

**Ontario PGA, by Jeffrey Reed**  
**Special to Toronto Golf & Travel Show Program**

The roughly 1,300 men and women who belong to the Ontario PGA are located at 350 facilities throughout the province, and have chosen the game of golf as a career. This dedicated group of professionals promote the game each and every day to Ontario's 1.2 million golfers.

From March 5 to March 7, the Toronto Golf & Travel Show is excited to have the Ontario PGA on board. The PGA Village demo range at the west side of the show floor houses the Ontario PGA area, complete with putting and chipping area provided by Backyard Greens, and sponsored by Allstate.

The Ontario PGA builds programs to train and educate golf professionals to learn and adapt to the ever-changing golf industry. This includes various teaching workshops, accreditation programs and industry seminars, each designed to help ensure that golf professionals remain current within the golf industry and are able to provide the expertise expected of them in their day-to-day functions.

Canadian PGA members in Ontario work in a number of capacities in the golf industry. These positions range from administration, chief operating officers, teachers, sales representatives, expert club fitters, tournament directors, special event coordinators and tireless promoters of the game, just to name a few.

With this year being an Olympic year, the Ontario PGA is especially proud of two of its members: Mike Harris; and Jack Sasseville.

Mike Harris, the affable head professional at the Donalda Club in Toronto, once again headed to the Olympic Games. This time, however, Harris was a member of the media, a role he has served since winning the silver medal in curling at the 1998 Nagano games. Since that time, Harris has switched his focus from the pebbled sheet to the broadcast booth.

When Jack Sasseville was looking for a winter job to complement his seasonal golf career, he never imagined the job would see him participate in nine Olympic Winter Games both as a coach and television commentator. Sasseville, today a teaching professional at Oslerbrook Golf & Country Club in Collingwood, skis every day in the winter in preparation for the 2011 World Masters in Vernon, B.C.

With dedicated professionals like these, it is easy to see why the Ontario PGA is committed to improving and promoting the game of golf by providing the golfing public with facilities with the highest quality administrators, teachers, players and promoters of the game. Through superior training, education and member development, the Ontario PGA stands alone as an important proponent of golf excellence.

The Toronto Golf & Travel Show is once again proud to count the Ontario PGA as a partner in 2010.