

## My First Job

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**Now:** Business owner  
**Then:** Golf-course driver

**Current position:** Co-founder, CEO and president, Seattle-based Matter Group, creator of the Xeko adventure game

**First job:** Driving the range car and collecting golf balls at the Foothills Golf Course in Denver when I was 16.

I drove an old tractor rigged with a ball collector and a cage welded on for protection. Crack ... whiz ... ping! Everyone aims for the range car. I also had to run the balls through a washer — a very wet and mucky job. After a while I got used to balls whizzing at me, although the presence of a shooting range next to the driving range was always unsettling.

**How I got the job:** I had just finished my first golf lessons and learned about the job from my golf coach.

**What I learned:** As I learned and everyone knows, a lot of business deals are made on the golf course. Really, a lot of business happens outside of the office in general and you need to be open to opportunities everywhere. Going from the high-tech industry to launching a company to inspiring the next generation of eco-leaders requires serious networking and acting on the connections you make wherever you are. I meet the most remarkable people in the most unexpected places. And, at the end of the day, it's nice to know I can navigate a course and sink a ball while I'm at it!

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