

HUDSON VALLEY INDOOR GOLF: Upping Your Game From the Screen to the Green

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Hudson Valley Indoor Golf is upstate's premier golf facility, bringing the joy of golf to the community year-round. Located in the heart of the Hudson Valley, HVIG offers a variety of golf experiences centered around fun, learning, and community engagement. Whether you're a seasoned golfer, a complete beginner, or just looking to have a little fun, Hudson Valley Indoor Golf has something for everyone. With lessons, mini golf-style games, and state-of-the-art simulators featuring over 250,000 courses, Valatie's hidden gem ensures that all ages and skill levels can enjoy the game of golf.

Founded in 2021 by Evan Silkworth, a seasoned golf professional with over 26 years of experience, HVIG was created to address the lack of winter golf options in the area. Returning home from warmer climes, Evan saw the potential to make golf accessible year-round, helping to break the traditional seasonality of the sport in the Northeast. His mission is simple: to make golf a sport for everyone.



Evan believes that golf transcends age, gender, and skill level; allowing people of all backgrounds to come together on an equal playing field. At Hudson Valley Indoor Golf, golf is much more than just a sport; it's a lifestyle that teaches valuable lessons. Honesty, respect, and perseverance are key values in this game, as players call penalties on themselves and learn that hard work and dedication yield results. Evan is passionate about creating an inclusive environment where enthusiasts from age 7 to 87 can enjoy the game together, sharing the same equipment and experiences.

Mr. Silkworth, owner and PGA professional, has dedicated his career to helping others discover the joys of golf. A Pro since 2013, Evan combines his extensive knowledge of the game with a lifelong commitment to teaching and community involvement. Outside the facility, Evan is a family man whose time is well-spent with his wife Elisabeth, son Emerson (5), daughter Aria (4), and their senior cat Severus. A self-proclaimed "professional child chauffeur," he's on-hand for the kids' many activities: including soccer, ballet, and science pursuits. In his free time, Evan enjoys diving, boating, and fishing with his son — "which is mostly a lot of him knotting the line, me unknotting it, him casting, & me unknotting it again — there's not a lot of actual fish involved

at this point". For Evan, the best part of his job is helping students achieve breakthroughs in their skills, seeing the 'aha' moments that spark confidence and passion for the sport. With Hudson Valley Indoor Golf, he aims to spread this joy to the wider community, ensuring that golf remains a sport that everyone can learn, enjoy, and benefit from.

HVIG is committed to fostering a strong community connection. The facility offers programs for all levels, including beginner classes, kids' programs, and specialized offerings such as PGA HOPE (Helping Our Patriots Everywhere): a free golf initiative for veterans. Evan emphasizes that golf is one of the most altruistic sports, with a culture of giving back and supporting the community. The facility is more than just a golf destination — it's a place where people can meet, connect, and share in the love of the game. Described as the "Cheers" of tee time, Hudson Valley Indoor Golf offers a welcoming atmosphere where guests are likely to run into familiar faces. Their friendly environment and dedicated staff make every visit enjoyable, whether you're there to practice your swing or have a round with friends. With simulators as "offices" and recreation as "work," Hudson Valley Indoor Golf turns a day on the job into a fun-filled experience for everyone.

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