

# Black Butte Ranch executive among local OGA honorees

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Central Oregon golfers landed a number of honors when the Oregon Golf Association presented its awards for 2016.

Among the honorees at the OGA's annual directors' meeting last Monday at Portland Golf Club was Jeff Fought of Black Butte Ranch, who was named club executive of the year. The director of golf at Black Butte Ranch since 2000, Fought this year helped organize the region's flagship golf championship, the Oregon Amateur, which was staged in June on Black Butte's Glaze Meadow course.

The men's and women's clubs at Black Butte Ranch together were recognized as the OGA member club of the year, in large part for the support the organizations provided for the Oregon Amateur.

A Terrebonne woman, Selma Cusick of Crooked River Ranch Golf Course, was named OGA co-member of the year. She shared the award with Ken Forster of Illahe Hills Country Club in Salem. Cusick has been a mainstay of the ladies club at Crooked River Ranch, serving for 10 years as the club's president.

The OGA's award for superintendent of the year also was a shared honor, and one of the winners was Steve Reynolds of Meadow Lakes Golf Course in Prineville. The other co-winner was Dave Stephens of Eagle Point Golf Club.

Reynolds has worked in golf course maintenance for more than 35 years. He was hired as assistant superintendent at Meadow Lakes when the course was under construction in 1992, and he became head superintendent there in 2009. Among the OGA's considerations in honoring Reynolds were his recent work to minimize algae growth in Meadow Lakes' nine shallow ponds and his role in the addition of 24 new tee boxes over the past three years.

Other honorees were Tracy Snyder of Rogue Valley Country Club in Medford, golf professional of the year; Tom Hewitt and Conan Elliott of Alpha Media in Portland, co-winners of the Dale Johnson Media Award; Guy DeMars of Stone Creek Golf Club in Oregon City, handicap chair of the year; Eugene Country Club, facility of the year; and RiverRidge Golf Professionals of RiverRidge Golf Complex in Eugene, winner of the community impact award.

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The Bulletin file photo Black Butte Ranchs Jeff Fought was named the Oregon Golf Association club executive of the year.

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