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Eleven years after his last PGA of Alberta Championship win, Brett Burgeson is the champion once again after a dramatic win today at his home Country Hills GC. Burgeson held off charges from a number of players on a tough, windswept Talons Course, shooting a final-round 74 to finish at even-par 144 for the tournament and a one-shot victory over his nearest pursuer Adam Pederson of the Heritage Pointe GC.

Burgeson entered the final two holes with a five-shot lead over Pederson but a four-putt double bogey on 17 made things interesting entering the final hole. After both players missed the 18th green with their approach shots, Pederson made himself a fan favorite with the crowd gathered behind the green with a single shot, holing a near-impossible chip to force Burgeson to two-putt from 35 feet for bogey and the championship. Burgeson was up to the task, though, holing a tough 3-footer for his second PGA of Alberta Championship title.

Trevor Ellerman of the Riverview GC had an excellent tournament, finishing alone in third place one shot behind Pederson after back-to-back 73's, while Darryl James of the National Golf Academy at McCall Lake and Don Graham, a retired PGA of Alberta Member up from Fountain Hills, Arizona, finished in a tie for fourth at 3-over 147. Both James and Graham found themselves within a shot of the lead on several occasions, however some late bogeys derailed their chances to add their third and fourth titles respectively at this tournament.

For Burgeson, this win caps a great week as he won the PGA of Alberta Club Professional Championship on Thursday and Friday of last week at the Red Deer G&CC. With his victory this week, he pockets \$6,200 to add to his \$4,700 first place cheque from that tournament. Pederson's final shot earned him some \$1,000 as it moved him up to solo second place and a \$4,100 paycheque. Ellerman takes home \$3,240 for his third place finish.

Burgeson has to be considered a solid contender for PGA of Alberta Player of the Year after this win and he will expand his lead atop the PGA of Alberta's Order of Merit. Pederson will take a tremendous amount of confidence from this event into the PGA of Alberta Assistants' Championship in two weeks time at Stony Plain.

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