

STEVEN [SHIP] SHIPULESKI
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RESUME

DATE OF BIRTH: October 8, 1970

EDUCATION: Plainfield Elementary School
Plainfield High School

BIOGRAPHY: Steven Shipuleski (Ship) was born on October 8, 1970 in New Haven, Connecticut and resided on a mini-farm, in a small town in Plainfield, Connecticut, with his mother Nancy, father Henry, his older sister Kristine and older brother Frank. Steven was born with Cerebral Palsy and as a result, his left arm was unusable. There was no active nerves, and his left leg, likewise, had nerve damage that prevented full growth of his left leg and the lack of both severely affected his coordination.

During his adolescent years and teenage years, and not having the normal abilities of an average boy, he was determined to participate in nearly every activity, other than baseball, basketball and football, which, at that time, were restricted to him, due to local Insurance and Liability issues . As a result of his determination, many times against the wishes of his mother, and during the times he was subjected to several surgeries to his left arm, he refused to stay inactive and engaged in a self-learning process which included, learning to ride a bike, roller skate, skate board, swim, and numerous other activities. His mother stated, that prior to reaching the age of ten (10) years of age, he had accumulated over fifty (50) stitches in accomplishing his self-learned activities.

Steven's determination and will power resulted in his refusal to acknowledge or accept that he had a disability. His mother noted that from a very young age, with only the use of his right arm and hand, he learned to tie his own shoes, fold his clothes, make his bed, {try putting a pillow in a pillow-case with one (1) hand}, cut his food, and assist with numerous chores around the family farm.

During his high school years, and as a result of his exceptionally high grades, the High School allowed him participation in a "*during the school work program*", where he worked at a lumber yard storing, carrying and loading building materials, including all types of lumber, plywood, sheetrock, bags of concrete, bales of hay and numerous other building materials, which resulted in Steve acquiring extraordinary strength in his right side. Steve has stated, that during his elementary and high school years, he was never bullied by his schoolmates, but in fact, was respected due to his refusal to accept sympathy and his continued determination to perform duties and participate in activities with one (1) arm that nearly all, utilize two (2).

His father stated that when Steven reached the age of 16, and desired to obtain his driver's license, he refused to take the driving test in a vehicle with an automatic transmission and would only take the test in a vehicle with a standard transmission. Steven passed the test on his first attempt and the Driving Instructor told Steve's father that he drove better than most drivers with two (2) arms. After graduating from High School in 1989, Steve was employed by several Building supply Companies and is currently employed at THERMA SEAL INSULATION, in West Palm Beach, Florida.

WORK HISTORY:

AD Tripp's Lumber - Lisbon, Connecticut
It Dealers - Franklin, Connecticut
Builder's Choice - Pompano Beach, Florida
THERMA SEAL - North Palm Beach, Florida

GOLF HISTORY:

In 1996, a friend of Steve and then professional teacher and mini tour golfer that operated a driving range and restaurant in Brooklyn, Connecticut, repeatedly, for nearly a year, put forth a concerted effort, in encouraging Steve to take up the game of Golf, but to no avail.

In 1997, while Steve was having dinner at the Brooklyn Country Club restaurant, Steve conceded to a one (1) hour lesson at the driving range. Within that one (1) hour, the **"Golf Gods"** took over, consumed Steve, and was hence forth, **"addicted"**. After several months of lessons on both the range and golf course, his friend and golf instructor, Carter Rodowicz, moved to Florida in 1998 and Steve was on his way to become one (1) of the elite golfers in the Connecticut area. Steven played in numerous golfing events and became a well respected twelve (12) handicap golfer.

Steve, determine to excel in the game of golf and realizing that his game would not progress quickly living in the Northeast, an area that offers open golf facilities only six (6) months out of the year, weather permitting, opted to move to Florida in 2001, within miles of his golf instructor and close friend. Steve, over the next several years spent numerous hours daily, improving all aspects of his game and lowering his handicap to scratch, at various times, on several golf courses, in the West Palm Beach area; gaining the utmost respect of any golfer that played with him, while maintaining a full-time management position with a Florida Building Company. In 2010 Steve's friend and Instructor advised him, that he should get involved in demonstrating his ability to other handicapped individuals and elderly adults, as well as compete competitively on a steady basis or as often as possible. Steve has since played in several local tournaments in Connecticut, Georgia, California, including

but not limited to, the Florida Open for Golfers with Disabilities and/or Mobility Challenges on more than one occasion, and recently, September 8, 2014, traveled to the Stirling Golf Club in Scotland, representing America in a form of Ryder Cup, for one armed golfers, titled "THE FIGHTMASTER CUP".

Steve and his Golf Instructor are presently setting up a Web-Site to offer Golf Instruction to the physically impaired and elderly in Port St. Lucie, Florida and plan to offer two (2) hour Pre-Tournament Seminars to children, adults and handicap individuals at courses hosting Tournaments throughout the United States. Over the next five (5) years, Steve will likewise attempt to expand his Tournament Play throughout the United States, in preparation for an attempt at the PGA Senior Tour.

GOLF ACOMPLISHMENTS:

1999 Brooklyn Country Club Champion

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2010, 2013 Florida Open for Golfers w/ Disabilities Champion

2014 Fightmaster team player representing America in Scotland

COMMENTATION:

"I have never seen anyone with one arm hit the golf ball so pure, and have the around the green touch and putting abilities of a Touring Professional".

Lance Tenbrock

PGA Caddie

"I am a low handicap golfer and have played with numerous golf professionals, to include Jasper Parnivik, Kenny Green, Sergio Garcia, Lance Tenbrock and Fred Funk, and I would not suggest any of them give strokes to Steve Shipuleski".

George Rokas

Golfer

"I have played on various professional golf tours, including the Hooters Tour, as well as PGA Senior Tour Qualifiers; have provided golf instruction for over twenty (20) years; but until meeting Steve Shipuleski, I have never met a golfer, let alone a golfer with one (1) arm, that has reached the professional golf caliber Steve has, in such a short time".

Golf Instructor

Carter Rodowicz

SPONSORSHIPS:

Steve Shipuleski is currently seeking yearly company sponsorship funds to assist in funding his present golfing goals; to include but not limited to, competing in approximately twenty-four (24) various tournaments per year throughout the United States; providing several golfing Seminars for the handicap/ elderly, in preparation for competition on the 2020 PGA Senior Tour.

All Company names/logos will be clearly displayed on the clothing and/or golf equipment of Steve Shipuleski for those Companies that are willing to contribute funds/sponsorship in support of Steve Shipuleski. Companies interested in providing financial support for Steve Shipuleski should contact his Manager, specifically Deborah Shipuleski, for further information. Deborah Shipuleski may be reached via telecommunications at (561) 889-4191 or via e-mail transmission at debsahappyfrog2@yahoo.com.

CURRENT SPONORS:

Superior Scheduling & Consulting, LLC	-	Port St. Lucie, Florida
THERMA SEAL	-	North Palm Beach, Florida