



Whelihan Ends 24-Year Run as Haymaker Superintendent *Adam Sando Promoted to Course Superintendent*

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO-May 28, 2019-Golf Superintendent Bill Whelihan, who has been with the Haymaker Golf Course since it opened more than two decades ago, has announced his retirement on June 6. Assistant Superintendent Adam Sando has been promoted and will take over course responsibilities as the new Golf Superintendent with Whelihan's departure.

"Bill has been a tremendous asset to Haymaker and the City of Steamboat Springs," said Katie O'Hara with the city's Golf Management Committee. "He knows the course, its history and local climate arguably better than anyone. We will miss his presence, knowledge, and of course, his sense of humor. We are excited for him and wish him well in his retirement, he has more than earned it."

Whelihan started with the city in June 1995 as Superintendent and charted the course's direction from its inception to the nationally-acclaimed venue it is today. During his tenure, the facility has seen significant growth and continued to evolve with a focus on environmental sustainability including being the first Colorado course recognized with the Audubon International Signature Certification in 2000. Whelihan's efforts over the years have enhanced water quality in surrounding areas, reduced waste, preserved wildlife habitat, incorporated water conservation techniques, improved chemical, fertilizer and pesticide management and energy conservation.

"Haymaker has been my home away from home," said Whelihan. "Leaving the incredible grounds crew and this facility is bittersweet. However, I know the course is in fantastic hands under Adam's leadership and that he will continue to maintain Haymaker's reputation in the industry."

Sando has been with the city since 2006 and held various seasonal positions within Parks & Recreation including parks worker, snowmaker and lift operator. He moved to a full-time position at Haymaker in 2010, serving as crew leader/assistant superintendent. Having worked together for nearly a decade, Whelihan and Sando will spend the final weeks working together to ensure a smooth transition.



"The city is fortunate to have an individual with Adam's expertise and knowledge ready to move into this leadership role," said Parks & Recreation Director Angela Cosby. "He learned from the best in the industry and I know Adam will continue to provide excellent course conditions, but more importantly, help shape the next era for Haymaker and the community."

The 233-acre Haymaker Golf Course, designed by nationally acclaimed architect Keith Foster, features at least four sets of tees per hole, playing from 5,059 to 7,308 yards. It has been heralded as a 'core layout' using large greens and gentle undulations, which blend seamlessly with the topography of the region. Players are rewarded by uninterrupted vistas of the Yampa Valley and Mount Werner on every hole. Haymaker boasts a large, family friendly practice facility with driving range, sand trap, chipping and putting green as well as a retail pro shop, Patio Grill restaurant and clubhouse. The course lends itself to golfers of all abilities from the novice to the professional.

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