

GET TO KNOW THE PRO

AWARD – BILL STRAUSBAUGH

RECIPIENT – JIM GAUGERT JR.

EMPLOYER – HARRIS GOLF CARS

ELECTED TO PGA MEMBERSHIP – 1987

Hometown – Madison, WI

Current Residence – Lake Geneva, WI

College – University of Wisconsin Madison

Other Accreditations – PSIA Certified Ski Instructor



WPGA Awards & Honors

1991 Junior Golf Leader

1995 Resort Merchandiser of the Year

2001 Golf Professional of the Year

2001 & 2004 Bill Strausbaugh Award

WPGA Tournament Golf 1987 Assistant Professional Stroke Play Champion 2012 Senior Professional Stroke Play Champion

Other Awards, Honors & Committees

1983 Elected Co-President of the University of Wisconsin Student Body, 1983 Selected Homecoming King at the University of Wisconsin, 1992-1996 Wisconsin PGA Board of Directors, 1996-2014 Lake Geneva YMCA Board of Directors, 2001 Ski Instructor of the Year at Grand Geneva (Great Hobby), 2002-2005 Wisconsin PGA Junior Golf Foundation Committee Chairman, 2003-2006 Wisconsin PGA Tournament Policy Board, 2007-2010 Wisconsin PGA Junior Golf Foundation Committee, 1992-2021 Lake Geneva YMCA Emcee for major fundraiser (Over 2 Million Dollars Raised), 4 Year Letter Winner for University of Wisconsin Golf Team, 1984-1998 Qualified for 5 GMO's, 1987 - 2013 Qualified for 6 National PGA Events, 1985 - 2012 Qualified for 7 Nelthorpe Cup Matches, 2 Time Regional US Open Qualifier, and 2015 - Qualified for the USGA United States Senior Open.

Past Work Experiences

Blackhawk Country Club 1975 – 1983, Oakcrest Tavern Bartender/Cook/Server 1978-1983, Tripoli Country Club (Currently known as the University Club of Milwaukee) 1984-1987, Monona Golf Course 1988, Hillmoor Golf Course 1989 – 2007, JLG Consulting 2007-2010, Harris Yamaha Golf Cars Sales Manager 2011 – Present.

Favorite quote – If you can be anything, be KIND.

Favorite homemade meal – Good old fashion Hamburger on the grill (Grilled Onions, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, on Caramelized Bun) Sweet Corn and a salad.

Favorite way to spend free time / hobbies / personal interests – Skiing and teaching skiing, Playing golf and teaching golf, Hanging out with family and our dog, Wasting time organizing the garage.

Dream foursome and venue – My children Austin, Alex, and Annie. Pebble Beach or wherever we can play that day.

Golf Superstitions – Too many to mention. I'm a nut case.....but I am getting better as I get older.

What is the best thing to come out of the 2020 pandemic? I am very passionate about the Golf Industry and Ski (Snow sports) Industry. Golfing and Skiing are two recreational activities that brought great peace to many people that needed to have a distraction to the pandemic. Playing Golf and Snow sports were almost a form of therapy. I witnessed true appreciation (from golfers and skiers/snowboarders) for the opportunity to participate, people were patient, respectful, and appreciative. A fellow professional shared a story with me.....one of his customers told him, "I am truly happy for you and seeing your course filled with golfers, I know how hard you work and how much your business means to you. I just want to say.....I am happy for you. THANKS for all you do." This fellow pro and I, just looked at each other and smiled. It's a Great Game.

What are you most looking forward to in 2021? I truly love sharing time with others that love the game of golf, and love the snow sports industry. I want to introduce more young people (and families) to the great hobbies of playing golf and skiing/snowboarding.

One Good Comment or Thought - The World is filled with good people. Continue to share kindness, enthusiasm, and generosity. I learned from the best. (My wife Jeri, Sean Toulon, Mike Schnarr, Mike Muranyi, Dennis Tiziani, Steve and Margo Bull.)