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To kick off the New Year we have columns, stories, and tips of the trade written just for members of the SDGCSA, by the members of the SDGCSA. In this Winter Inforemer Newsletter, we focus on some of our amazing board members, highlight great sponsors, and give a project update on the beautiful Rancho Santa Fe Golf Club.

Read our new 20 Questions spotlights as our Board Members answers some fun "get to know you" questions. Meet one of our great affiliates and get updates on all things SDGCSA. We hope you enjoy this newsletter and we would love to hear your ideas for the future! Learn more about the 2022 GCSAA Conference and Trade Show here in San Diego, February 5-10.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings and Happy New Year,

As 2022 kicks off, we first and foremost wish everyone a healthy and prosperous New Year. The San Diego GCSA is ready for an exciting year ahead; working to produce quality education, fun golf and membership / sponsorship value. First, I'd like to give mention of a few of the upcoming events in San Diego area:

- Farmers Open: January 27th-30th Torrey Pines Golf Course
- Kia Classic: March 24th-27th Aviara Golf Club Host: Kevin Kienast
- GCSAA Golf Championships: February 5th-7th
 - Host Clubs
 - Torrey Pines Golf Course
 - Bernardo Heights Country Club: Kent Graff
 - Singing Hills Golf Resort at Sycuan: Craig Kimmel
 - Encinitas Ranch Golf Course: Todd Kochanowski

We are thankful and proud of these facilities for hosting some great golf this spring. Best of luck to all.

I also wanted to make mention of the GCSAA Conference and Trade show coming up February 5th-10th. Be sure to register if you haven't already as it will be great to have this event back in-person following the virtual Golf Industry Show last year. And don't miss out on the California Room event on Wednesday the 9th aboard the Midway. Let's have a good showing from San Diego! Contact Sandy if you need assistance registering.

The Board of Directors is working hard to deliver consistent value to your membership and / or sponsorship. We have great appreciation for all of our sponsors, as we could not operate effectively without you. Our goal moving forward as an association is to make sure your sponsorship, as an affiliate, provides the maximum value for your dollars spent. We want to make sure we operate in a fiscally responsible manner, produce quality events, promote our industry and again, provide value. As always, any suggestions are welcomed. Of course, as we are local chapter affiliated with GCSAA, our members are our priority. Working hand in hand with affiliates, we always seek quality education and excellent golf, so all members, can see the value of their membership.

We are seeking your help and involvement as well. If you may be able to offer your facility for an event, please let us know. And, with elections coming up in 2022, we hope some may have interest in a run for a Board of Director position. In my opinion, involvement in the association has been invaluable in advancing my career, networking, and learning things I otherwise might not have. I suggest it for all, especially for those who are new to the area or industry.

Lastly, I recommend strong utilization in the GCSAA website as there is a tremendous amount of material for your benefit. And our local Southwest GCSAA Field Rep. Jeff Jensen, is a tremendous resource for those seeking help or looking to get involved. San Diego GCSA is also committed to our Scholarship and Research program, and we are constantly reviewing opportunities for scholarship candidates as well as research.

With all of that said, we hope everyone has a great 2022. We are going to kick it off with our Crew Appreciation Challenge at St. Mark Executive Course on January 20th. We will follow that up with the GCSAA Conference and Trade Show in our own backyard, then Spring Education in March and the Annual Election Meeting in April. Please stay tuned for upcoming dates on those events. As always please see Sandy Cooper or myself for questions and anything we can help with.

Happy New Year

Brandon Williams

SDGCSA President
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FROM THE FIELD

Happy New Year to our San Diego members!

I hope you all got a little time away from the course to spend with family and friends while enjoying some holiday festivities.

As we enter the New Year, the golf industry is facing some serious anti-golf legislation. California Assembly Bill 672, now referred to as the “Public Golf Endangerment Act” by the California golf community, was introduced by Assembly Member Christina Garcia (D-Bell Gardens) on Feb. 21, 2021. While the original bill was defeated in committee thanks to efforts of the California Alliance for Golf (CAG), it was recently revised and re-introduced.

AB 672, upon appropriation by the Legislature, would require the Department of Housing and Community Development to administer a program to provide incentives (\$50 million) in the form of grants to local governments that make publicly owned golf courses vulnerable to development into high density housing and commercial properties.

The bill is a direct attack on the municipal golf industry that makes up 22 percent of all golf facilities in California. As California has grown from 20 million residents in the late 1970’s to nearly 40 million today, the hunt for “higher and better” uses of open space is now front and center with a specific focus on golf courses.

While the golf industry recognizes the benefits of the game and particularly the benefits of preserving open space for future generations, 90 percent of the state’s population doesn’t engage in the game or recognize the many community benefits that it provides. Albeit a gross misperception, to them, the game represents a large use of land and natural resources that benefits only the privileged. It is a game that is seen largely as white, old, rich and elitist.

As CAG works in opposition to this bill, it will be critical to communicate with that population, as well as numerous environmental groups who may normally oppose golf, but have a common interest in preserving these green spaces often located in densely populated and park poor urban areas.

Defeating AB 672 is going to take the combined efforts of the California golf industry. Work is already underway, and you can access the GCSAA Action Alert at [to send a letter to your respective member of the California Legislature here: Public golf in California is under attack and we need your help!](#)

As always, thank you for your support of GCSAA and I look forward to seeing you at Conference and Show in February. If I can be of assistance, please don’t hesitate to email me at jjensen@gcsaa.org and follow me on Twitter [@GCSAA_SW](#) for industry updates.

Jeff Jensen

GCSAA Field Staff, Southwest Region



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20 Questions

WITH THE SDGCSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Brandon Williams

Director of
Agronomy and Grounds

1. Where do you currently work and what is your position on the BOD?
St. Mark Golf Club / Lakehouse Hotel - Current SDGCSA President
2. Where were you from, where is home now?
Born in Placerville, CA but mainly from Ennis, Montana. Currently reside in Murrieta, CA
3. Tell us about your education?
Bachelor of Science- Turfgrass Management Montana State University, Bozeman
4. What was your HS mascot, play sports, activities, voted most likely to___?
Mustangs, where I played basketball and golf. Voted most likely to be a millionaire... still waiting.
5. Tell us a little bit about your family?
Married to my wife Lisa of 9 years, and 2 girls, Chloe (7) and Claire (5) plus 2 golden retrievers
6. Give us a overview of your career?
After my internship in Coeur d' Alene, Idaho, worked my way up from assistant to superintendent in the Phoenix/Scottsdale, Arizona area. Quick stint in Orange County, CA, then back to Phoenix, Arizona for 4 years before coming to my current role in San Diego. Former Cactus and Pine GCSA BOD and VP
7. Where do you see yourself in 10 years?
Hard to say. Could be out of California. Or right here at St. Mark. Wherever the road leads
8. What do you like most about the golf industry? **The closeness of colleagues, and the outdoor nature of our work.**
9. What do you like to do in your spare time? **Spend time with my girls, Camping, and Fly-Fishing (when in Montana)**
10. Dream vacation? **RV Road trip around the entire USA**
11. Top 3 bucket list golf courses? **Augusta and Pebble of course, TPC Sawgrass**
12. What's your favorite movie? **Planes, Trains and Automobiles**
13. What's your favorite food? **Mexican / Italian**
14. Bing worthy streaming show? **Currently on Homeland**
15. Inspirational quote? **Don't Quit**
16. How do you take in your coffee? **1 cream, 1 sugar**
17. Go to cocktail/beverage? **Craft beer of some kind**
18. Favorite ice cream flavor? **Chocolate Chip**
19. Three things you can't live without?
My family, support from peers, drive to succeed.
20. Go to dinner spot? **Texas Roadhouse for a quick steak / Habit for a quick burger**

Matthew Partridge

Golf Course
Superintendent

1. Where do you currently work and what is your position on the BOD? **MCCS Miramar Memorial Golf Course, Superintendent-MCCS Miramar, Landscape Manager. Vice President SDGCSA**
2. Where were you from, where is home now? **From Hamilton, NY(Upstate), Now, Santee**
3. Tell us about your education? **AAS Turf Management, SUNY Delhi. BS Business Management, University of Phoenix.**
4. What was your HS mascot, play sports, activities, voted most likely to_? **Warriors, Football, Basketball, Golf, Track. Most likely to be famous....I think....that didn't pan out, haha.**
5. Tell us a little bit about your family? **Married 15 years to Julia, two kids, son and daughter, Kyle and Ayala, two dogs, Sophie and Max.**
6. Give us a overview of your career? **Grew up on Dairy Farm, college for turf, Onondaga Golf and CC, NY, Seven Oaks Golf Club, NY. Marine Corps 5 years. Fairbanks Ranch, The Vineyard, Fairbanks Ranch (Round 2), Mission Trails, Stotz Equipment, Miramar Memorial Golf Course.**
7. Where do you see yourself in 10 years? **More experienced, still in the golf business, most likely a superintendent**
8. What do you like most about the golf industry? **The camaraderie with our peers, and we work in the recreation industry. Our work allows others to have fun, golf is supposed to be fun.**
9. What do you like to do in your spare time? **Camping, hiking, golf, beach, travel.**
10. Dream vacation? **Golf vacation with the boys.**
11. Top 3 bucket list golf courses? **Augusta, Pine Valley, Pinehurst #2**
12. What's your favorite movie? **Top Gun**
13. What's your favorite food? **Pizza**
14. Bing worthy streaming show? **Breaking Bad, Friday Night Lights, Ozarks**
15. Inspirational quote? **"Don't count the days, make the days count." —Muhammad Ali**
16. How do you take in your coffee? **Cream only, lots of it**
17. Go to cocktail/beverage? **Beer, Gin&Tonic**
18. Favorite ice cream flavor? **Chocolate Peanut butter**
19. Three things you can't live without? **Friends, Family and Fun**
20. Go to dinner spot? **Juniper and Ivy. I've been there more than a few times, so I'll go with that. Every Friday I make my own Pizza.**

WHAT'S THE DEAL WITH ALL THIS GLOP?

BY: MARIA ANGEL

CERTIFIED LAKE MANAGER (CLM)

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It might not give you warm fuzzies in your tummy like a long hug, and it likely won't make your heart go pitter-patter like a brand new puppy, but removing sediment—the muddy stuff that builds up at the bottom of our lakes, ponds and other local bodies of water—is super important. The process called Sediment Removal has in fact been around for hundreds of years, in an ever-evolving process that is aimed at keeping our ponds and lakes balanced and safe for all of us to enjoy.

There are a bunch of ways to go about cleaning up these bodies of water. As the body of water changes, the way of cleaning it up may change. The method used might change based on what's going on in that water. It is all very flexible; what works for this solitary pond, home to just a few fish, might not work for that lake that's used for swimming, boating and fishing.

Some of the ways used to do these cleanings have grown very sophisticated. In the past, there was almost no governmental oversight and even less of an understanding of the long-term effects some of the techniques used had on the world under the surface. Today, with all of the knowledge built up, plus decades of oversight by scientists and government, the ways we use to clean up these bodies of water are gentle and respectful to the environment.

In the old days, with bodies of water like lakes and ponds, cleaners might have just drained everything completely. or just used a pump or claw to get everything out in one go. Not bad in a certain sense—it did the trick, but these techniques weren't kind to the tiny creatures that live in that underwater world, creatures that are, it turns out, important parts of our larger environment.

There are billions of tiny organisms that play their part in balancing the fragile environment of the world we live in. These organisms are the stuff of life, and breaking their world breaks the larger circle of life that us human beings live in.

That underwater world is the bed that fish use to lay their eggs, it is the habitat in which many tiny species exist that feed—and feed upon—many other species. When man goes in and isn't careful about the way he goes in and cleans up this sediment, he disrupts that entire world and threatens that delicate circle of life, and the damage can extend beyond just the microscopic world of the tiny species that live down there. It affects our world as well, out of the water.

Thankfully, mankind has taken a long look at the way it has gone into these waters and studied the ways in which they have been damaged by careless methods of cleanup. Our modern technology has taken us to the point where we can go into these aquatic habitats, do our cleanup and—rather than damaging them—have the result be a positive rather than a negative. These cleanups are a benefit, and no longer a bad thing when it comes to the world beneath the surface.

For example—we now ask: is a cleanup really even necessary? Sure, silt and sediment may build up, but is this a bad thing? Sediment buildup is a natural process. It happens on its own as part of nature. So, we have to ask, “When is the right time? Is it worthwhile for us to go down there and perform a cleanup, when doing so will be something of a disturbance to the world beneath the surface?”

WATER UPDATE

The answer is always different for each body of water because each one is different, and every bit of water is used differently by mankind. We can say the answer will be tending towards a YES when

- 1) The samples taken from bottom of the water show dangerous levels of pollution or bacteria than can sicken living beings in and out of the water.
- 2) The water is starting to smell bad.
- 3) The sediment has built up so much that it's making the water too shallow to do common things like boating and swimming.

Sometimes the answer is easy to get: you just look at the water itself and can see that the buildup on the bottom is a problem. . . this can be done just zipping around the surface in a boat and sticking a pole down to the bottom of the lake or pond to gauge how far the bottom is. Sediment buildup shortens the distance to the bottom. You push the pole down—when you pull it back up, you can see what's going on down at the bottom from the traces left on the pole.

This way of checking the bottom isn't the most sophisticated—obviously. When more info is needed to get a clearer picture of the bottom of the water, we can go out once again in a boat—this time using a sonar system that literally shows a detailed image-map of the pond or lake-bed.

If, using these and perhaps other methods of diagnosing, we decide that it's cleanup-time, then the next major decision to make is . . . how? How do we go down there and clean up that sensitive world while maintaining that delicate balance? What method do we use?

The best method that we've found that is the least bother to the environment down at the bottom of a body of water is vacuuming. It's a common method, it disturbs very little down beneath the surface, and any liners that are in place down at the bottom stay where they are. The sonar is used to keep us working only where it's needed. This is key: the less disturbance created, the less unnecessary removal done, the less

- 1) Money is spent unnecessarily and
- 2) Of a chance that there will be problems in the future.

The sediment that is removed, is vacuumed up into a large rectangular bag made of special fabric called a Collection Bag. The water from the bottom passes through the bag—the bag collects the sediment, and the water itself goes right back out where it came from, cleaned of silt. What's left in the bag, when is dried out, is nearly perfect topsoil! It has great use in terms of plant growth, and using it in this manner is hugely efficient. . . and is much smarter than just dumping it into a landfill.

Anyone who has a piece of land with a body of water like a lake or a pond, etc, will find that dealing with sediment buildup is something that is going to pop onto the radar eventually as something that's got to be done. Keeping that water healthy and happily useful to the inhabitants both in the water and around the water is the only responsible course of action. It's good for the environment, it's good for the community, and, in the end, it's a good feeling to know that you've done your part to keep your place in this world healthy, and that you've given back to it all the dividends of happiness, recreation and pleasure that it freely gives to us.





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ON THE MOVE

The San Diego territory is always evolving and changing, but the moderate weather and overall lack of true “seasons” force many in the golf industry to work all year round with a non-stop mentality. This same strong mental drive is what makes these professionals so great at what they do, and we wanted to congratulate and wish them all the best of luck in their new positions! As always, if we missed anyone please reach out and we will update the association on the next go around.

- Vince Zellefrow: Golf Course Superintendent - Morgan Run Club and Resort
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Mark your calendars for the biggest happenings in San Diego:

Monday, Feb. 7

- Welcome Reception 6:30PM - 9:30PM

Tuesday, Feb. 8

- Opening Session 8:30AM - 10AM
- Power Hours 10AM - 4PM
- Education Seminars 10AM - 5PM
- Trade Show Tee Off 5PM - 7PM

Wednesday, Feb. 9

- Health in Action 5K 7:30AM - 8:30AM
- Power Hours 8AM - 4:30PM
- Education Seminars 8AM - 5PM
- Trade Show 9AM - 5PM

Thursday, Feb. 10

- GCSAA Annual Meeting 8AM - 10AM
- Power Hours 8AM - 3PM
- Education Seminars 8AM - 5PM
- Trade Show 9AM - 1PM
- Closing Celebration 5:30PM - 7PM

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PROJECT SPOTLIGHT UPDATE

RANCHO SANTA FE GOLF CLUB

BY CODY STEWART

Golf has been on the rise lately and with that is the uptick in golf course construction projects, with one of our San Diego's very own Rancho Santa Fe Golf Club being the latest to undertake a massive overhaul.

Rancho Santa Fe Association approved last year's preliminary plans of a total irrigation renovation, mainly everything from the municipal tap onto the golf course was replaced which included updating to HDPE pipe underground. It was an extensive project that also included a tees, fairways, green surrounds, and rough areas resurfacing to TifTuf Hybrid Bermuda, which ended up near a total of about 68 acres when all was said and done.



While the re-grassing was taking place they also capitalized on the closure with a complete bunker renovation that repurposed the hazards making a total of 44 bunkers. A few bunkers were removed along with some thinning out of landscape material in order to bring back the golf atmosphere to this centrally located gem of a property.

All of this was undertaken in the 2021 season where there were a lot of unknowns, extended lead times, and the continuing global pandemic to say the least. To make things even more fun, Tom Huesgen and his team had to deal with what was called a "complete kill down of turf -except for the greens". As we all know Rancho Santa Fe Golf Club has

always had great putting surfaces and they wanted to maintain and protect those surfaces at all cost. So spray applications were to be made, sod removal jobs, redesign work, and re-sodding all while the integrity of the putting surfaces were to be maintained in the middle of summer. They only rebuilt #18 green for re-contouring and aligning it to the new hole design and placement, whereas all of the other putting greens were left in place.



Golf Course Architect David McLay Kidd redesigned the golf course as part of the master plan for the property. Brent Harvey Consulting worked on the Rain Bird irrigation plan while Landscapes Unlimited was contracted out for the main portion of the project overhaul.



Phase 1 was the front 9, and phase 2 was the back 9. Play was continuous at times with half of the course open in order to allow membership access to the facility.

“What is unique about this property is that you have trails, walking paths, homeowners, and members that all have access to the property and we have our team members and contractors needing to use those same trails to get work done. Literally everyone involved in this project was absolutely awesome and we could not have done it without their help and teamwork.” Mentioned Golf Course Directory of Agronomy Tom Huesgen when reflecting back on last year's work.

The timing of the growing season in San Diego was the biggest factor, on June 22nd the first piece of sod was placed down and in the third week of October, the last piece of sod was installed on the course for the final steps in Phase 2. The golf course is still not fully open to all 18 as they continue to grow in the last and final holes but the hard work of every single person involved on this project is clear, a job well done.

When asked what is next, Tom and his team have their eyes set on Phase 3 which includes renovating the practice areas including the driving range which they are hoping to complete in the next upcoming season.





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- Ninja Tines – Hollow Core needling tines designed to removed surface OM with minimal disruption.

Any new or exciting products you want to tell us about?

We recently began carrying a product called Turfmend. It is a mixture of either sand or plant based compost with Yellowjacket coated seed from Barenbrug. This product will allow Superintendents to “repair the bare” on their golf course. www.turfmend.com.

Tell us about your professional experience and education?

I began working in the golf industry mowing greens and tees at Churchill CC in Pittsburgh for summer work in high school. I have always loved the game of golf and this was a great way to earn some money as well as play for free on Mondays. After high school, I attended Penn State University and graduated with my BS in Turfgrass Science. In 2002, I made the journey from State College, PA to Phoenix, AZ to work for Tonto Verde Golf Club, a 36-hole, semi-private real estate development. In 2005, I assisted with the construction on Verde River Golf Club. In early 2006, I was promoted to Director of Agronomy for all 54 holes until 2017. After 15 years at one facility and 3 ownership changes, I was replaced as Director by the new company and had to make a decision. Look for a new job and continue as a superintendent, or try my hand in sales? Ultimately, I chose the sales route and am so happy with my decision. I must say that I have learned so much in the last 5 years visiting golf course and talking with so many different superintendents. San Diego Superintendents have been overwhelming welcoming and gracious with their time and for that I am extremely grateful.

How is your golf game these days?

My golf game is a little bit of a mystery these days! I normally play in scramble events with the association and have not played very much on my own ball. My golf game is usually pretty good if I can putt it in the hole. I've been playing since age 5 and I still love to play, especially with my 3 older brothers.

AFFILIATE CORNER

ROBERT DAVIS – SOUTHWEST TURF SUPPORT

What do you like to do in your free time?

In my free time, I like to be outdoors either mountain/road biking, paddle boarding, or gardening. I have recently starting doing some extra work at Temecula Creek Inn Chef's Garden. In my mind, there is nothing better than picking and eating fresh fruits and vegetables. I enjoy interacting with the resort guests and golfers that walk through the garden as well.



How was your 2021, how was business?

2021 was great! After a tough start to 2020 when everything was on lockdown, CA golf flourished as one of the only outdoor recreation options available for much of 2020. I think overall the situation that we have lived through the last couple of years was great for golf in general. I think many people that stopped playing golf for whatever reason have started to play and enjoy the game again. As I'm sure you know, tee time reservation has been difficult to come by these days.

Any New Years Resolutions you want to tell us about?

My New Years Resolution is always to try to improve my health. Exercise more and eat better as best as I can.

Fourth quarter, your team is down by six points, 1:49 left on the clock, who is the quarterback you want under center?

Tom Brady. No question. I've watched him be great since Michigan beat PSU at home in 2000. He always seems to be more prepared than anyone and he executes on the field. If he does lose, he owns everything. Doesn't make excuses. He just keeps getting better and better.

What's the first thing you do after getting home from work?

First thing I do when I get home from work, is write down some notes from the day, something to help me build a profile for the courses and superintendents I visited. For example, what is their biggest challenge: soil problems, staffing problems, member issues, etc. All of these things help me learn more about the person and property so that I can be better prepared for the next visit.



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WITH THE SDGCSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Kelly Halsey

Superintendent
Mt. Woodson Golf Club

1. Where do you currently work and what is your position on the BOD?
Mt. Woodson/ Secretary
2. Where were are you from, where is home now? **Galax, Virginia - Escondido CA**
3. Tell us about your education? **Grayson County High School / Penn State**
4. What was your HS mascot, play sports, activities, voted most likely to.....? **Blue Devil mascot, I was heavily involved in FFA, Masonry, and Drama believe it or not.**
5. Tell us a little bit about your family? 18 yr old son that lives in Florida, and a 22 yr old daughter that lives downtown San Diego
6. Give us a overview of your career?
Greenskeeper/ Spray tech 2 yrs, Maderas/ Ass Sup 2 yrs The Vineyard/ Superintendent 2 yrs Tecolote Canyon/ Superintendent 3 yrs, Mt Woodson
7. Where do you see yourself in 10 years?
Fatter with more gray hairs.
8. What do you like most about the golf industry?
Love of beautiful landscapes and the game of golf.
9. What do you like to do in your spare time? **No comprende "spare time".**
10. Dream vacation? **European golf tour**
11. Top 3 bucket list golf courses? **Augusta, Pebble Beach, TPC Sawgrass**
12. What's your favorite movie? **Tombstone**
13. What's your favorite food? **Fried chicken**
14. Bing worthy streaming show? **Deadwood/Archer**
15. Inspirational quote?
"The quality of work you do is a reflection of the quality person you are, how do you want others to see you?" - my dad
16. How do you take in your coffee? **never touch the stuff**
17. Go to cocktail/beverage? **Captain and Coke**
18. Favorite ice cream flavor? **That's not a fair question**
19. Three things you can't live without?
Phone, family, and fornication (can I say that?)
20. Go to dinner spot?
Chick-fil-A casual, or Red Lobster when we filling fancy.

Cody Stewart

Golf and Turf Outside Sales Rep
Stotz Equipment

1. Where do you currently work and what is your position on the BOD? **Stotz Equipment - Affiliate**
2. Where were are you from, where is home now? **Ventura CA --> Temecula CA**
3. Tell us about your education? **Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, not the smartest guy in the room but I always know who is... And that's important!**
4. What was your HS mascot, play sports, activities, voted most likely to.....? **Dragons, Golf consumed me in high school and I worked at a golf course as a cart attendant.**
5. Tell us a little bit about your family? **Blessed with an awesome Wife, that gave me two kids, one crazy daughter (2 years old now) and one so far easy-going boy (6 months)**
6. Give us a overview of your career? **Worked in golf my entire life, Operator/Intern, Assistant, Superintendent, Superintendent of 36 holes, burnt out and went to Irrigation Sales, and now Equipment Sales happily ever after.**
7. Where do you see yourself in 10 years? **Having a mid-life crisis somewhere in Cabo would be fitting. Let's start planning now...**
8. What do you like most about the golf industry? **The camaraderie/network of guys and gals that understand the constant struggle and the fact that even on the sales side I feel like we are all in this industry together.**
9. What do you like to do in your spare time? **Spare time? I like working...**
10. Dream vacation? **Yosemite, hike and camp with family and turn the phone off**
11. Top 3 bucket list golf courses? **No bucket list for me**
12. What's your favorite movie? **Rounders**
13. What's your favorite food? **French Fries**
14. Bing worthy streaming show? **Shark Tank**
15. Inspirational quote? **"Nothing worth having was ever achieved without effort"**
16. How do you take in your coffee? **Minimal Caffeine intake so very rare...**
17. Go to cocktail/beverage? **Red bull/Vodka - refer to answer above, so watchout!**
18. Favorite ice cream flavor? **Mint Chocolate Chip**
19. Three things you can't live without? **Dog, Kids, Wife but not necessarily in that order**
20. Go to dinner spot? **Anywhere in Old Town Temecula.**



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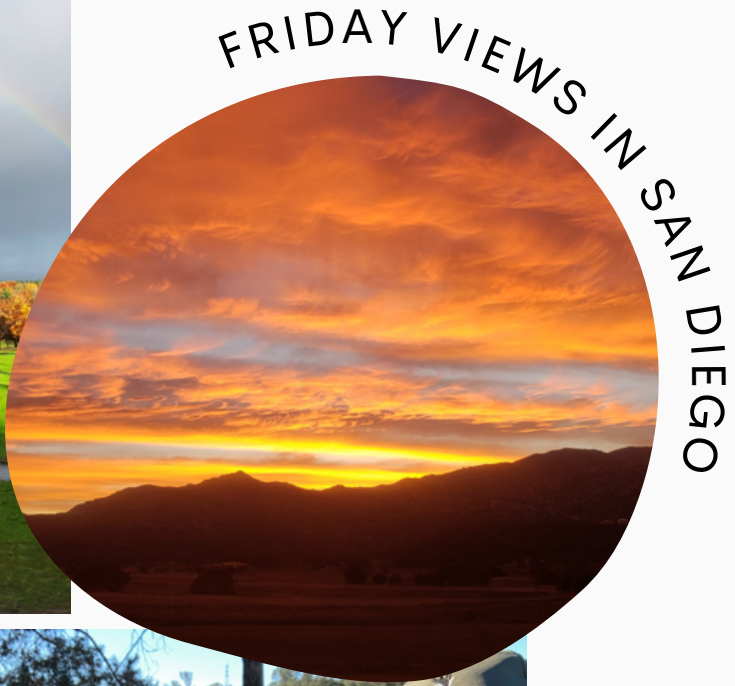
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