



THE COUNTRY CLUB
JOHANNESBURG

Nomination for PGA Club Professional of the Year

To: Professional Golfers Association of South Africa

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Hi,

My name is Byron Nel, I am 30 years old, I completed a B-Tech Degree in Officiating and Coaching at Tshwane University of Technology in 2010 and have been a proud member of the PGA for over 8 years. In that time, I've reached the classification status of Class AAA.

I only started playing golf at age 14, but I've been hooked ever since. I live, breath, eat and sleep golf. There are many unique and amazing things that golf gives us but one of the most important parts of the game I believe, is the life lessons that it teaches us every time we tee it up. It teaches us Patience, Humility, Respect, Courage and how to control one's thoughts and emotions. It can bring out the best and worst in people. There is truly something special about this great game we all love, and it can all start from 1 shot, hit right out of the middle of the club, straight and far, once the golfing bug bites it never lets you go!

My passion lies in coaching/teaching the youth of today, while empowering future generations to not only enjoy this game but succeed as a person in all aspects of life. I believe that a good coach needs to make the game as simple to understand as possible.

I love what I do every day, meeting new and interesting people from all walks of life and being able to help them improve their golf games. Taking people on the pathway from recreational to committed golfers, or beginner to advanced, really trying to live the PGA moto "touching lives through the game of golf".

My Career in the Golf Industry has been a great journey up till now and still looking forward with great anticipation, excitement and optimism. My work experience as follows:

- Completed PGA Apprenticeship at Centurion Golf Village 2010.
- Mt Edgecombe Country Club 2012
- Umhlali Country Club 2013
- Blue Valley Country Club 2015
- Midrange (Started Byron Nel Golf) 2016
- The Els Club, Copperleaf 2017
- The Country Club Johannesburg October 2018 to Present

Development Golf and growing the game is important to me, I've been working in conjunction with a local sports company (MSC Sports) in Olievenhoutbos, introducing the game to the less privileged children at Walter Sisulu Primary.

I am currently coaching at The Country Club Johannesburg, running all the Junior and School Golf, working alongside one of the Top Coaches in the Country, Mr John Dickson.

I have been coaching a few Top Juniors, namely:

- Rorisang Nkosi (Aged 14)
 - Winner of 2017 SA Kids Junior Africa Challenge U/13
 - SA Kids Golf 2017 Boys Player of the Year
 - Winner of 2018 Pecanwood Men's Club Champs
 - 3rd Place of 2018 SA U/15 Gowrie Farm Challenge
 - Ranked 4th in South Africa U/15 Golfers
 - Selected to represent Golf RSA in Indonesia June 2018

- Shivania Kalimuthu (Aged 11)
 - SA Kids Golf 2017 Girls Player of the Year
 - Winner of first 4 x SA Kids Golf events of 2018 in Girls 9 – 10 age group
 - Competing in the 2018 European World Junior Championships in Scotland

Other players names to look out for in the future: Bryan Newman, Nqobani Dlamini, Nathan Kok, Daniel Levy.

Thank you for the nomination for PGA Club Professional of the Year.

Golf Greetings,

Byron Nel