



Stories from the Porch

Dear fellow Secession member,

Welcome to the second installment of our newsletter. Hard to believe that the LeVeen-Roach Scholarship Fund is in its 15th year of helping Beaufort-area residents, as well as many Secession employees, fulfill their dreams of a college education.

Our scholars featured in our Q+A this time are well known to all of us—John (J-Bird) Woods and Chris Summers. Please read on to get to know them better, and thanks so much for all your support!

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John Woods a.k.a. J-Bird (caddie)

Sophomore

University of South Carolina Beaufort

Tell us about where you are in your education.

I am two classes shy of being a junior at the University of South Carolina Beaufort, working on a degree in English with a minor in philosophy.

And have you thought about your goals after college?

As far as an ultimate career goal, I am just going where I feel God is leading me and hope to help as many people as possible. My goal is not money, but happiness and contentment. God will provide the necessities.

What has the LeVeen-Roach Scholarship meant to you?

The scholarship has allowed me to go back to school. Without it I would definitely not be able to afford college as I did not want to be up to my eyeballs in loans when I finished. It has also allowed me to work part time and not be worried about how I'm going to afford books and other such things.

What does golf mean to you? Who taught you or inspired you?

I grew up in a single-parent home with my mother. I was not a country club kid, but my grandfather, who was my male role model, loved golf and taught me to play. The game has taught me life is hard but fair when you play by the rules and to enjoy the journey and you will know peace and contentment in all aspects of your life. My grandfather would be very pleased with where my life is heading and extremely grateful to the men of Secession Golf Club.

Tell us something about you.

I read everything from Aristotle to Than Nicht Hahn, I also read a lot of poetry. I have started writing a lot; hoping to write a book before it is all said and done. I enjoy being out in nature, helping others, and basically just seeing what I can contribute to the betterment of the people. And I'd like to take this time to thank the board of the scholarship fund and all the members of the club. Everyone has been beneficial to the man I am becoming. God bless you all.



Chris Summers

University of South Carolina Beaufort

You are one of our first recipients. Where are you living now, and what profession are you in?
Beaufort, South Carolina. I am the director of accommodations at Secession Golf Club.

Where did you go to college, and what was the focus of your studies?
I attended the University of South Carolina Beaufort. My major was business management.

What does the game of golf mean to you? Who taught you or inspired you?
From learning the game at a very young age to now working in the industry, golf has always been important to me. My father, Fred Summers, introduced me to the game when I was about four years old. I remember having a cut down golf club and joining him for a “quick 9” after he returned from work. He had to pay 50 pence as a “green fee!” My father was, and still is, a fine player who taught me about the game and the life lessons that come with it. I joined Burton-on-Trent Golf Club in Derbyshire, England, at 12 years of age. I didn’t realize it at the time, but golf was shaping my life. The game brought me to America to teach golf in Haverford, Pennsylvania, caddy at Merion Golf Club, and ultimately to Secession Golf Club.

What has the LeVeen-Roach Scholarship meant to you?
The Secession caddy master at the time, Joe McGee, lent me \$3,000 to start college. (He worked me like a dog so I could pay him back in a timely manner!) Further help from the scholarship was absolutely crucial for me to continue my studies. I knew Jeff LeVeen and Stephen Roach after caddying for them a few times. They were wonderful people. I was standing by No. 1 tee on the morning of Blue-Gray 2001. Members were lined up all the way up the 18th fairway. Talk about a lump in the throat.

Tell us something about you.
I have a wonderful wife, Ellie, and daughter, Morgan, who has just begun her junior year at John Paul II High School. I play golf and have traveled in Europe and North Africa; I’m a bit of a history buff. I hitchhiked across America once, regularly travel to the Florida Keys, own a rescue dog, and am passionate about Derby County Football Club!

About The LeVeen-Roach Scholarship Fund



The LeVeen-Roach Scholarship Fund was founded in memory of Jeffrey Earle LeVeen and Stephen Louis Roach, loyal and devoted family men and respected members of Secession Golf Club, who lost their lives in the World Trade Center terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001.

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