

AZ Insider: New & Familiar Face at Country Club at DC Ranch

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Kathy Shayna Shocket has the stories on the people making headlines.



See who's joined the team at an AZ premier lifestyle and family country club!

After hundreds of applications were submitted in the search for a new General Manager at the **Country Club at DC Ranch**, members are welcoming **Kyle Draper** to the private golf and country club nestled at the base of the McDowell Mountains. In fact, they're welcoming him -- back. That's because prior to being the General Manager/COO at **Tucson Country Club**, he was the Country Club at DC Ranch's Clubhouse Manager for six years.

Kyle says his goal at DC Ranch is to continue to enhance the member experience and further develop the Club's tremendous team. (Which of course, boasts the popular **Chef Lenard Rubin**, Golf Director, **Dick Hyland** and Tennis Director, **Dave Moyer**.)

"The ultimate goal is for The Country Club at DC Ranch to be seen as the best all-encompassing lifestyle country club in the country," says Kyle, (pictured below, left.) "While still considered a young Club, we are able to create lasting traditions each and every day that becomes an important part of our history," he says, adding that along with the beautiful setting and world-class facilities, "it is the people of DC Ranch what makes being here so special."



Club President **Janet Pennewell** explains why Kyle was a natural fit for the GM position. "Kyle's strong food and beverage experience and training was the most important factor for us here at The Club, " she notes.

"The Country Club at DC Ranch prides itself on its casual, friendly atmosphere and, as such, the food and beverage operation is very important to our members. We also knew that Kyle was known, liked and respected by our members from the years he spent here as Assistant Manager under **Paul Skelton's** leadership. "

"And finally, we loved that Kyle has a great working relationship with **Dick Hyland**, our outstanding Director of Golf." (Janet is pictured above, right, with real estate business partner and club member **Pat Simpson**.)

" We are confident that Kyle will continue to build on what is already an outstanding Club and continue to deliver the best possible experience for the Club's members," adds Janet.

Kyle brings over fifteen years of hospitality management experience to this position, most of which have been focused in the private club sector. He attended UNLV in Las Vegas, Nevada where he earned a Bachelor's degree in Hotel Administration with a focus in club management. During his time in Las Vegas, Kyle worked for various resorts, including **Caesars Palace** and **Mandalay Bay**.

His accomplished background also includes five years at the Las Vegas Country Club in both the Assistant and Clubhouse Manager roles, and Auburn University in Auburn, Alabama where he also obtained his Masters Degree in Hospitality Management. Following the completion of his Masters degree, Kyle then took a position with **Overlake Golf and Country Club in Medina**, Washington as a service consultant, where his focus was to evaluate the club's food and beverage program and to then develop an intensive service training program to streamline the services provided to club members.

Please welcome back **Kyle Draper** and his family !



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