

Glendon Junkin, Rolling on the River

Glen Junkin says that he has always enjoyed working outside and playing golf, but he credits Dr. Jack Varco, a soils professor at Mississippi State University, with steering him in the right direction on his career. Glen knew he wanted to pursue a career in either soils, forestry or turf. Dr. Varco convinced Glen that there was much more opportunity in the turf industry. After enrolling in the program he knew immediately that he had made the right decision. “For the first time in my life I found my classes really interesting,” said Glen.

After completing internships at Northriver Yacht Club in Tuscaloosa and The Country Club of Birmingham, Glen graduated from Mississippi State in 1997. He began working at Turtle Point as John Freeman’s first assistant. Glen says, “I can never thank John enough for all he has done for me and my wife. They have just become family to us.”

Glen credits John with teaching him so many things that he could never have learned in a classroom. In January 2002, Glen was given the opportunity to become the head superintendent at Turtle Point. He says that he feels he has been able to be fairly successful in the position thanks to his long time first assistant, Foster Jordan, and the tenured crew.

Glen loves the beautiful setting of his job. “Early mornings, late afternoons are great on a golf course. There is also a feeling of accomplishment at the end of the day. Just being outdoors makes it a great day!”

Glen also enjoys playing golf and his other hobbies of fishing and four wheelers as time allows. Glen and his wife, Ashley, have three children, Paten—five, Preston—three, and Maggie—8 months. (With three young children, doesn’t sound as if Glen has a lot of free time!)

We thank Glen for his support of the AGCSA and appreciate his support of our Association. Best of luck to you in your future career, Glen!



AGCSA President, Robert Milliken, presents Glen with plaque in appreciation for hosting our June meeting.

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