

Here are a few things about me...

I started my own business back in 1995. I repair glass cooler and freezer doors in convenience stores, supermarkets, and liquor stores throughout Wisconsin and the U.P. of Michigan.

I have been living in the Green Bay area since 1996. My wife Melanie and I were married in 1992, and we have no children. Melanie works for the city of Green Bay as a Human Resource Operations Manager. We have been members of NorthBrook Country Club for approximately 19 years. Melanie started golfing about 12 years ago, and she is now playing in the Ladies' NEWGA team play, and she continues to enjoy both the competition and all of the people she meets at the various events.

I started attending NEWGA Board meetings after receiving an invitation to their annual meeting approximately 14 years ago, while I was serving on the NorthBrook Board of Directors. I have served in several different positions on the NEWGA Board and I continue to be a member of the NEWGA Board. I am also currently serving as a Director with the WSGA and I work several WSGA tournaments a year as a volunteer and rules official.

I was the second oldest of nine kids, and my first job was as a caddie at Chenequa Country Club in Hartland. I worked there for 6 or 7 years, moving into the bag room and Pro Shop after two or three years. Several of my brothers also worked at Chenequa CC, and 3 of us received the Evans Scholarship as a result of our caddying.

I am an average golfer, at best, but I have been playing competitive golf in both NEWGA and WSGA events for about the past 9 or 10 years. Prior to that, I played in club events at NorthBrook, but that was mostly limited to the club championship and an occasional social event. I also play in fundraising tournaments for the Evans Scholars foundation and in Evans Alumni fundraisers every year. After turning 50, I also started playing in some WSGA Senior Tour events and NEWGA Senior events, in addition to the NEWGA Open, Amateur and Best Ball events.

I am a big supporter of the Evans Scholars program, and take caddies regularly at NorthBrook. A few years ago, I was asked by our PGA Pro if I would assist in the caddy program, so I have been training our caddies and providing assistance in their attempt to qualify for the Evans Scholarship.

In summary, the game of golf has had a profound impact on my life. Many of my friends and mentors, my college education, and all sorts of connections to work have somehow been related to golf. As a result, I feel like I would like to give back to a game that has given me so much, which is why I stay involved in caddy programs, support NEWGA and the WSGA organizations.

To all of the men & women who compete in the various NEWGA events, I want to thank you for your participation and I encourage you to "spread the word" about NEWGA at your home clubs. If you take caddies and /or support the Evans Scholar program, again – I say thank you and I hope that you continue to do so.