



OFFICE OF DIRECTOR



RICHARD A. WIT, CGCS

GOLF CLUB AT RED ROCK

RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA

**GCSAA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE**

PERSONAL DATA

Name: Mr. Richard A Wit, CGCS

Title: Certified Golf Course Superintendent

Home: 7102 Prestwick Rd

Club / Course: Golf Club at Red Rock

City: Rapid City

Number of Holes: 18

State: SD

Type of Course: Daily Fee - Public

Zip: 57702-9527

Primary Phone: (605)718-7631

Business Phone: (605)718-4710

Responsibilities: I am currently the CGCS of The Golf Club at Red Rock, in Rapid City, SD. The Golf Club at Red Rock sits on roughly 120 acres in a residential community of 360 homes. The golf course is a daily fee/public facility with a membership of 375 members. I am responsible for the day to day activities associated with the maintenance of a public golf course. I have a crew of 15 that help with the maintenance, of the course, as well as the equipment fleet. Besides taking care of the golf course I am also responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of 180 townhome yards and sprinkler systems.

Responsible to: Owners

EDUCATIONAL DATA

Institution	City	State	Degree Date	Major
University of Nebraska-Lincoln	Lincoln	NE	12/1/1994	Bachelors Degree in Turf/Plant Science

EMPLOYMENT DATA

Employer	Title of Position	Start Date	End Date
Golf Club at Red Rock	Certified Golf Course Superintendent	8/15/2001	
Minnehaha Country Club	Assistant Golf Course Supt.	4/1/1994	8/1/2001
Shadow Ridge Country Club	Assistant Golf Course Supt.	4/1/1993	1/1/1994

CIVIC PARTICIPATION

Coached U6-U10 girls soccer
 Coached U6-U14 little league baseball
 Consulted on little league baseball fields & club soccer fields
 Consulted on local residential and commercial yards as well as surrounding golf courses within the Black Hills region of South Dakota.

GCSAA ACTIVITIES

Committee	Position	Start Date	End Date
2022 Rounds 4 Research Task Group	Volunteer	3/1/2022	3/1/2023
2021 Chapter Delegates Meeting	GCSAA Board of Directors Candidate	9/22/2021	10/22/2021
Rounds 4 Research Task Group	Volunteer	3/1/2021	2/28/2022

2020 Chapter Delegates Meeting	Chapter Delegate	9/24/2020	11/1/2020
Rounds 4 Research Task Group	Volunteer	3/1/2020	2/28/2021
GCM Editorial Board Task Group	Volunteer	3/1/2020	2/28/2021
2019 Chapter Delegates Meeting	Chapter Delegate	9/30/2019	11/1/2019
2018 Chapter Delegates Meeting	Chapter Delegate	10/26/2018	11/30/2018
2017 Chapter Delegates Meeting	Chapter Delegate	10/3/2017	11/30/2017
2016 Chapter Delegates Meeting	Chapter Delegate	9/8/2016	9/8/2017
2015 Chapter Delegates Meeting	Chapter Delegate	9/14/2015	10/28/2015
2014 Chapter Delegates Meeting	Chapter Delegate	9/8/2014	10/16/2014
2013 Chapter Delegates Meeting	Chapter Delegate	9/9/2013	10/4/2013
2012 Chapter Delegates Meeting	Chapter Delegate	10/5/2012	10/7/2012

LOCAL CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

Chapter	Position	Start Date	End Date
GCSA of South Dakota	Secretary	3/7/2022	
GCSA of South Dakota	Treasurer	3/7/2022	
GCSA of South Dakota	Chapter Delegate	8/17/2021	9/1/2021
GCSA of South Dakota	Treasurer	3/1/2021	3/7/2022
GCSA of South Dakota	Secretary	3/1/2021	3/7/2022
GCSA of South Dakota	Voting Delegate	12/7/2020	1/3/2022
GCSA of South Dakota	Chapter Delegate	10/1/2020	8/16/2021
GCSA of South Dakota	Secretary	4/1/2020	3/1/2021
GCSA of South Dakota	Treasurer	4/1/2020	3/1/2021
GCSA of South Dakota	Chapter Delegate	10/9/2019	9/1/2020
GCSA of South Dakota	Voting Delegate	10/3/2017	12/1/2020
GCSA of South Dakota	Executive	3/24/2014	7/1/2021
GCSA of South Dakota	Immediate Past President	3/6/2007	3/1/2008
GCSA of South Dakota	President	3/1/2005	3/1/2007
GCSA of South Dakota	Vice-president	3/1/2003	3/1/2005
GCSA of South Dakota	Newsletter Editor	1/1/1999	1/1/2005

ALLIED ASSOCIATION DATA

Name	Position	Start Date	End Date
GCSA of SD	Vice President	03/2003	03/2005
GCSA of SD	President	03/2005	03/2007

IMPORTANT NOTE:

Only Class A superintendents whose classification truly reflects their current employment are eligible for office in GCSAA.

500 WORD STATEMENT

I would like to thank the GCSA of South Dakota for nominating me for Director of GCSAA. It is humbling that my peers and colleagues, within the GCSA of SD, feel I would make a great candidate at the board level of GCSAA. I would also like to thank the nomination committee at GCSAA for their support as well. Since joining the GCSA of SD back in 1994 I have always had a love to volunteer and help the association where I could. Starting out as helping with the local Trade Show at the annual conference then becoming the Newsletter Editor all the way up to President and now currently the Executive Director of the Chapter.

I want to thank The Golf Club at Red Rock membership and the ownership for their full support. I have been the superintendent at Red Rock since 2001 when it was still under construction. Red Rock has been the #1 Public golf course in South Dakota since 2002. I take pride in providing a quality golf course to my members.

It is this pride I have in providing a quality golf course that I will bring to the table when serving on the board at GCSAA. It is about serving the members of GCSAA and promoting this great profession that we all love. Yes it has its ups and downs, but it is my personal belief that this is the best profession around. We as a group are willing to help our neighbors, local as well as afar, to make the golfing experience as good as we can for the golfer.

The last couple of years I have had the pleasure of serving on the Task Group for Rounds for Research. It has been a rewarding experience reaching out to my local Chapter members and asking them to help support this great cause. The members of GCSA of SD have supported this whole heartedly and I thank them for that. The biggest reward I see from this is the reach we have with the golfer who "benefits" from this program by getting great deals of golf at local and national golf courses. This is just one way that I see we reach out to the golfing public and show them just a little of what we do on a daily basis. The First Green is another way I see that we can promote this great profession. Showing our youth just a sample of what we do on a daily basis is another way to promote our profession.

In conclusion, I again want to thank the members of GCSA of SD for nominating me for Director of GCSAA. I look forward to working with and for the members of GCSAA. I ask for your support at the annual meeting in Orlando in 2023.

Thank you,
Richard A. Wit, CGCS

**DATE
SUBMITTED:**

7/15/2022 6:22:49 AM

SIGNATURE: _____



Kyle Rausch, CGCS

Sutton Bay

28950 Sutton Bay Trail

Agar, SD 57520

June 3, 2022

Dear GCSAA Nominating Committee,

This is Kyle Rausch, President of the South Dakota Chapter of the GCSAA. I am writing this letter to formally nominate Richard A. Wit, CGCS, to a director position on the GCSAA board of directors. Mr. Wit has an extensive career as a golf course superintendent and has been very active in the South Dakota chapter of GCSAA for many years. Some of the highlights of his career include :

- Member of GCSAA since 1990
- Certified Golf Course Superintendent since 2004
- Member of SDGCSA since 1994, holding positions of Vice President (2003-2005), President (2005-2007), and Secretary/Treasurer, Executive Director (2011-present)
- GCSAA Chapter Delegate (2005-2007, 2012-present)

Mr. Wit's commitment and love for the GCSAA and SDGCSAA was never more evident than this past years Rounds 4 Research campaign. Through Mr. Wit's efforts and persistence, South Dakota was able to donate 39 rounds, which ended up being 9th most amongst all states!

Mr. Wit is currently the superintendent at The Golf Club at Red Rock in Rapid City. 2021 was his 20th year as superintendent at Red Rock, and he was honored by his club during the SDGCSA fall outing that was hosted there. Red Rock has been rated the #1 public course in the state since 2002, and they hold numerous state level tournaments every year.

As President of the SDGCSA, I speak on behalf of all our members and say that we fully support Mr. Wit's desire to become involved with the GCSAA board of directors. He is one of the most respected superintendents in the state, and would be a great asset to the GCSAA.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kyle Rausch".

Kyle Rausch, CGCS