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My Fellow PGA Members

I would like firstly to extend my gratitude for considering me for this accolade. No one enters this industry for the recognition, so to be recognised as a nominee is humbling and richly rewarding in itself.

My involvement in golf began quite late in life but I was smitten from the first swing. Beginning at a driving range in Durban at the age of 16, golf has afforded me many opportunities. From being blessed enough to work in the mecca of golf in the USA, Florida, at one of the most magnificent courses I have come across, to working at what I consider one of the best layouts I have had the privilege of playing in Durban Country Club and Beachwood. To venturing into the unknown at one of the South Coast's hidden, possibly overlooked, gems in Scottburgh Golf Club to making the trek to Johannesburg to expand my horizons even further.

I have experienced many jobs in the industry and as such have developed a deep seated respect for each role therein. I have carried bags, cleaned carts, collected and sold range balls, been up at 5 AM to open pro shops – and been at the clubhouse to close it at 3 AM. Been lucky enough to call a shop my own and organised and run golf days and events – the list goes on.

Despite all the frustrations associated with these roles and all the missed weekends and public holidays spent at the course on the 'wrong' side of the counter I wouldn't change a thing. I bleed golf and thoroughly enjoy all aspects of the industry. Through all my experiences I have discovered that my real passion and niche is in the retail and management side of the industry. To this end I am lucky enough to own and operate the pro shop at another of the best kept secrets in Johannesburg, Kyalami Country Club. Here I am involved in the running of what is now my own business, overseeing of golf operations whilst sitting on the main committee and assisting the club in the day to day management of the clubhouse and in my spare time aid the Central Gauteng region of the PGA by sitting on that committee. Although my golf has suffered over the years as I spend more time in the engine room I thoroughly enjoy the game and take every chance to head out for a few holes.

The game of golf has given me everything. As such I am constantly looking for new avenues to give something back in the hope that I may leave the game and industry a little better than I found it.

Thanks you again for the support shown in nominating me amongst such esteemed company.

Out in the country but close to home

