

## Letter of Motivation for Regional Club Professional of the year

Dear Regional Committee and Membership

It is an honour to be nominated for the award of Club Professional of the Year for the Gauteng Region.

I have been golf professional at my home club Royal Johannesburg & Kensington Golf Club for 25 years and have always tried to represent the club in a professional manner.

I have had various roles and responsibilities during my time at the club. I started my career as an apprentice in the Royal Johannesburg Pro Shop under Richard Ayers. After my apprenticeship I continued working in the Shop until the merge between Royal Johannesburg and Kensington in 2000. During this time I also earned a Tour Card so played some events on the tour. I then took on the role of Assistant Golf Director and then later Golf Director along with Andrew Gunn.

Teaching however has always been my passion so in 2003 the then CEO Ian Leach, Andrew Gunn and myself established the Teaching Academy at Royal and I have been based there ever since.

For years I was under the employ of the club, but presently the driving range and academy is my own business, which I run on behalf of the club. I have to thank now CEO Chris Bentley for sharing the vision and helping grow the academy and driving range. My official title presently is Head Teaching Professional.

Although teaching members and guests has been my main priority, I have been involved with other projects within the club; these include running the clubs junior section. Starting a members bird club arranging lectures and excursions for the membership. Running the training for the annual Special Olympic programme held at Royal.

I am a very proud member of the PGA and loyal Club Professional to Royal Johannesburg and Kensington Golf Club. Once again I'm honoured to be nominated and would appreciate your vote greatly.

Yours sincerely

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