

WESTERN CAPE ANNUAL AWARDS	
MANAGEMENT	CLUB PROFESSIONAL
ENTREPRENEUR	

De Waal Botha

Cape Town Golf Performance Studios in association with Metropolitan Golf Club.

**1. What is your current job title?**

Head Golf Professional at Metropolitan Golf Club and Co-owner of the Cape Town Golf Performance Studio.

**2. How long have you been in your current position?**

I have been at the club (Metropolitan Golf Club) a little over 5 years.

**3. What are the key deliverables of your position the past 12 months?**

This is a really tough question, the past 12-months have been a real challenge for me.

We made it through a tough winter (Covid related) and into a great summer. Balancing your time management and team throughout each season. It felt like the “old” days where winter was winter and summer was pumping...!

I think good team spirit, and a team that knows what is expected of them. The key was using the winter months to prepare for a better summer and when it came, we made the best of it, through long hours, up and downs but, I think the team foundation/balance was perfect, both in spirit and in professionalism.

**4. How do you see the implementation of Safeguarding on your position and the industry?**

I don't believe it has as a big impact on me (CEO, GM or Directors) as on the Coaches and Fitters in our industry. Safeguard protects our coaches and fitters to their well-being and the human rights of individuals, which allows them to work free from abuse, harm and neglect. It protects our professionals, children, young people and vulnerable adults, which is very good and I would like to congratulate the PGA in this aspect.

**5. Please give us a brief outline of the path you took to lead you to your current position?**

After I graduated at Northlink College, I completed my practical hours at Paul Mackenzie Golf Academy, coaching for 6 months learning from Jonathan Bartlett. My first job was Pro Shop Assistant at De Zalze Golf Club working under the management of Dave Hanson, Alfie Payne and Morné Oosthuizen. This is where my managing foundation was set to grow as a young professional with the guidance of these well-known and well-respected leaders. I worked as a Pro Shop assistant for about 2 years before I got promoted to Senior Pro Shop assistant and later became the Assistant Golf Manager and also acting Golf Manager.

My time at De Zalze Golf Estate provided the managing platform I still use to this day.

After 5 years at De Zalze Golf Club, I got the opportunity to move to Metropolitan Golf Club. This was quite a challenge for me but an opportunity to use my own creativity to try and make a difference at a well-located golf club with such a rich history.

**6. Why do you feel that you would be a good candidate to win this award?**

There are so many other PGA Professionals that are doing a fantastic job. If I had to win the award it will be so rewarding to know your fellow professionals see the work you do and notice the difference, we all try to make as one team and brand.

**7. How do you promote a career in golf and the PGA to people who aspire to a career within the industry?**

I speak about it to young golfers or individuals that work in the industry. The best I can do is try and give them some insight on what it is like being part of the PGA and what that means. The network you build and the opportunities that it creates to make a living from the industry we work in.

I also try and be the best I can in my position to be the best example to young golfers or individuals working in the industry. I realise that all it takes it to be a good mentor or leader for them to follow and they seem to grasp onto the PGA ideal a lot easier.

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