

# Black Butte Ranch welcomes new CEO

Black Butte Ranch is welcoming new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Jay Head.

Head brings 17 years of club leadership, most recently serving as the general manager/COO at Palm Valley Country Club. Head got his career start as the assistant general manager of Waverley Country Club (WCC) in Portland.

In 2005 he accepted the general manager/COO position with Willamette Valley Country Club (WVCC) in Canby, where he spent seven years successfully guiding strategically targeted operating goals and the development of a detail-oriented, financially effective and service-driven organization. Before moving to Palm Desert, Head also led Pumpkin Ridge Golf Club and The Oregon Golf Club where he applied effective and strategic organizational leadership fundamentals.

Owen Osborne, Black Butte Ranch homeowner and current chairman of the board for the Black Butte Ranch Association, stated, "Jay is an energetic leader who has a passion for connecting with the community and a proven ability to bring teams together to provide a positive experience for owners and guests. His leadership will be a strong positive for both our dedicated employees and diverse homeowner community."

"I am honored to join the team at Black Butte Ranch and continue the Ranch's legacy as the Northwest's premier recreational community," said Head. "I am also extremely excited to be back in this wonderful part of the country."



PHOTO PROVIDED  
Jay Head is Black Butte Ranch's new CEO.

Jay originally grew up in Tyler and Dallas, Texas, prior to moving to Oregon where he fell in love with the Pacific Northwest.

A lifelong golfer, Jay first found his passion for the game as a young boy while tagging along with his grandfather during friendly rounds of golf at his country club in East Texas. In addition to golf, Head is passionate about the great outdoors and is excited to enjoy the abundance of activities and scenic beauty Central Oregon offers.

Head started at Black Butte Ranch on July 28.

## Obituary

### Charles Edward Kern

July 12, 1920 – July 25, 2017

Charles Edward Kern, age 97, died of natural causes on July 25, in Portland, in the company of his loving family.

Charles is survived by his wife, Jean L. (Fitzpatrick) Kern, of Camp Sherman and Bethany; two sons, Larry Kern, Timothy "Oly" Kern; daughter, Sweet Medicine Nation; grandchildren Daniel Prince and Madeline Snively, Darin and Darcy Kern; and seven great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents and four siblings, Elmer, Orla Chester, and Bill Kern, all of Central Valley, California.

Charles E. Kern was born on July 12, 1920 in Coyle, Oklahoma, to parents William Ervin and Ethel Maude (Boyer) Kern.

Charles served two years in the U.S. Army Air Corps 1944-1946, stationed on Guam.

After marrying Jean in Chico, California, in 1947, Charles began to work for Safeway stores as an

apprentice meat-cutter in Chico, 1946. He was promoted to meat department manager, Gridley, California on April 19, 1948, the day he had to call in no-show, due to the birth of his daughter.

He worked in Pittsburg, Stockton, and Sacramento, California then in Reno, Nevada. In December 1958 he was promoted to district meat merchandiser, assigned to San Francisco, California. In February 1963 he transferred to Honolulu, Hawaii, to open the first store, #201. He worked for more than 38 years for Safeway, 22 years in Hawaii. He helped open eight stores, hired, trained employees and maintained the quality of excellence he would be known for years after he retired.

Charles loved people and helping them. After one career ended, he secured his real estate license in Hawaii.

Charles was a social, active man who was deeply involved in volunteering, fishing, golfing, woodcarving for the majority of his life. He enjoyed golf, fly



fishing, and loved to join in activities putting up nesting bird boxes, and bull trout habitat along the Metolius River. His family and friends will remember him as a complimentary, generous, kind, happy and fun-loving friendly man.

The family will hold a private family scattering of ashes.

The family would like to thank you for calls of condolences, cards and flowers and the kindness of our community.

Anyone wishing to donate in honor of Charles can send contributions to Sisters-Camp Sherman RFPD or the Jefferson County Search and Rescue Hasty Team of Camp Sherman.

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