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During my 38-year tenure at Laurel Valley, 33 years as Head Golf Professional, I have been actively involved with all aspects of private club operations. We continue to manage a very robust golf shop operation with multi-million dollar revenue each season. Our members are executives of large multi-national companies and we are tasked with their very important corporate entertaining schedules. We also conduct a full member tournament schedule, which is very popular and fully attended. Another important part of our business is high-end charity events, in which we conduct 25-30 annually.

I've been fortunate to host several national golf events, including the 1989 US Senior Open, PGA Tour 2001 Marconi Pennsylvania Classic, the 2005 Senior PGA Championship, and the 2023 Arnold Palmer Cup. I've served on boards of Junior Achievement, Folds of Honor, and Tri-State PGA and continue to be involved in many corporate/charity golf committees.

I believe my best attributes are two-fold. One is identifying what needs to be done in an operation, developing the strategy, and assigning the correct personnel to complete the task, and two, developing and continuing relationships that will benefit all parties.

I am confident that my experiences in golf will serve the mentorship committee very well, and I am honored to help in any way to further the development of young professionals in their lives within golf or any other ventures they endeavor.