



Assistants' Board Nominees



Joey Busetto

Class A Professional - Riverside GC

I have been in the golf industry for that past 10 years and have worked primarily at a public golf course. Being in this environment has given me the opportunity to work with and interact with individuals from all walks of life. I understand how and why the golf industry is struggling to grow as well as the areas where I feel it is growing the most and have ideas on how to promote the game to a broad demographic. I have also been fortunate enough to work with the Paralympics Association here in Edmonton doing lessons and I believe that continuing to work with this Association would help us to expand within the community. I take part in almost all our tournaments put on by our great PGA of Alberta staff, but I think I have some ideas that can help get us better turn outs and overall better experiences for our Members. I look forward to having the chance to be on the Assistants' Board and representing all of you as best as I can.

Chris Cooke

Candidate For Membership - Kananaskis Country GC

Technically I'll be entering my fourth year as an Assistant Professional. However, having a father as an Executive Professional, I've been around the industry my entire life. First ever Buying Show I attended was at the Banff Springs hotel when I was four years old. Having gained knowledge of what the PGA of Alberta stands for from such a young age, I feel like my knowledge and passion will be an asset to our Assistants' Board of Directors into the future. Having spent my first two seasons as a professional at the Canmore G&CC and this past season at Kananaskis Country GC, I've gained a valuable understanding of what types of golfers attend these fast paced, semi-private and public facilities. Our golf industry, along with the people playing the game has evolved immensely over the past decade and will continue this trend into the near future. It would a great honour to represent the PGA of Alberta Assistants' Membership for the upcoming 2019/20 seasons.





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Graeme Drummond

Candidate For Membership - Inglewood G&CC

I am entering my fourth year in the industry and my third at Inglewood G&CC. I run the junior golf program and am very passionate about our game and the growth of it. I have always felt like I didn't have anything to add to a Board like this but after spending time with other Assistants' Board Members, I have realized that I do have experience and ideas to bring to the table. If nominated, I am looking forward to giving back to the industry and helping Assistant Professionals across the province.

Chad Feener

Candidate For Membership - Leduc GC

As a young CFM, I'm extremely proud to be a Member of the PGA of Canada. I am very passionate about instruction, coaching and more importantly growing the game. I've successfully launched my very own Golf Academy, and offer programming to all level of golfers, including juniors and young adults with autism, or special needs. I've received training from the EI's for Autism Foundation, and am very proud to offer the opportunity to affected families thru out the province. I'm very much involved in the day to day operations of our golf facility, and am also a Member of the Golf Show Committee. I donate time to local fundraisers, junior camps and much more within the community. My journey to obtain, or meet Class A educational requirements has been inconsistent and challenging at times. This is not a reflection of the people in place, as they are all amazing, but I feel like there is a gap on how our industry communicates with our new CFM's. I have participated in the original orientation, have participated in NCCP and fitting seminars, attended the Golf Show, and Tee Talks, am in constant contact with our education department, and simply feel we have room to improve, and maybe just not enough resources available to support our CFM's. I want to help, and make the journey from CFM to a Class "A" Professional more clear, smooth and add additional support.





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Bryce Halverson Candidate For Membership - Winston GC (The)

As this is my fourth season at The Winston GC and second full season being a PGA of Alberta member, I believe I can bring valuable business knowledge and a fresh external perspective to the Assistants' Board of Directors. From a personal perspective, I would love to help the Association continue to grow and excel in the right direction with increased involvement in all events and tournaments, which will help create revenue and a better experience for our fellow Golf Professionals here in Alberta. Initiatives such as the PGA on Wheels, Tournaments, Buying Show, and Consumer Show are all aspects of Association that I believe could be slightly re-engineered to entice increased participation. My current involvement with the Golf Show Committee has given me great enjoyment and satisfaction, and I believe that being a member of Assistants' Board of Directors would allow me to take that involvement one step further. As someone who is currently responsible for the Junior Program, Men's League, Outside Services, and In-House events aspects of operation at The Winston GC, I am passionate about growing the game for future generations and using events as a way to do so. I believe these qualities would make me a qualified candidate for an election on the PGA of Alberta Assistants' Board of Directors.

Greg Johnson Class A Professional - Inglewood G&CC

I am now in my 10th year as a PGA of Canada Golf Professional. Having been at numerous clubs during my Membership (Country Hills, Springbank Links, Lynx Ridge, Crystal Ridge as Head Professional and now Inglewood G&CC as an Associate Professional) I feel that I have accrued a good deal of experience and have developed many long last relationships along the way. I have played in many events with the PGA of Alberta but would like to expand my involvement with the Association. I would now like to apply what I've learned throughout my career to benefit both the Zone and my fellow Members. I would also love to sit on a committee and learn more about our Association and further develop myself as a Professional!





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Sam Kirkness

Class A Professional - Priddis Greens G&CC

I have been a Member of the Assistants' Board of Directors for the past two years and am part of the Membership & Employment Committee, Education Committee and Calgary Consumer Show Committee. In 2018, I was awarded the PGA of Alberta Professional Development Award and in 2016 the PGA of Alberta Assistant Professional of the Year (CFM). I have been a Member of the PGA for four years, achieving my Class A status in 2017 while employed as a Senior Associate Professional at Priddis Greens Golf & Country Club. Over the past four years I have participated in many tournaments through the PGA and look to continue to be actively involved with the PGA while growing as a Professional. I would like to continue to be a voice for the Assistant Professionals moving forward and be a leader in our industry.

Eric Locke

Candidate For Membership - Priddis Green G&CC

I am going into my fifth year in the industry. One year at Wolf Creek and now, four at Priddis Greens, working myself into a twelve month position. In my time at both these facilities I've learned a tremendous amount. Now I'm looking to expand my knowledge of the industry and help the Association in any and every way I can. I believe my task orientation, attention to detail and passion that I could provide the Assistants' Board would be an asset. Another reason I want to be part of the Assistants' Board is that, I want to be more involved with the Association that has given me so much. I have not done as much as I should and I'm looking to change that this season. Between playing in many PGA of Alberta events, teaching not only at Priddis Greens but also at the Grand Slam Golf Academy and working in the Pro Shop, I believe I can contribute to the conversation in many different ways. Looking forward to a great 2019 season and hopefully one where I get to become a bigger part of the Association.





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Michael McEachern Candidate For Membership - Woodside GC

I am going into my 2nd year as an Assistant Professional at Woodside GC in Airdrie. I got my card in 2017 so I am fairly new to the Golf Professional world. Since becoming an Assistant Professional I have learned so much from my Head Pro Kurtis Foote. In November I joined the Promotions and Communications Committee, which allowed me to be more involved with the PGA of Alberta. I feel that joining the Assistants' Board would further my passion in this career, and allow me to have a bigger voice in the industry.

Troy Mills Class A Professional - Jasper Park Lodge GC

My name is Troy Mills and I've been a proud Member of the PGA of Canada since 2006, a PGA of Alberta Member since 2009, and a Class A Member since 2013. I'm running for a spot on the Assistant's Board of Directors for 2019 as I would like to begin giving back to the great game and Association that has given me so much over the years. I feel this is a great starting point to do so with moving forward in our great industry. I've had the privilege of working at two incredible golf courses here in Canada, along with some highly talented Director's of Golf, and Head Golf Professionals over the last 15 years, with those two being the Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge Golf Club since 2009 and St. George's Golf and Country Club in Toronto from 2004-2008. I'm a highly self-motivated and energetic individual, with a willingness to continue learning about and growing our great game within Alberta, and how the Association directly impacts this. I look forward to exceeding your expectations, and representing the PGA of Alberta with a high level of professionalism and respect if given the opportunity to sit on the Assistants' Board of Directors.

