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Jason Stanier, Head Professional at the Inglewood G&CC, captured the 2010 PING Canada PGA of Alberta Club Professional Championship today at the Earl Grey GC, adding a second-round 73 to his Day 1 score of 3-under 68 to hold off Head Professional Greg McGarry of the Glendale G&CC by three shots. For Stanier, it is his first major PGA of Alberta championship win, while McGarry, having already won this tournament in 2005 and 2006, was a contender heading into the event. The two players entered the second round with just two shots separating them, and it was Stanier who got off to a solid start, playing the first nine in a 1-under par score of 34 to take a three-shot lead entering the final nine holes. Not even a wayward tee shot into the maintenance yard on the 10th hole could deter him, as he played solid golf for the remaining eight holes, maintaining that three-shot margin all the way to the clubhouse.

The Earl Grey Golf Club proved an excellent test, as expected, for all 59 of the PGA of Alberta Head Professionals, Executive Professionals, and Head Teaching Professionals in attendance, forcing players to hit fairways off the tee and navigate its difficult putting surfaces in order to play well. Nobody did those two things better over the two days than Stanier, who put himself position on the first day by making a number of lengthy putts before playing solid fairways-and-greens golf in the final round to add his name to a prestigious list of championship winners including McGarry, Brett Burgeson, and Scott Allred, who missed this year's tournament due to a broken arm.

Dale Tomlinson of the Carstairs GC posted the round of the championship on Day 2, a 4-under 67, vaulting himself from a tie for 38th entering the day to a tie for 3rd place. He was joined at 4-over 146 by Brett Burgeson of the Country Hills GC and Jeff Cuthbertson of the Cougar Creek GR. In a tie for 6th place at 147 were Lindsey Kotylak of the Leduc G&CC and Curtis Robertson of the Valley Ridge GC, while four players finished at 148 (Kevin Davison of the Nanton GC, Ron Laughher of the Priddis Greens G&CC, Phil McCluskey of Akokiniskway GC, and Craig McArthur of the Blackhawk GC) to round out those players receiving exemptions to the 2010 Canadian Club Professional Championship in November in Port St. Lucie, Florida.

Stanier and McGarry become the first two players to solidify their spots on Team Alberta for that National Championship with their finishes. They will be joined by the next two eligible players from the PGA of Alberta Order of Merit at the end of the season to form the four-man provincial team that will compete with teams from all over the country for the team title in Florida.

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