



CGSA Member Spotlight Q & A:

Name: Shawn Major, AGS

Position: Accredited Golf Course Superintendent

Golf Course: Niakwa Country Club

Are there any unique features that make your golf course stand out?

We are in the heart of the city of Winnipeg. Established in 1923, we are a Stanley Thompson design.

What inspired you to pursue a career in golf course management?

From a young age, I was always fascinated with making lawns look good; that and the love I have for playing the game of golf.

What are some of the biggest challenges you face in your role?

Aging infrastructure, increased costs, increased rounds of golf and staffing.

What do you enjoy most about your role?

Without question, the team that I get to work with and the people I have been fortunate to meet throughout my career. I have had many





experiences in life I never imagined possible because of the business of golf.

What's a moment in your career that stands out as particularly rewarding?

I have been fortunate to be a part of a host team for the LPGA Canadian Open. A great experience and extremely rewarding.

What do you enjoy most about being a CGSA member?

A great network of peers with great events to participate in.

What's something people might be surprised to learn about you/fun fact?

I have a passion for burgers. I was once featured in a press article called "The Burger Meister".

What advice would you give to someone pursuing a career in golf course management?

I am not sure there is a more rewarding career. It is demanding, requires patience and hard work. There is no better office than a golf course!

