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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.

BRAD KIRTON WINS LABATT GOLFER OF THE YEAR AND DON FORSYTH HONORED AS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENT

Pine Ridge's Brad Kirton was awarded the Labatt Amateur Golfer of the Year Award for the second year in a row at Golf Manitoba's Annual Awards Dinner at the St. Charles Country Club on October 20th.

Kirton was a three time champion in 2008, winning the Men's Match Play Championship in early June and following it up with victories at both the Manitoba Amateur and Mid-Amateur titles in July. He was a member of the Willingdon Cup squad that placed second at the Canadian Amateur, where he tied for 40th individually. Kirton is 29th on the Royal Canadian Golf Association's National Order of Merit.



The other finalists for this premier award for amateur golf in Manitoba were Garth Collings of Breezy Bend, Jill Hardy of Elmhurst and Peter More also of Elmhurst.

Four other golfers received honourable mention from the selection panel – Aaron Cockerill of Teulon, Kevin Giesbrecht of Carman, Ryan Pitzel of Rossmere and Noreen Stewart of Southwood.

The Labatt Amateur Golfer of the Year Award dates back to 1975 and was presented for the 34th time on October 20th.

A second prestigious award was presented to Don Forsyth of Bel Acres Golf & Country Club. Don was recognized as the second recipient of the annual Golf Manitoba Distinguished Service Award. Don has been involved as a volunteer with amateur golf since 1992 where he was a part of the first four person team to introduce course and slope rating in Manitoba and Northwest Ontario. In 1993 he had his first experience as a rules official at the Men's Match Play Championship at Wildewood Golf Club. He has continued as an active rules official to this day. He served on the Board of the Manitoba Golf Association and Golf Manitoba from 1998 to 2004 where he held the position as Officials Chair for the duration of his tenure.



"Everyone who knows Don knows what a personable and dedicated individual he is," said Trish Jordan, president of Golf Manitoba. "He has made a significant contribution to our Association over many years of service as both a Board member and active volunteer. Don is a well-respected and knowledgeable rules official and is a very deserving recipient of this prestigious award."

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



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GOLF MANITOBA ANNOUNCES APPOINTEES TO ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Golf Manitoba is pleased to announce the election of six Board members at the Association's Annual General Meeting held on October 20th at the St. Charles Country Club. They include the following returning board members who have been elected to new two-year terms:

Director	Louise Daymond, Pinawa
Director	Brian Gilhuly, Selkirk
Director	Michelle Lee, St. Charles
Director	Brenna Raemer, Golf MB Public Player Club
Director	Graham Robson, Golf MB Public Player Club

New to the Golf Manitoba Board and also elected for a two-year term is:

Director	Kevin O'Donovan, Breezy Bend
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"As a volunteer association, Golf Manitoba relies on dedicated people who are willing to give of their time and skills to help us carry out our work," said Trish Jordan, president of Golf Manitoba. "We thank these individuals 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 Northwest Ontario."

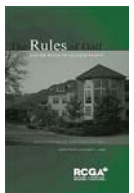
The following people were elected at the 2007 Annual General Meeting for a two year term and therefore were not required to be re-elected:

President	Trish Jordan, Southwood
President Elect	Harvey Goehring, Breezy Bend
Vice President	Don Cook, Niakwa
Treasurer	Rob MacDonald, Elmhurst
DIRECTORS	
Director	Bob Fallis, Pine Ridge
Director	Bob MacCallum, Rossmere

WINTER EDUCATION SESSIONS PLANNED

Golf Manitoba will once again be conducting monthly rules of golf sessions over the winter months. The dates are as follows:

Thursday, December 4 th	Rule # 20	Time: 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	Room 231
Thursday, January 8 th	Rule # 26	Time: 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	Room 228
Thursday, February 5 th	Rule # 18, 19 & 23	Time: 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	Room 228
Thursday, March 5 th	Rule Group Decision	Time: 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	Room 228



All education sessions will be held in the Sport Manitoba building at 200 Main Street in Winnipeg.

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





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2009 CHAMPIONSHIP VENUES

The following dates and venue have been confirmed for the 2009 Championship schedule:

Women's Amateur / Senior Championship	Selkirk Golf & Country Club	July 6 - 8
Men's & Women's Junior Championship	Rossmere Country Club	July 14 -17
Men's Amateur Championship	Pinawa Golf Club & Elmhurst Golf & Country Club	July 20 - 21 July 22 - 23
Men's Mid-Amateur	Southwood Golf & Country Club	July 27 - 30

UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA BISON GOLF



Golf Manitoba has been a proud supporter of the University of Manitoba Golf Team for the past nine years. The Association has assisted the team with grant opportunities, fundraising, administration and staff time. We are happy to include their first newsletter to inform you of the teams fall season activities. Please click [here](#).

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON GOLF MANITOBA ACTIVITIES GO TO www.golfmanitoba.mb.ca

PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR CLUB MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE IN

GOLF MANITOBA EVENTS AND SUPPORT OUR SPONSORS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR!

