

As previously discussed I am interested in throwing my hat in the ring as President. I am not exactly sure if this is what you are looking for, or what level of detail you are interested in. I am giving you a brief synopsis of my last 50 years. Let me know if this is not what you are looking for, or if you would like additional information.

I have been a competitive tennis player and engaged with tennis almost my entire life in one capacity or another. The only gap is a 22 year sabbatical when I owned restaurants. I could easily argue that the time spent running restaurants, dealing with the public and employees, would serve me equally as well, if I were to be elected to the board.

In high school I worked at Hinsdale Racquet Club. I started at the front desk and strung racquets before becoming the assistant pro.

I was given a full ride to play tennis for Southern Illinois University, where I played for 2 years, before transferring to the University of Georgia to finish up my collegiate career. After college I played some low level pro events before settling in to teaching and managing tennis clubs.

At Warner Center Racquet Club (Woodland Hills, CA) I was the head pro and ran one of the largest junior programs in Southern California, before becoming the assistant manager. At that time the club had 26 tennis courts, 6 indoor racquetball courts, a swimming pool, pro shop, and a snack bar.

A couple years later I was offered the Tennis Director position at the Racquet Club of Irvine (CA) where I was brought in to develop a high level junior program. This was accomplished over a couple year period and I am proud to say we produced a number of nationally ranked juniors who went on to play in college, and a few even professionally.

In 1983 I opened my first restaurant. Over a period of 22 years I owned and managed 4 restaurants and a catering company. No tennis.

In 2005 once I was out of the restaurant business, it was back to tennis, but in a different capacity. I now joined a tennis club where I practiced and played, participated in USTA leagues, and was nominated to the member board. I was now on the other side of the fence working to protect member interests and privileges.

Cheers,

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