STEVE DIRKS

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EDUCATION

- Queen Margaret University, Edinburgh, Scotland, 2003 2004 Postgraduate Degree in Golf and Country Club Management with Distinction. Work study with The Old Course Experience at St. Andrews, the Home of Golf. Master's thesis: *Golfreakonomics*
- Stanford University Graduate School of Business, Palo Alto, California, 1998 Executive Program for Growing Companies
- St. Olaf College, Minnesota, 1975 1979 Bachelor of Arts

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

The Plantation Golf & Country Club, Venice, FL January 2020 - June 2020 *Membership Director*

 Sold 68 new Full Golf Memberships vs. 32 in previous year period, plus 135 Full Golf Summer Memberships

River Wilderness Country Club, Parrish, FL 2018 - 2019 Director of Marketing and Membership Sales

Green Valley Country Club, Fairfield, CA 2016 - 2017 *Director of Marketing and Membership Sales*

- Sold 51 new full golf memberships, successfully resulting in two initiation price increases
- Oversaw all Social Media marketing strategies and initiated a new proprietary members' only mobile application

TPC Stonebrae, San Francisco Bay, CA 2013 - 2015 Membership Director

- Sold 57 new full golf memberships and 60 new social sports memberships
- The Club opened a new \$16,000,000 clubhouse and grounds in 2014 with no assessments to our Members

The Concession Golf Club, Sarasota, FL 2010 - 2012 Membership Director

• Sold 15 new full golf memberships at \$100,000 to \$125,000 and upgraded 5 golf memberships from \$70,000 each, resulting in net new membership deposits of \$1,733,000,

an increase of 370% over 2008 and 2009 respectively

• Increased total golf memberships in the Club by 20%, successfully resulting in a price increase from \$100,000 to \$125,000

CordeValle Golf Club (An Auberge and Rosewood Resort), San Martin, CA 2006 - 2010 Director of Membership Sales

- Sold 21 new full golf memberships in 2006 at \$125,000 and \$100,000 per corporate designee, an increase of 1,050% over 2004 and 2005 respectively
- Sold 40 new golf memberships in 2007 and 2008, for a total of \$5 million+, successfully resulting in three price increases during the year, rising from \$125,000 to \$135,000 to \$160,000 to \$185,000
- The Club began earning its first profits since opening in 2000
- Reduced the waiting list to resign from 115 to 63

The Pro Athletes Golf League, San Diego, CA 1993 - 1996 Founder and CEO

- Golf tour for current and former NFL, MLB, NBA and NHL stars broadcast on ESPN with \$300,000 in prize money
- Brought in Pepsi, Anheuser Busch and LCI Telecom as multi-million dollar sponsors

ESPN, Bristol, CT 1979 - 1984 Associate Studio Producer, ESPN SportsCenter

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND PRIVATE GOLF CLUB SOCIAL MEDIA

- Professional Club Marketing Association (PCMA), various Chambers of Commerce Board Member
- Expertise in Mobile and all Social Media including Facebook, Instagram and YouTube, Clubessentials, MembersFirst, Jonas, NorthStar, Salesforce and all Microsoft Office programs

PRIVATE GOLF CLUB MEMBERSHIPS

- Summer Golf Member The Founders Club, Sarasota (current index 15.3)
- Member Del Mar Country Club, San Diego (low index 6.3)
- Member Rancho Santa Fe Farms Golf Club, San Diego
- Member Wood Ranch Golf Club, Los Angeles
- Member Pelham Manor Country Club, New York City

EXCELLENT REFERENCES UPON REQUEST