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As part of its ongoing effort to inform volunteers, member clubs and individual members of golf happenings in Manitoba and Northwest Ontario, Golf Manitoba is issuing regular newsletters containing updates and information of interest.

## GOLF MANITOBA OFFICES ON THE MOVE

In late January, the Golf Manitoba offices will be moving to 145 Pacific Avenue with all other provincial sport organizations in the new **Sport for Life Centre** (click [here](#) for more details on the building).

The Golf Manitoba offices will close on December 18<sup>th</sup> for the Christmas break and re-open at a temporary location at the Rossmere Country Club for the month of January. Once the new Sport for Life Centre is ready (projected end of January), all sports will then occupy the new space.

Please make a note of the new address change. All other Golf Manitoba contact information (phone numbers, e-mails, etc.) will remain the same.

If you wish to visit the Golf Manitoba offices at Rossmere in January, please call 925-5730 prior to your visit.



## GARTH COLLINGS WINS GOLF MANITOBA GOLFER OF THE YEAR AWARD AND BETTY GRANT HONORED AS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENT



Breezy Bend Country Club's Garth Collings was awarded the Golf Manitoba Amateur Golfer of the Year Award for the fifth time at Golf Manitoba's Annual Awards Dinner at the Elmhurst Golf & Country Club on October 19<sup>th</sup>.

Collings, now a 15-time nominee, won the Manitoba amateur for the third time, had a runner up finish in the mid-amateur, won the mid-masters category (40-and-over) and was a member of two provincial teams (willingdon cup and mid-amateur). He finished tied for 10<sup>th</sup> at the Canadian mid-amateur and 5<sup>th</sup> at the national mid-masters. He also won the Grey Owl Championship for a record eighth victory. Collings is currently ranked 21<sup>st</sup> on the RCGA Order of Merit.

The other finalists for this premier award for amateur golf in Manitoba were Tyler Mancini of Pine Ridge and Ryan Pitzel of Rossmere.

Six players earned honourable mentions for their strong 2009 campaigns: Tammy Gibson of St. Boniface, Jill Hardy of the Golf Manitoba Public Player Club, Don Jackson of Portage, Scott Markham of Niakwa, Jesse Skelton of Breezy Bend and Lindsay Stewart of Selkirk.

The Golf Manitoba Amateur Golfer of the Year Award dates back to 1975, and was presented for the 35<sup>th</sup> time on October 19<sup>th</sup>.

A second prestigious award was presented at the Golf Manitoba Awards Dinner to Betty Grant of the Windsor Park Ladies Golf as the third recipient of the annual Golf Manitoba Distinguished Service Award. Betty has been a volunteer since 1997 both with the Manitoba Ladies' Golf Association (MLGA) and Golf Manitoba. She served on the MLGA Board of Directors as Rules Assistant, Rules Chair and Teams Director and currently serves on the Golf Manitoba Officials Committee. She works as a Rules Official at Golf Manitoba events and is very well respected by fellow officials, volunteers, competitors and staff.



Betty is a founding member of the Windsor Park Ladies Golf Club which was formed in 1977 where she has served terms as Secretary-Treasurer, President, Sports Captain, and approx. 20 years as Rules Chair. She was also responsible for drafting the club's constitution.

She is also an original member of the Crescent Drive Thursday Ladies' Group where she has served as Secretary – Treasurer and Sports Captain.

A passionate player of the game, she is two time winner of the CLGA / RCGA Pin Rounds at Windsor Park and well as the CLGA / RCGA low net twice in the Club Championship. Betty is also an eight time club champion of the Crescent Drive Thursday Ladies' Group.

When she is not volunteering for Golf Manitoba or playing golf, she spends some of her time volunteering as a starter at the Southwood G&CC.

"Betty Grant exemplifies what it means to be a volunteer for Golf Manitoba," said Harvey Goehring, new president of Golf Manitoba. "Her passion for the rules of golf is very evident and her professionalism on the golf course is a true asset to our association. Betty's diligence and dedication in all she does is beyond belief."

Along with the Distinguished Service Award, Golf Manitoba also recognized all volunteers within the Association for their years of service to the association. Recognition was given to those individuals reaching the five, ten, fifteen, twenty and twenty-five plus years of service benchmarks.

## GOLF MANITOBA ANNOUNCES NEW PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Golf Manitoba is pleased to announce the election of a new President of the Association as well as a new Board composition following the association's Annual General Meeting held on October 19<sup>th</sup> at the Elmhurst Golf & Country Club. They include the following members who have been elected to new two-year terms:

	<b>OFFICERS</b>	<b>DIRECTORS</b>
President	Harvey Goehring, Breezy Bend	Bob Fallis, Pine Ridge
President Elect/Treasurer	Rob MacDonald, Elmhurst	Tammy Gibson, St. Boniface
Vice President	Louise Daymond, Pinawa	Kim Ross, St. Charles
Past President	Trish Jordan, Southwood	Barry Hooke, Portage

The following people were elected at the 2008 Annual General Meeting for a two year term and therefore were not required to be re-elected:

<b>Directors</b>	
	Brian Gilhuly, Selkirk
	Michelle Lee, St. Charles
	Kevin O'Donovan, Breezy Bend
	Graham Robson, Golf MB Public Player Club

Harvey Goehring is a graduate from the University of Saskatchewan with a BSA (Bachelor of Science in Agriculture) degree and a certificate in Management Development from the University of Calgary.

He retired 3 years ago after a working career with Pioneer Grain, the Canadian Wheat Board, and the Executive Director, Manitoba Institute of Agrologists.



# GOLF MANITOBA NEWSLETTER

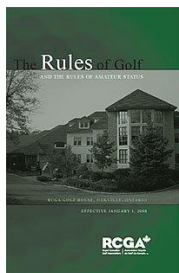
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Harvey has extensive volunteer experience with 15 years on the Board of Breezy Bend Country Club as Chair of Junior Development, Play & Rules, Secretary and President in 2000 & 2001. He became involved with Golf Manitoba as a Club Representative and has been a tournament volunteer for 16 years in the capacity of starting/scoring and a Rules Official.

Harvey joined the Golf Manitoba Board in 2003 and has chaired the Player Development, Tournament and Membership committees. He has also accompanied the Willingdon Cup Team to the Canadian Men's Amateur in 2007, 2008 & 2009.

"As a not for profit association, Golf Manitoba relies on dedicated volunteers who are willing to give of their time and skills to help us carry out our work," said Harvey Goehring, president of Golf Manitoba. "We thank them for agreeing to serve on our Board and look forward to their positive contributions in helping us grow and develop the game of golf in Manitoba and North West Ontario."

## WINTER EDUCATION SESSIONS PLANNED



Golf Manitoba will once again be conducting monthly rules of golf sessions over the winter months. This years seminars will be held at member clubs. The confirmed dates are as follows:

Wednesday January 13	7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.	Niakwa Country Club
Wednesday February 10	7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.	Rossmere Country Club
Wednesday March 10	7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.	The Wildewood Club
Wednesday April 14	7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.	TBD

If you wish to attend, please contact the Golf Manitoba office at (204) 925-5730 or [golfmb@golfmanitoba.mb.ca](mailto:golfmb@golfmanitoba.mb.ca).

## **HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM GOLF MANITOBA**



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PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR CLUB MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE IN

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