

Black Butte Ranch's Phil Lagao Named 'Superintendent of the Year' by OGCSA

BLACK BUTTE RANCH, Ore., June 5, 2012 — Phil Lagao, head golf course superintendent at Black Butte Ranch in Central Oregon, has been named "Superintendent of the Year" for 2012 by the Oregon Chapter of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA).

A native of Pendleton, Ore., Lagao joined Black Butte Ranch in 2007 from Langdon Farms Golf Club in Aurora, Ore., where he served as head superintendent for seven years.

Lagao graduated in 1997 from Oregon State University with a degree in turf and landscape management, and was soon hired as assistant superintendent by Pendleton Country Club. In 2004, he became a GCSAA-certified superintendent, the highest level of recognition for a golf superintendent.

"This is a very deserving honor for Phil," said Scott Huntsman, president and chief executive officer of Black Butte Ranch, a 1,800-acre family resort community located 30 miles northwest of Bend. "With our exciting renovation of <u>Glaze Meadow Golf Course</u> and the additional play that <u>Big Meadow Golf Course</u> received during that period, Phil and his staff have stepped up to enhance Black Butte Ranch's reputation as a premier golf destination."

Lagao, 38, resides in nearby Sisters with his wife, Heidi, and the couple's three daughters.

The Oregon Chapter of the GCSAA, which has approximately 300 members, introduced the Superintendent of the Year award in 1986. In 2009 and 2010, Lagao served as the chapter's president.

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Black Butte Ranch is designed for an authentic Central Oregon cascade experience. The 1,800-acre destination community, located seven miles west of Sisters on Highway 20, sits in between the Cascade Mountain range with sweeping views of Three Sisters, Mount Washington, Black Butte, Broken Top, Three Fingered Jack and Mount Jefferson. The family-friendly property offers an array of lodging accommodations, two championship golf courses, four swimming pools, 18 miles of paved walking and biking trails, abundant four-season recreational opportunities, two award-winning restaurants and a full-service spa. Real estate opportunities also are available.

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