

## Kyle Evans

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Golf is the only job Evans has had for the past 25 years. He started flipping burgers, working in the pro shop and mowing greens at Naples (Maine) Country Club at age 15. He worked summers at Naples while finishing his bachelor's degree in physical education at Springfield (Mass.) College.

"The gentleman I worked for and who was the first to really spark my interest in the golf industry was Chet Cutting," Evans said. "He was the pro and head superintendent there until he died in 1984."

A brief stint as a student teacher after college convinced Evans to return to the golf industry. He enrolled in the University of Massachusetts winter turf program, where he came under the tutelage of Professor Joseph Trull. Trull helped Evans land his first job as assistant superintendent at Spook Rock Golf Club in Suffern, N.Y. in 1981.

"It was the first time I saw golf as a big-time business," Evans said. "We had a \$500,000 maintenance budget and did about 50,000 rounds a year."

"Stu Staples was the head superintendent and Angelo Palermo [Vice President of Golf Course Development with National Golf Foundation Consulting Inc.] built the course. Stu kept the course in great shape and Angelo ran a good ship. It was a well-run business. I was able to get involved in many parts of the operation."

The chance to be head superintendent and return to his native Maine led Evans to take over Springbrook Golf Course in Leeds in 1983. Going from a *Golf Digest* Top 50 public course to a family-run operation in Central Maine was "a big shock," Evans noted. Owner Shirley Hamel and his son-in-law Joey Golden had rigged up an old fire truck to pump irrigation water onto the course, a sign of Maine ingenuity and thriftiness Evans came to appreciate.

"I was very involved in the entire operation," Evans recalled, "and it really whet my appetite for owning my own course one day."

But that would have to wait. After three years at Springbrook, Evans moved 45 minutes north to Orrin Smith-designed Waterville Country Club, a frequent entry on the state's Top Ten course list. Evans spent the next 10 years in Waterville. In addition to manicuring the course, Evans sat in on greens committee, golf pro selection and long-

range planning meetings.

"I owe the folks at Waterville a lot for that," Evans said. "If they hadn't provided me the opportunity to gain that experience, I wouldn't be where I am today."

Evans said two things have contributed largely to his success — an ability to deal with people and golf's growth.

"You are only as good as the

people around you," Evans said. "The two guys who will help me run Belgrade Lakes have been with me for 10 and seven years, respectively."

"Another factor in my career path is the popularity of the game itself. At every facility I have ever been involved with, I noticed more and more people playing the game. There was an increase every year. That seemed to be

true at most facilities."

Evans believes moving from course superintendent to course owner or manager is a growing phenomenon and logical progression.

"The most valuable asset is the course itself," he said. "So it makes sense we are seeing more and more superintendents taking GM positions and even owning courses."

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