everything they do and for their continued support. I also want to extend a big thank-you to my staff for an exceptional season, possibly one of our best yet. Without our seasonal team, we would not be able to provide the outstanding conditions our golfers enjoy and consider their home course.



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# Director's Corner

As the holidays near, I'm reminded of the importance of family and friends. This season can be challenging and stressful for many people, and this year has been especially difficult for me personally. I lost my mother in January and later, in August, one of my closest friends. While work can be demanding, experiences like these remind us that our well-being must come first. It takes time to grieve, and everyone does so differently.

Please remember to take care of yourselves—both mentally and physically—and make use of the support that is available. I personally met with a therapist through the City of Boulder during work hours, which was incredibly helpful for processing my emotions. There are many resources offered through work and employee benefits, and I encourage anyone who is struggling to take advantage of them.

I'd like to thank my family, friends, and coworkers for helping me through this difficult year. Your support has meant everything.



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# Annual Conference Recap

## Rocky Mountain Golf Course Superintendents Association Hosts Annual Conference With Record Vendor Turnout

Denver, Colo. — The Rocky Mountain Golf Course Superintendents Association (RMGCSA) held its Annual Conference on November 17–18, 2025, at the Denver West Marriott Convention and Hotel, drawing **200 members** and a **record number of vendors** for two days of education, industry updates, and professional recognition.

### Full Slate of Speakers Highlights Industry Trends

The conference opened on Monday with turfgrass researcher **Mike Richardson**, who discussed the impact of shade on golf course turf. He was followed by longtime industry leader **Tim Heirs**, whose 90-minute session covered a wide range of practical topics for superintendents.

Later in the morning, **Carlos Arraya, CGCS**, returned to the RMGCSA stage with a presentation focused on leadership, team management, and the human side of course operations.

After lunch, government relations expert **Jennifer Cassell** and sustainability consultant **Gina Rizzi** briefed attendees on key legislative issues and stressed the importance of completing Best Management Practices documentation at every facility.

Richardson then returned for a second session, sharing research-based insights into wetting agents and their performance. **Scott Griffith, CGCS**, a member of the GCSAA Board of Directors, joined **GCSAA Field Staff member David Phipps** to outline upcoming celebrations for the association's centennial year and discuss current national priorities.

Monday concluded with an interactive panel featuring **Richardson, Heirs, Hector Velazquez**, and **Griffith**. The group fielded questions from attendees and offered candid perspectives on a variety of superintendent-driven topics.

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## Tuesday: Local Expertise and Hands-On Learning

Tuesday’s sessions highlighted Colorado professionals, beginning with **Mitch Bryden**, who shared insights from the grow-in and opening of Bella Ridge Golf Course. **Michael Sartori, CGCS**, then teamed up with **Zach Nicoludis of the USGA** to deliver an entertaining recap of the four recent USGA Championships hosted at The Broadmoor Golf Club.

**Hector Velazquez** followed with a lively presentation on shop improvements, equipment manager support, and practical problem-solving techniques. He continued the hands-on education into the afternoon by hosting a lunch session for attendees at The Club at Rolling Hills.

RMGCSA extended its appreciation to all speakers for delivering timely, high-quality education that remains a hallmark of the conference.

## Vendors Play a Critical Role

Organizers emphasized the importance of the event’s sponsors and vendors, whose support helps fund speakers, meals, and other conference components. Their participation—at record levels this year—continues to drive the success and growth of the Annual Conference.

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## Recognizing Excellence

The conference also included recognition for several individuals honored by their peers for their contributions to their courses, communities, and the broader golf industry.

### **Distinguished Service Award-Tim Davis, CGCS-Legacy Ridge**

Tim Davis has been a cornerstone of leadership and service within the RMGCSA and the golf industry. Serving as President of the RMGCSA in 2020, Tim has continued to advance the profession through his ongoing work as chapter delegate and as an active member of both the RMGCSA and RMEGI boards. Under Tim's leadership, Legacy Ridge has hosted numerous local and regional events, becoming a trusted venue for education, collaboration, and community engagement. His dedication extends nationally as well, Tim has contributed to the GCSAA through his service on the First Green Committee and the Workforce Development Committee, and he proudly represents the industry as a Grassroots Ambassador. Tim's commitment to excellence is also reflected in his tournament leadership. He has twice hosted the Memorial tournament. For his sustained contributions, leadership, and passion for advancing the golf course management profession, we recognize Tim Davis with the Distinguished Service Award.

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# Annual Conference Recap

## Equipment Manager of the Year- Mario Delgado

For 14 years, Mario Delgado has been the steady and indispensable backbone of The Club at Rolling Hills. His expertise in preventative maintenance, skilled repairs, and creative problem-solving has kept the club's fleet operating at peak performance year after year. Mario is a true professional whose calm, confident leadership sets the tone for the entire operation. He is always willing to share his knowledge, making time to answer questions and helping coworkers deepen their understanding of the equipment they rely on. Through his dedication, skill, and unwavering commitment to excellence, Mario exemplifies what it means to be an outstanding equipment manager. We are proud to recognize him as the Equipment Manager of the Year.

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## Superintendent of the Year- Paul Sibley

Paul Sibley has been a driving force in Colorado’s golf industry for nearly three decades. A past President of the RMGCSA and the current Vice President of RMEGI, Paul has served the City of Westminster for 27 years with exceptional leadership, vision, and dedication. A steadfast supporter of RMGCSA events, Paul has twice hosted the Memorial Tournament and is already preparing to welcome the 2026 Memorial continuing a proud tradition of professionalism and hospitality. Walnut Creek Golf Preserve also hosts numerous local and regional competitions, including both the Men’s and Women’s U.S. Open Qualifiers, showcasing the course’s reputation for excellence. Under Paul’s direction, Walnut Creek is recognized for its outstanding playing conditions, fostering an inclusive and memorable golf experience for all who visit. For his leadership, service, and unwavering commitment to elevating the game, we are honored to recognize Paul Sibley as the Superintendent of the Year.

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# Annual Conference Recap

## Assistant Superintendent of the Year-Clint Edger-Common Ground Golf Course

In just two years at Common Ground Golf Course, Clint Edger has distinguished himself as a dedicated, driven, and highly capable assistant superintendent. His strong work ethic and commitment to excellence reflects his clear ambition to become a golf course superintendent. Clint has already demonstrated leadership within the industry, having served as the RMGCSA Class C Representative. He continues to invest in his professional growth through prestigious development opportunities, including the Green Start Academy and the EXCEL Leadership Program. Clint's passion for the profession, eagerness to learn, and consistent pursuit of improvement make him an exceptional example of the next generation of turfgrass leaders. We are proud to honor him as the Assistant Superintendent of the Year.

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# Annual Conference Recap

## Honorary Lifetime Members Award-Dan Hawkins, CGCS

Dan Hawkins has been a pillar of leadership within the Colorado golf community for many years. Serving as President of the RMGCSA for two years and leading RMEGI for more than five, Dan's guidance, professionalism, and steady commitment have shaped both associations in meaningful and lasting ways. His leadership has provided direction, stability, and inspiration, helping advance the missions of both organizations and supporting the professionals who rely on them. Dan's influence extends far beyond his titles; he has been a trusted voice, a respected mentor, and a dedicated advocate for the industry. For his outstanding service, enduring contributions, and exceptional leadership, we proudly honor Dan Hawkins with the Honorary Lifetime Member Award.

## Honorary Lifetime Member Award-Dan Melchior

For more than half a century, Dan Melchior has been a steadfast presence and guiding force within the industry. Celebrating 51 years with Toro distribution through L.L. Johnson, and a proud graduate of Colorado State University, Dan has built a legacy rooted in humility, dedication, and Service.

Dan's empathetic leadership style, always giving credit to others before himself, has earned him deep respect and made him an inspiring leader to follow. His commitment to supporting the RMGCSA has been unwavering; Dan is often the first to ask how he can help, continually offering his time, knowledge, and generosity to strengthen the association and its members. For his remarkable career, his selfless service, and his enduring impact on the Colorado golf community, we are honored to recognize Dan Melchior as an Honorary Lifetime Member.



# Annual Conference Recap

## Peer Recognition Encouraged Among Members

As members of the RMGCSA, organizers emphasized the importance of nominating peers whose work, contributions, and commitment elevate the profession. These recognitions not only honor individual excellence but also help strengthen the industry by highlighting innovative practices and leadership that benefit golf course operations across the region. Members are encouraged to take an active role in acknowledging colleagues who help advance the profession and provide others with the tools and support needed to succeed. The association challenged all attendees to participate in future nominations to ensure outstanding work does not go unnoticed.

## Annual Meeting Highlights Leadership Transitions

The RMGCSA Annual Meeting was held Monday during the conference lunch break, where **Joe Kunze, CGCS**, was formally recognized as the incoming president. The board of directors for the 2026 season was also announced. The association honored **Aaron Fankhauser, CGCS**, as outgoing president, thanking him for his service, leadership, and the meaningful contributions he made to the membership during his tenure.

## Looking Ahead

The RMGCSA expressed gratitude to all attendees, sponsors, and vendors whose support continues to make the Annual Conference a successful and highly valued event. Organizers announced plans to build on this year's momentum and look forward to welcoming members back next year.

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# Annual Conference Recap



# Affiliate Angle

Overview: An interview with Mike Powers of Target Specialty Products

**What is your current affiliate company and your position? How long have you been in this position?**

Target Specialty Products,  
Territory Manager,  
Agronomist, 3 years

**Where are you based out of, and what territory do you cover?**

Denver, Front Range,  
Southern Wyoming, SW  
Nebraska

**What are the responsibilities of your company to our industry, and how is your company involved with RMGCSA?**

To provide professional support to all facets of the Golf Course Maintenance Industry. We are key supporters and sponsor many events throughout the region. I am on the Education committee.



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# Affiliate Angle

## What might we be surprised to know about your company?

We are in all 48 states and Canada

## Did you go to college? If so, where and what major did you graduate with?

Michigan State University, Degree in Agronomy, Turfgrass Management (4.0 GPA)

## How and when did you begin working in the golf industry and what do you like most about it?

Retrieved golf balls out of the ponds at Norwood Golf Club in Huntington, Indiana 1974. My days were ever changing. Problem solving

## Tell us a little about your family, and what hobbies or activities you participate in when you are not at work?

My wife Jaci(Mrs P) is the CFO of a manufacturing company in Commerce City. We have been married for 35 years. We met at Sycamore Hills Golf Club(Northern IN Jack Nicklaus Design, I assisted in building it). She was the admin asst for the Hoosier Turf assoc and the Central Texas GCSA. Son Nick is an Marine MP, works in Cyber Security for a defense contractor in Colorado Springs(top secret security clearance, I have no idea what he actually does). Daughter Taylor married with our 2 grand kids(Amellia 11 and Michael Logan 1) husband Adam they live in Austin, TX. She is in the Accounting world(go figure). Dog named Sparty. Golf is the main activity, we all play. I enjoy landscape design, putting green design, mow the yard maybe 3 times a week. Little bit anal about how it looks and at my age it turns into exercise. Play golf in Cabo 2X a year. Love to volunteer for golf events.

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# Affiliate Angle

**What are the biggest changes you have seen in the profession since you began your career?**

I'll list a few since I've been around so long, Irrigation communication, VFD pump station control, HOC, Spinner topdresser, reel/bedknife grinders, wetting agents, growth regulators, Robotic mowers, bentgrass varieties, overall knowledge of turf professional (which has led to higher expectations)

**What are the most important changes that the company has seen the past 5-10 years?**

The discovery of Turf Fuel technology

**Do you regularly attend RMGCSA meetings or events, if so why are they important?**

Yes, Camaraderie and networking are keys to success on both sides of the desk.

**What would you like other people to know about RMGCSA?**

Group of professional agronomists that are stewards of the environment.

**You know a lot of people in our industry. What are they saying are the biggest obstacles to overcome for them to be successful?**

Themselves, hardest lesson to learn is personal time management and delegation

**You get to see many facilities and properties. What is an interesting new or innovative practice you have seen?**

Topdressing before aeration, it works but still seems backwards to me

# Equipment Manager Spotlight

Overview: An interview with Mario Delgado at The Club at Rolling Hills



## Describe Myself:

I am proud to say I was born and raised in beautiful Colorado. I've been married to my wife Renee' for 18 years and we have two amazing girls, Isabella and Olivia. I joined the Army right after high school and it's where I developed my mechanical skills. I've been working on equipment for 23 years, 15 years of that time have been in the golf industry. One season at The Meadows Golf Club and 14 years here at The Club at Rolling Hills. I am currently working on the Equipment Manager Certificate Program through the GCSAA.

## Hobbies

I enjoy spending time with my family, camping, hanging out with my Military buddies and watching football.

## What is your favorite turf equipment piece of all time?

Not a favorite of all time, but I really enjoyed working on the Jacobsen GP-400's. I loved how you're able to swing out the center reel to give you easier access.

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# Equipment Manager Spotlight

**What's one piece of equipment that has been what you would call a monumental innovation to golf course maintenance?**

I would say the reel grinders, specifically the ability to Relief grind so much better for the quality of cut and life of the reel. It also helps with the stress on the equipment.

**If you could give one piece of advice to someone interested in a career in this aspect of the golf maintenance industry, what would it be?**

Be prepared to constantly learn and try not to stress the small things.

**Energy drink or coffee?**

I love me some Squirt and Cherry Pepsi!

**What tool is absolutely essential for every golf course mechanic?**

An essential tool would have to be a PI Tape. You need to be able to measure your reels to properly maintain them.

**Do you spin or relief grind, or backlap?**

I do all three. If I spin grind I might as well relief grind with the reel on the grinder. I backlap as needed to touch up and keep the edge sharp.

**Lease or own?**

A mix of both.



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## Describe your Facility?

The Club at Crested Butte, built in 1984 at the base of the iconic Crested Butte Mountain, is a course designed by renowned architect Robert Trent Jones II. Known for its stunning alpine landscape, the course blends naturally into the rugged terrain, offering an unforgettable golf experience surrounded by Colorado's beauty.



## What Makes Your Facility Unique?

At 9,000 feet above sea level, our course is one of the most breathtaking – and challenging – mountain golf experiences you'll find. The elevation creates unique playing conditions, the views stretch endlessly in every direction, and each hole has its own personality shaped by the surrounding peaks. It's a place where scenery and sport meet in the best possible way.

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## How did you get started in the industry?

I've been working in the golf industry for 13 years. I started as a seasonal hourly employee on the maintenance crew, spending my days raking bunkers and walk-mowing greens. Those early mornings and hands-on tasks taught me not only the fundamentals of turf care, but also what it takes to keep a course running at a high level. That foundation set the course for my career, and I've been passionate about it ever since.

## What do you find most rewarding about the job?

Every season brings new people — members, guests, staff, and fellow industry professionals — and that's my favorite part of the job. I enjoy getting to know visitors, hearing their stories, and seeing firsthand how much they appreciate the course. Watching players take in the scenery or enjoy a great round makes all the hard work worthwhile.

## Most Unexpected Part of the Job

One of the most surprising things I've done is learning to operate a snowcat. Each spring, we push several feet of snow off our putting greens to get ready for opening day. It's a big machine, a lot of snow, and surprisingly delicate work — definitely not something I pictured myself doing when I started in the industry!

## Favorite Hole on the Course?

Hole 13 is my personal favorite. Even after all these years, the view never gets old. It perfectly showcases the charm of mountain golf and the natural beauty of Crested Butte.

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## A Memorable (and Humbling) Mistake?

I once ran over sprinkler heads with heavy machinery, causing water to shoot nearly 40 feet into the air. It was both impressive and embarrassing – and a good reminder that even familiar terrain requires focus!

## Shorts or Pants?

Pants.

## Favorite Sports Team?

Minnesota United – or basically any Minnesota team.



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