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Fellow Professionals,

Thank you for nominating me. Without my team here at St Francis Links I would not be nominated, so team, I see this as recognition to all of us. Thank you for helping me.

I have been extremely fortunate to have had Mentors that are leaders in our industry. I have observed and learned from all of you. I have seen your successes and I have looked on as you make mistakes, the mistakes have made me better at my profession.

Robert Bruno – Frenchman's Creek, Florida
Darrell Kestner – Deepdale, New York
Andrew McKenna – African Turf Academy, Pretoria
Jeff Clause – St Francis Links, St Francis Bay

My love and passion for the club environment was formed by this 4ball of professionals and every day they influence my decision making. I am invested in this industry and can not imagine being joyful in any other field.

The day to day running of the golf operation at St Francis Links is my responsibility. We are currently ranked nr. 6 in South Africa and we are known for our great course and service standards. The experience that every golfer has with us is my priority, inspecting what is expected of us. My biggest challenges include improving our service whilst keeping expenses within budget and motivating staff when rounds are down in the winter months.

I enjoy teaching golfers and the best part about my job is to see the pure joy when golfers improve their game. I enjoy making people happy, that is why I love my job.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thinus Keller".

Thinus Keller
PGA Head Golf Professional
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