



# GOLF MANITOBA NEWSLETTER

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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 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTED AT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND NEW BRAND UNVEILED

Golf Manitoba is pleased to announce the re-election of four Board members to new two-year terms following the association's Annual General Meeting held on October 18<sup>th</sup> at the Breezy Bend Country Club. They are:

<b>Directors</b>	Brian Gilhuly, Selkirk
	Michelle Lee, St. Charles
	Kevin O'Donovan, Breezy Bend
	Graham Robson, Southwood



"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."

The following people were elected at the 2009 Annual General Meeting for a two year term and therefore were not required to be re-elected:

<b>Officers</b>	President	Harvey Goehring, Breezy Bend
	President Elect / Treasurer	Rob MacDonald, Elmhurst
	Vice President	Louise Daymond, Pinawa
	Past President	Trish Jordan, Southwood

<b>Directors</b>	Bob Fallis, Pine Ridge
	Tammy Gibson, St. Boniface
	Kim Ross, St. Charles
	Barry Hooke, Portage

In the spring of this year, the Royal Canadian Golf Association launched Golf Canada, a new consumer facing brand. The goal of this re-branding was to "unveil a new public identity to more accurately reflect its mandate to promote excellence and participation in the sport of golf in Canada". The reasoning behind this change is as follows:

- Golf Canada is better understood and more relevant within the sporting community. Many National Sport Organization's use the same concept (Canada Basketball, Hockey Canada, Rugby Canada, Skate Canada, etc).
- Golf Canada is a bilingual name, consistent in both official languages.



- Golf Canada does not have an acronym and therefore will help limit confusion.

Along with the above mentioned reasons for the change, the provincial golf associations have been provided the opportunity of using similar consumer facing brands which will allow for a better alignment between Golf Canada, the national governing body, and the ten provincial bodies. As a result, Golf Manitoba is very pleased and excited to launch a new look. The new brand represents the traditional Manitoba black and gold as worn by many provincial teams. The maple leaf will replace the former logo and assist with creating unity and clarity for amateur golf in Canada.

## **AARON COCKERILL WINS GOLF MANITOBA GOLFER OF THE YEAR**



Teulon's Aaron Cockerill was awarded the Golf Manitoba Amateur Golfer of the Year Award for the first time October 18<sup>th</sup> at Golf Manitoba's Annual Awards Dinner at the Breezy Bend Country Club.

Cockerill won the Golf Canada Western Future Links Championship, the Provincial Junior Men's Championship and was 6<sup>th</sup> at the Golf Canada Prairie Future Links event. He was the medalist in the Match Play Qualifier, won a Maple Leaf Junior Tour event, low individual at the Provincial Junior Interclub resulting in the Teulon team winning the rural division, was runner up at the Rural Junior Championship and capped off the season with a tenth place finish at the National Junior Men's Championship. He is currently ranked 40<sup>th</sup> on the Golf Canada national amateur order of merit and 9<sup>th</sup> in the country in the junior order of merit. He is the first junior player to win the Golfer of the Year Award since Mike Keast in 2002.

The other finalists for this premier award for amateur golf in Manitoba were Garth Collings and Peter More both of the Breezy Bend Country Club.

Four players earned honourable mentions for their strong 2010 campaigns: Mike Berney of Transcona, Jenna Roadley of Glendale, Myles Sullivan of Portage and Bri-ann Tokariwski of Elmhurst.

The Golf Manitoba Amateur Golfer of the Year Award dates back to 1975, and was presented for the 36<sup>th</sup> time on October 18<sup>th</sup>.

## **BRIAN GILHULY HONORED AS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENT**

A second prestigious award was presented on October 18<sup>th</sup> to Brian Gilhuly of the Selkirk Golf & Country Club as the fourth recipient of the annual Golf Manitoba Distinguished Service Award.

Brian has been a volunteer since 1986 both with the Manitoba Golf Association and Golf Manitoba. His initial start as a volunteer came as a club representative for the Selkirk Golf & Country Club and as a starter and scorer in tournaments.

He joined the Manitoba Golf Association Board of Directors in 1989 and has continued on the Board since the amalgamation with the Manitoba Ladies' Golf Association in 2004. He was the finance chair from 1990 to 2005.





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He became a course rater in 1991 when the present course rating and slope system was adopted and became the Chair of the Handicap & Course Rating Committee in 2001 following the retirement of Gord Lenton where he continues in that role. To date, Brian has completed 177 course ratings.

He has volunteered as a walking scorer at St Charles for the LPGA tournament in 1992 and the PGA Champions Tour event in 2000 and was also a hole marshal for this year's CN Canadian Women's Open.

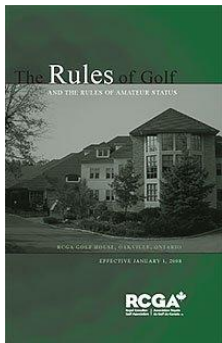
When he is not volunteering for Golf Manitoba, Brian devotes countless hours to the Selkirk Golf & Country Club where he has served on various committees since 1958. He has been a Board member at Selkirk from 1960 to 1974 and again from 1986 to present. He is also the current treasurer of the club where he has been since 1988. The Selkirk Golf & Country Club recognized his long standing commitment to the club in 2004 by honoring him as a life member.

Brian Gilhuly spends countless hours travelling to measure courses prior to actually conducting a course rating. He also spends a lot of time in front of his computer working on ratings as well as trips into the Golf Manitoba office to process the ratings. His devotion to amateur golf is extremely evident in his passion for course rating as well as his dedication to the Board and Association.

"Brian's long term dedication to the game of golf exemplifies what it means to be a Golf Manitoba volunteer" said Harvey Goehring, President of Golf Manitoba. "His passion and professionalism for course rating is a true asset to our Association. His diligence in all he does is indeed outstanding and we are pleased to recognize him with the Distinguished Service Award".

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.

## INTERESTED IN THE RULES OF GOLF?



Golf Manitoba will once again be offering its popular rules of golf seminars this winter. If you are a golfer looking to have a better appreciation of the rules (and how they can help you), someone who is intrigued by the rules or even a prospective rules official (who are always wanted), please consider attending one or more of these free seminars. We are currently putting the final touches on the program including dates and venue(s). If you are interested, please contact the Golf Manitoba office and we will be sure to put you on the contact list. We will also be putting the schedule on the Golf Manitoba website as soon as it is finalized.





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## STAY CONNECTED TO GOLF

Like many other organizations, Golf Manitoba's website is a key communication tool for Association activities. If you haven't already bookmarked [www.golfmanitoba.mb.ca](http://www.golfmanitoba.mb.ca) as a favorite, please do so and check back regularly for updates.

Some other industry related websites which may also be of interest are:

Manitoba Golf Hall of Fame & Museum – [www.manitobagolfhalloffame.com](http://www.manitobagolfhalloffame.com)

Professional Golfers Association of Manitoba – [www.manitobapga.com](http://www.manitobapga.com)

Manitoba Golf Superintendent Association - [www.mgsa.mb.ca](http://www.mgsa.mb.ca)

Golf Canada – [www.golfcanada.ca](http://www.golfcanada.ca) or [www.rcga.org](http://www.rcga.org)

National Golf Course Owners Association - [www.ngcoa.ca](http://www.ngcoa.ca)

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON GOLF MANITOBA ACTIVITIES GO TO [www.golfmanitoba.mb.ca](http://www.golfmanitoba.mb.ca)

PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR CLUB MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE IN

GOLF MANITOBA EVENTS AND SUPPORT OUR SPONSORS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR!

