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THE PGA OF SOUTH AFRICA

Dear Members

Thank you for nominating me for the PGA Club Manager Category. I am honoured to be one of the nominees.

I have been in the golfing industry for 14 years and still loving it. I started my career at Woodhill Country Club and I am currently based at Silver Lakes Golf and Wild life Estate.

Herewith a brief run-down of my achievements in the industry:

After leaving Woodhill and after completion of my apprenticeship, I was very fortunate, at the age of 24 to become the Golf Director of Koro Creek Bushveld Estate. During my time at Koro Creek I managed to host a very successful National festival, namely The Kudu Festival. This festival still runs today. I also managed to do life skills development with one of my fellow professionals, Pierre van Nieuwenhuizen, for the smaller towns in the Limpopo region.

I joined Vulintaba Country Estate in Northern Natal on the second leg of my career. When I started there, the estate and golf course was only 2 years old. We started a golf club, wrote the constitution, I grew the membership from 50 to 200 members. This was a complete new challenge, as I had to implement everything from scratch. Growing with the estate was not easy but I accepted the challenges.

After a long journey away from home I had the privilege of joining Silver Lakes Golf Estate as Golf Operations Manager. In my one year of employment at Silver Lakes I was contacted and offered the

Director of Golf position at Woodhill Residential Estate I could not refuse, as I was going to fill the shoes of my mentor, Paul Marks, who had decided to move on from Woodhill.

At Woodhill I grew the membership to new level. Upselling Corporate business and introducing new operating systems and structures. My career had now gone full circle as this is exactly where I started to understand the business side of golf, building honest relationships with corporates and members and growing the game of golf as we were taught in the great program of the PGA.

Currently I am the Golf Manager (Golf Director) at Silver Lakes Golf and Wild Life Estate running all golf related operations/business.

Just as it is an honour to be nominated, it will be an even greater honour to win the category of Club Manager of the Year. Just to have my name permanently etched on a trophy, alongside colleagues that have such outstanding reputations and who are well respected in the golfing fraternity, would be an absolute honour. Once again thank you.

Kind regards

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