

Todd Halpen

Head Teaching Professional - Golf Canada Centre/Golfuture

After 8 seasons of teaching golf to players of all levels, I am confident that the perspective I bring to the Board is a necessary, and positive one. If elected, I will be available to any PGA of Alberta Professional to voice ideas, concepts, questions, and concerns. It is important that all of our researched opinions are valued and considered by the Board of Directors.

The Golf Canada Centre is a venue for every type of golfer, from brand new beginner to elite private club member. This gives me a valuable perspective specifically when it comes to introducing new players to the game, and providing a venue for avid golfers in the off-season. I think that this perspective needs better representation on the Board.

My Association involvement to date has been very active in tournaments, seminars, buying shows (exhibitor and attendee), AGM's, and various other events, and I strongly feel that the existing Board would value my input. I expect a higher standard of participation from our members in PGA of Alberta events and support the Top 100 Program completely. I will help it evolve to improve our reputation as Professionals. If elected to this position, I will additionally help the PGA of Alberta leverage social media, charity events, and various corporations to obtain sponsorship, partnerships, and initiatives to grow the game. I bring a no-nonsense and researched perspective on tournament operations, educational opportunities, and Association non-golf event planning. Thanks for your consideration for this position.

Garett Jenkinson Head Teaching Professional - Golf Performance Centre

I became a Golf Professional in 1994. I am a PGM graduate and entered the golf industry managing outside services at Priddis Greens Golf and CC. I became a Golf Professional at the Glencoe Golf and CC and in 2000 I got my Canadian Tour card. After playing for 3 years I was a part owner in a Nevada Bob's and then started a Teaching Academy in 2013.

I have experience at private courses, public courses and concrete retail facilities. My experience as a pro including being a club pro, player, head pro, retailer and as an instructor. I am a former player of the year as well as teacher of the year. I have also had the opportunity to learn and work with some of the best in our Association.

I have currently served one term on the Board in Education and Tournaments. I have enjoyed being part of and having input in our future as an Association. I believe that my experiences as many different kinds of Professionals gives me perspective to help represent all Golf Professionals when making decisions at a Board level.

I have great passion for the game of golf and for growing and improving our game. I would appreciate your consideration to continue as your representative on the Board.



Jeff MacGregor Head Professional - Inglewood G&CC

I am entering my 15th season at the Inglewood Golf Club and 9th as the Head Professional. I've been a member of the PGA since 2005 and a Class A member since 2008. I'm currently serving on the Employment and Education committees. Previously I served on the Assistants' Board from 2008 to 2010. I've served as the President of my condo board for the past 3 years and on that board for 6 years. I also am involved with numerous charities that include the Shriners & Alberta Sports and Recreation Association for the Blind.

I believe I would bring a fresh voice to our Board of Directors. This voice would pertain to our entire membership as a whole. I've been very active nationally and provincially. I believe there are many untouched avenues to run our Association as a business and I would like to explore those ideas as a Board member.

Please consider my nomination.



Greg McGarry Head Professional - Glendale G&CC

I moved to Alberta from my native Nova Scotia after graduating with a Commerce Degree from St. Mary's University in Halifax in 1993. My entrance into the golf industry came the next year when I became an Assistant Professional at the Lacombe G&CC where I spent four seasons. I was also an Assistant Professional at the Glendale G&CC for four years and the Inglewood G&CC for one season. My first Head Professional role came in 2004 when I was hired back at the Lacombe G&CC. That was a short-lived post however, as I returned to the Glendale to become their Head Professional in 2005 where I've remained for 14 seasons.

In the fall of 2018, I stepped up and became the Interim General Manager at the Glendale and I'm looking to make that a permanent role. I am very passionate about all aspects of the industry and has just completed my fourth term on the Board of Directors with the PGA of Alberta serving as the current President of the Zone.

Prior to that I was the VP of Finance and have Chaired the following portfolios during my time on the Board: Media & Sponsorship, Tournaments, and Buying Show & Sponsorship. I believe the Association is making great strides in the Industry and want to continue leading our great Zone.



Doug Repp Head Professional - HeatherGlen GC

In the Spring of 2020, I will be entering my 21st season as a member of the PGA of Canada. Over these past 20+ seasons I have worked at a wide variety of clubs: resorts, private, semi-private and public courses that have allowed me to learn a great deal of new skills at each and every facility that I have been a part of.

From picking range balls and cleaning members clubs (I still do this today) to organizing leagues, charity shot guns and member events at all levels of skill, ability and competitive levels have allowed me to continuously feel a great sense of pride in what I do on a day-to-day basis.

Annually I ensure that I stay as active within the Association as I can, and moving forward I strive to continually improve upon my current skill set while giving back to the industry more moving forward and I would like to do so as a member of the Board.



Chris Schatzmann Head Professional - Stewart Creek G&CC

I have been a Golf Professional for 19 years and a Class A Member since 2007. I am very grateful for the opportunities that have been afforded to me through my roles at 2 of the provinces premier golf facilities. My first 5 years as a Professional at a private club (Priddis Greens) under the mentorship of incredible leaders set me up well for my career in the golf profession. As Head Professional at Stewart Creek I have led a team that has created a culture of service excellence, that drives business levels and that has positioned our facility as one the country's premier golfing experiences.

I have been involved in the Association by volunteering at buying shows, PGA on wheels, leading as an industry mentor and participating in various education seminars and programs. I am an active participant in Association events, both as a player as well as having had the privilege to host several key PGA of Alberta events. I have been fortunate enough to be recognized for my achievements by my peers, having been named Club Professional of the Year Finalist for the past 3 seasons.

The past Boards have done an excellent job positioning our Association for success and I am appreciative of my fellow Professionals efforts. At this time in my career I have the time and resources to play my part in carrying the torch to ensure we stay robust as an Association. I have a strong work ethic, which combined with my past experience and my ability to work well within a group environment will make me an excellent addition to the PGA of Alberta Board of Directors.



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Tahlon Sweenie Head Professional - Jasper Park Lodge GC

I started playing golf at the age of 11 at the Stony Plain Golf Course. During that time it was widely considered the top Junior Program in Alberta. At 17 I was awarded a sponsored membership at the Edmonton Petroleum Golf and Country Club were I ended up working for the following season as a member services employee. After enrolling in the PGM program at Lethbridge College, I worked at the Devon Golf Club, Cougar Creek Golf Resort, Hope Island Golf Resort in Queensland, Australia and the Windermere Golf & Country Club. I became a PGA of Canada Class A Professional in 2007 and at the age of 22 was hired by the Edson Golf Club as the Head Golf Professional.

My most recent experience is as the Director of Golf Operations "Interim" at the Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge Golf Resort where I have spent the past eight seasons, seven as the Head Golf Professional. Voted by ScoreGolf Magazine as Canada's #1 Resort and #2 Golf Course in the Country. During my 18 years in the golf industry, I have gained in-depth knowledge and progressive experience in all areas of golf operations. I possess a Professional Golf Management Diploma and a Professional Golf Management Certificate of Achievement with specialization in Golf Operations and Management & Leadership from the PGA of Canada Training Academy. I currently sit on the PGA of Alberta Executive Board of Directors and Co-Chair the Promotions Committee as well as the Communications Committee for the past two terms.

If re-elected, I will pursue staying on the Promotions & Communications portfolio to help keep our members informed and current with what is happening within our Association.