



## **MIKE BELBIN WINS THE 2010 GOLF SUPPLY HOUSE PGA OF ALBERTA ASSISTANTS' CHAMPIONSHIP AT INGLEWOOD G&CC**

**August 10, 2010** – Entering the final round of the 2010 Golf Supply House Assistants' Championship trailing by four shots, a double bogey-bogey start on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> holes was not how Mike Belbin had anticipated making a run at first-round leader Jamie Kureluk of the Cottonwood G&CC. However, the Royal Mayfair GC Apprentice made 4 birdies in his next 5 holes and eventually birdied 6 of his next 9 to snatch the lead away from Kureluk, who struggled for much of the day off the tee and on the greens. When Belbin took a four-shot lead into the 17<sup>th</sup> hole after adding birdies on #14 and #16, those following the final threesome figured the end result was a foregone conclusion. A double-bogey by Belbin, though, dropped his lead to two entering the reachable par-5 18<sup>th</sup> hole. The final hole did not disappoint, with Kureluk's 2<sup>nd</sup> shot hitting the large tree that guards the green. His ball, though, found a hole through the branches, landed just left of the green, finally lipping out for a double-eagle 2, which would have forced Belbin to two-putt from the front of the green just to get into a playoff. In what was likely a bit of a letdown after Belbin lagged his first putt to a foot, Kureluk missed the eagle attempt, allowing Belbin to finish the tournament with that same two-shot advantage.

Troy Prusky of the Lakeside GC, who grew up playing at Inglewood, shot a final-round 68 to finish alone in third place at 3-under, four behind Kureluk. Three players finished tied for fourth after two-day scores of 2-under 140: Blair Buttar of the Glendale G&CC, Tyler Lebouthillier of the Elbow Springs GC, and Jason Haley of the RCGA Golf Centre. Rounding out the top 10 players at 1-under 141 were Darryl James of the National Golf Academy at McCall Lake, Chris Toth of the Riverside GC, Quinn Powell of the Lakeside GC and Marty Wheaton of the Red Deer G&CC.

Belbin takes home \$4,300 for the win, while Kureluk pockets \$2,830 for his second-place finish. Kureluk also adds his name to the Inglewood G&CC record books, with his first-round 62 setting a new course record for the club located in the heart of Calgary.

Mike Belbin and Jamie Kureluk also become the first two players to qualify for Team Alberta at the 2010 Canadian PGA Assistants' Championship in British Columbia in September. They will be joined by the top two Assistants on the PGA of Alberta Order of Merit as of the end of the month. Belbin and Kureluk were part of the 2009 Alberta team that took home the team event at that same National Championship and are eager to defend their title.

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